MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD 9643 BROOKLINE AVENUE, SUITE 121 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1433 March 8-9, 2010

At 2:15 p.m., on March 8, 2010, the Chairman called the meeting to order at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, 201 Lafayette, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with the following members present:

Rhaoul A. Guillaume, P.E.	Chairman
Mark A. Jusselin, P.E.	Vice Chairman
Roger D. Danzy, P.E.	Treasurer
Ali M. Mustapha, P.E.	Secretary

Richard L. Savoie, P.E. Miles B. Williams, P.E. James E. Bowie, Ph.D., P.E. M. Ernest Gammon, Sr., P.L.S. Timothy J. Allen, P.L.S. James D. Garber, P.E.

Also present: Donna D. Sentell, Executive Secretary
D. Scott Landry, Board Attorney
Victoria Hatton, Board Investigator
Justin Owens, Board Investigator
Tyson Ducote, Board Investigator

The invocation was led by Mr. Jusselin.

Dr. Norma Jean Mattei, Ph.D., P.E. entered the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Savoie, seconded by Mr. Jusselin, to accept the March 8-9, 2010 Call for the Meeting and the Agenda. The Board unanimously approved the amended motion made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Mustapha, to add "Background Checks" to the Enforcement portion of the March 8-9, 2010 Call for the Meeting and the Agenda.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr. Danzy, to approve the Minutes from the January 18-19, 2010 Board meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Dr. Mattei, to reschedule the Board's next regular meeting to May 10-11, 2010.

Enforcement

<u>Survey America case</u>: Mr. Landry briefed the Board concerning the recent ruling from the Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeal. The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Mustapha, to not appeal or seek rehearing of the First Circuit ruling and to notify Ms. Cangelosi of this motion.

<u>Dalton Honore case:</u> Mr. Landry briefed the Board concerning the pending garnishment proceeding.

<u>Case #2008-110</u>: Mr. Owens reported on a licensed engineer who was disciplined by the licensing authority of another state for a mater recognized as grounds for disciplinary action in Louisiana at the time the actions was taken. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed Consent Order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. After discussion, the Board

unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Dr. Bowie, to approve the signed Consent Order.

<u>Case #2008-92</u>: Mr. Owens reported on a licensed engineering firm who allegedly practiced and/or offered to practice engineering and used the word "engineer", "engineering" or a modification or derivative thereof in its form of business or activity in Louisiana without proper licensure prior to being licensed by the Board. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed Consent Order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Dr. Mattei, to approve the signed Consent Order.

Case #2009-106: Mr. Owens reported on a licensed engineering firm who admitted to practicing and/or offering to practice engineering in Louisiana with an expired license for a little over 13 months. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed Consent Order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Savoie, seconded by Mr. Williams, to approve the signed Consent Order.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Executive Committee for Victoria Hatton and Tyson Ducote to become Associate Members of NCEES.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Gammon, seconded by Mr. Jusselin, to (a) rescind the motion passed at the January Board meeting which had required Louisiana residents submitting new applications for licensure/certification to obtain from the Louisiana State Police a criminal background report on themselves for submittal to the Board in conjunction with their applications and (b) direct the Executive Committee to determine whether to pursue obtaining criminal background reports from the Louisiana State Police on all applicants for PE and PLS licensure if the reports can be obtained at a reasonable cost and can be provided directly to the Board.

Committee Reports

Policy and Procedure Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. Williams reported on the continued efforts of the committee to prepare Board Member Compensation Guidelines and its plan to present its recommendation at the May 2010 Board meeting.

Applications

The Board disapproved the motion made by Dr. Bowie, seconded by Mr. Williams, with Dr. Bowie in favor and Dr. Garber, Mr. Danzy, Mr. Jusselin, Mr. Savoie, Mr. Williams, Mr. Gammon and Mr. Allen against, and Mr. Mustapha abstaining, to *approve* the application of **Mr. Mabashir <u>Maqbool</u>** to be licensed by comity as a Professional Engineer if he will dismiss with prejudice his lawsuit against the Board.

Mr. Jusselin exited the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Mustapha, to approve the previously disapproved comity applications of Mr. John Adler, Mr. Michael Daubenberger, Mr. Guy Nelson, Mr. Timothy Prockish, Ms. Jennifer Snape, Mr. Jaren Tolman and Mr. Michael Woods, effective May 21, 2010.

Mr. Landry exited the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Mr. Jusselin entered the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Mr. Danzy made the motion to *disapprove* the application of Mr. **Peter <u>Leptuch</u>** to be licensed by comity as a Professional Engineer. The motion died for lack of a second.

The Board approved the motion made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Mustapha, with Mr. Allen, Mr. Gammon, Mr. Williams, Mr. Savoie, Mr. Mustapha, Dr. Mattei, Dr. Bowie and Mr. Jusselin for, and Mr. Danzy and Dr. Garber against, to refer the application of Mr. Peter <u>Leptuch</u> to the Education/Accreditation Committee for further review and recommendation tomorrow.

Mr. Owens and Mr. Ducote exited the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

The Board recessed at 5:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 a.m. on March 9, 2010. Mr. Williams and Mr. Landry were not present.

Committee Reports (continued)

Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. Danzy reported that the committee is preparing a job description for the technical support staff position and will forward it to the Executive Committee by the end of the month.

Mr. Danzy also reported that the committee has asked Ms. Hatton to update the Complaint Review Committee case file review and recommendation form to include a check box indicating "Upload to the NCEES website" (in the Reviewer's Recommendation section) and circulate it to the committee for review.

Finance Committee

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Danzy, seconded by Dr. Mattei, to accept the financials as reported.

The Board approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Dr. Mattei, to authorize the Executive Secretary to enter into a contract with Ms. Celia R. Cangelosi to serve as a prosecuting attorney for Board disciplinary and enforcement hearings. The term of the contract will be for one year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, in the amount not to exceed \$36,000.00.

The Board approved the motion made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Jusselin, to authorize the Executive Secretary to enter into a contract with Mr. D. Scott Landry and Chaffe McCall, L.L.P., to provide legal services to the Board. The term of the contract will be for two years beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2012, in the amount not to exceed \$240,000.

The Board approved the motion made by Dr. Mattei, seconded by Mr. Savoie, to authorize the Executive Secretary to enter into a contract with **L.A. Champagne & Company L.L.P.** to provide accounting services to the Board. The term of the contract will be for one year beginning **July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011**, in the amount not to exceed **\$25,000.00**.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Dr. Mattei, to authorize the Executive Secretary to enter into a contract with the **Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors** to:

- Develop and submit a semi-annual Louisiana Laws of Land Surveying Examination for the Board;
- Score and grade the examination and submit the results to the Board;
- Maintain and expand an examination question database from which the examination will be generated; and

• Ensure security of all examinations and the examination question database.

The term of the contract will be for one year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, in the amount not to exceed \$8,600.00.

Applications (continued)

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Dr. Mattei, to *approve* the application of Mr. **Peter <u>Leptuch</u>** to be licensed by comity as a Professional Engineer.

Closing Business

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Dr. Mattei, seconded by Mr. Mustapha, to approve all committee recommendations and actions.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Danzy, seconded by Dr. Mattei, to acknowledge and confirm all licenses and certificates issued by the Board.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr. Savoie, to approve all Board expenses.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr. Savoie, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m. on March 9, 2010.

Rhaouf f. Sullaume, P.E.

Chairman

Ali M. Mustapha, P.E.

Secretary