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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING  
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD  
9643 BROOKLINE AVENUE, SUITE 121  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1433  
November 17, 2014

At 8:05 a.m. on November 17, 2014, M. Ernest Gammon, Sr., P.L.S. called the meeting to order with the following members present:

M. Ernest Gammon, Sr., P.L.S.	Chairman
Theodore H. Thompson, P.E.	Vice Chairman
Kevin E. Crosby, P.E., P.L.S.	Secretary
John W. "Billy" Moore, P.E.	Treasurer

Ali M. Mustapha, P.E.  
Paul N. Hale, Jr., Ph.D., P.E.  
David L. Patterson, P.L.S.  
Christopher P. Knotts, P.E.  
D. Scott Phillips, P.E., P.L.S.  
Alan D. Krouse, P.E.

Also present: Donna D. Sentell, Executive Director  
Joe H. Harman, P.E., Technical Support Staff  
Tyson Ducote, Board Investigator  
Richard L. Savoie, P.E., Emeritus Board Member  
D. Scott Landry, Board Attorney  
Bill Tripoli, Board Staff

The invocation was led by Mr. Moore and the pledge by Mr. Patterson.

Public comment time was recognized by Chairman Gammon.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Dr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Mustapha, to accept the November 17, 2014 proposed Call for the Meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Knotts, to accept the November 17, 2014 proposed Board Meeting Agenda.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Mustapha, seconded by Mr. Knotts, to approve the Minutes from the September 15, 2014 Board meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Dr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Patterson, to schedule the Board's next regular meeting for January 28, 2015 in Lafayette, Louisiana.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mr. Knotts, to approve the following dates for the 2015 Board meetings:

- March 16 - 17, 2015 - Baton Rouge
- June 1 - 2, 2015 - Baton Rouge
- July 27 - 28, 2015 - Baton Rouge
- September 28, 2015 - New Orleans (Tulane)
- November 20, 2015 - Baton Rouge
- January 20-21, 2016 - Lafayette (JESC)

The Board reviewed the September task list.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Knotts, seconded by Mr. Crosby, to purchase enforcement badges and identification cards for Board members and staff.

### **Enforcement**

**Case #2014-23** - Mr. Ducote reported on a professional engineering firm which practiced and offered to practice engineering in Louisiana with an expired license. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the

1 Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contains the following  
2 sanctions:

- 3 1. Fine of \$500
- 4 2. Costs of \$221.01
- 5 3. Past unpaid renewal fees of \$180
- 6 4. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 7 5. Report to NCEES with name

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9 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint  
10 Review Committee, consisting of Dr. Hale, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Krouse, to approve  
11 the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Argus Architecture**  
12 **Engineering, L.L.C**

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14 **Case #2014-24** - Mr. Ducote reported on a professional engineer who aided or  
15 assisted his professional engineering firm in practicing and offering to practice  
16 engineering in Louisiana with an expired license. The respondent has signed and  
17 returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee.  
18 The proposed consent order contains the following sanctions:

- 19 1. Fine of \$50
- 20 2. Costs of \$205.79
- 21 3. Online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz
- 22 4. Online Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz
- 23 5. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 24 6. Report to NCEES with name

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26 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Knotts,  
27 seconded by Mr. Mustapha, to disapprove the signed consent order as presented and  
28 to return it to the committee for further disposition.

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30 **Case #2014-12** - Mr. Ducote reported on a professional engineer (with a currently  
31 expired license) who practiced and offered to practice engineering in Louisiana with  
32 an expired license. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent  
33 order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order  
34 contains the following sanctions:

- 35 1. Fine of \$1,700
- 36 2. Costs of \$359.42
- 37 3. Past unpaid renewal fees of \$135
- 38 4. Online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz
- 39 5. Online Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz
- 40 6. Cease and desist
- 41 7. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 42 8. Report to NCEES with name

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44 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint  
45 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Knotts, Mr. Gammon and Dr. Hale, to approve the  
46 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Larry R. Harper**.

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48 The Board recessed at 9:30 a.m. and resumed at 9:45 a.m.

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50 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the ad hoc committee,  
51 comprised of Mr. Crosby, Mr. Gammon, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Mustapha and Mr. Krouse,  
52 to direct Ms. Sentell to prepare job descriptions and Civil Service  
53 postings/advertisements for the positions of Deputy Executive Director and Director  
54 of Enforcement and present this information to the Board at the January meeting.

## 55 **Committee Reports**

### 56 **Land Surveying Committee**

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58 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Education/Accreditation  
59 Committee to accept four-year baccalaureate degrees earned from online/for-profit  
60 institutions with regional accreditation as acceptable four-year baccalaureate degrees  
61 for purposes of land surveyor intern certification.

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63 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mr.  
64 Knotts, to affirm the Land Surveying Committee's decision to *disapprove* the  
65 application of Mr. Phillip **Landry** for certification as a land surveyor intern based on  
66 lack of good character and reputation.

1 The Board approved the motion made by Mr. Crosby, seconded by Mr. Patterson, with  
2 Mr. Crosby, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Thompson, Dr. Hale, Mr. Mustapha, Mr. Phillips, Mr.  
3 Knotts and Mr. Krouse for and Mr. Moore against, to establish a policy that Board  
4 members should recuse themselves from reviewing applications and/or  
5 disciplinary/enforcement cases if they have a business or personal relationship with  
6 the applicant or respondent which would prevent them from being impartial in  
7 connection with the matter.

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9 Mr. Landry left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

### 10 **Finance Committee**

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12 Mr. Moore presented the Finance Committee report.

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14 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to  
15 adopt the proposed budget for FY 15-16 as presented.

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17 Chairman Gammon charged the Finance Committee with reviewing the proposed LEF  
18 lease for 2014-2019 and making a recommendation to the Board at the January  
19 meeting.

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21 Mr. Thompson left the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Mr. Rhaoul Guillaume, Emeritus Board  
22 Member, and Mr. Landry entered the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

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24 The Board recessed at 11:55 a.m. and resumed at 1:05 p.m. Mr. Miles Williams,  
25 Emeritus Board Member, was present

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27 The Board approved the motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Crosby, to  
28 establish an ad hoc committee, comprised of Board members and representatives  
29 from LES, to study the merits of allowing professional engineer licensure without the  
30 requirement of passing the fundamentals of engineering examination.

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32 Chairman Gammon appointed an ad hoc committee, comprised of Mr. Moore  
33 (Chairman), Mr. Knotts (Vice Chairman) and Mr. Krouse, and charged it with studying  
34 the merits of allowing professional engineer licensure without the requirement of  
35 passing the fundamentals of engineering examination and making a recommendation  
36 to the Board at the January meeting.

### 37 **Nominating Committee**

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39 Chairman Gammon presented the following list of nominations for election of Board  
40 officers for 2015-16:

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42 Theodore H. Thompson, P.E. – Chairman  
43 Kevin E. Crosby, P.E., P.L.S. – Vice Chairman  
44 John W. "Billy" Moore, P.E. – Secretary  
45 David L. Patterson, P.L.S. – Treasurer

### 46 **Old Business/New Business**

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48 Mr. Krouse reported on the new security system which has been installed in the office.  
49 The ad hoc committee and Ms. Sentell will meet to discuss whether additional office  
50 modification should be made and then make a recommendation to the Board at the  
51 January meeting.

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53 The Board approved the motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Crosby, with  
54 Dr. Hale, Mr. Moore, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Knotts, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Phillips for and Mr.  
55 Mustapha against, to invite and host representatives of Engineers Canada to attend  
56 the January 2015 Board meeting in Lafayette and to pay for their hotel and meal  
57 expenses to attend the meeting.

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59 Mr. Knotts, on behalf of the ad hoc committee comprised of Mr. Knotts, Mr. Mustapha  
60 and Mr. Crosby, discussed the procedures for Board staff to process applications from  
61 engineer interns to take the principles and practice of engineering exam prior to  
62 obtaining the requisite experience. Such applicants who submit only Part I of the  
63 application, which does not include all of the requisite experience, will have their  
64 application processed by the staff. Such applicants who submit the entire application,  
65 which includes all of the requisite experience, will have their application reviewed by  
66 Board members.

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Chairman Gammon charged the ad hoc committee with reviewing Rule 1303 to determine whether it should be amended as it relates to the wavier of the fundamentals of engineering exam requirement for certain applicants who have an earned doctoral degree in engineering. The committee will make a recommendation to the Board at the January meeting.

**Closing Business**


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


The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Knotts, seconded by Dr. Hale, 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. Phillips, to approve all Board expenses.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Moore, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m. on November 17, 2014.

  
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M. Ernest Gammon, Sr., P.L.S.  
Chairman

  
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Kevin E. Crosby, P.E., P.L.S.  
Secretary