

**STATE OF MAINE  
BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

**MINUTES  
Thursday, January 16, 2025**

**Meeting location:** 77 Sewall Street #3001, Augusta, Maine

**Attending:** Brent Bridges, PE, Chair; Joyce Taylor, PE, Vice Chair; Jude Pearse, PE; Robert Chaput Jr., PE; Robert Dorko, PE; Kimberly Powers, PE; John Belisle, AAG; David Jackson, Executive Director; Mary Hansen, Supervisor of Licensing. Members of the public attended.

**1. Call to Order, Minutes and meeting preliminaries**

**A. Call to order:** 9:05 AM

**B. Approval of minutes:** Board meeting held November 21, 2024  
On motion by Pearse and second by Chaput, the board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes of the October board meeting.

**C. Elections/Appointments:**

1. Chair – Brent Bridges, PE -- Nom: Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chaput, Vote: 6-0
2. Vice-Chair – Joyce Taylor, PE – Nom: Bridges, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pearse, Vote: 6-0
3. Complaint Officer – Taylor Powers Pearse 6-0
4. Appointment of Committees:  
The Chair appointed the following committee members:
  - a) Executive Committee: Bridges/Taylor
  - b) Finance Committee: Chaput/Pearse
  - c) Rules Committee: Powers/Bridges
  - d) Information Committee: Pearse/Dorkus
  - e) Complaint Committee: Taylor/Pearse/Powers
  - f) Professional Development Committee: Bridges
  - g) Special Committees: None

**2. Committee Reports**

**A. Executive Committee (Chair/Vice Chair)**

**B. Finance Committee (Taylor/Chaput)**

1. Cash balance January 8, 2025: \$1,314,713
2. Cash balance January 12, 2023: \$1,015,217
3. Cash balance February 2, 2021: \$603,458
4. Cash balance January 8, 2019: \$295,648

5. Active PE licensees January 8, 2025: 7794
6. Active PE licensees January 12, 2023: 7169
7. Active PE licensees February 2, 2021: 6724
8. Active PE licensees January 8, 2019: 6410

**D. Rules Committee (Powers/Bridges)**

1. Statute pending  
Staff directed to monitor legislation.

**E. Information Committee (Pearse/Dorko)**

The following are proposed topics for the next newsletter:

1. NCEES exam results
2. NCEES exam updates
3. Complaint Update
4. Reminders to licensees – contact info/responsibility
5. Issues: Solar projects/MJ Facilities/Fivrr and UpWork
6. Flooding (Taylor)
7. Recognize new licensees

**F. Complaint Committee (Taylor et al.)**

1. E23-002

On motion by Powers and second by Dorko, the board voted 4-0, with Pearse and Taylor recused, to Dismiss for failure to provide evidence of a violation of statute or Rule.

2. E24-001

On motion by Powers and second by Chaput, the board voted 4-0, with Pearse and Taylor recused, to Dismiss with a Letter of Guidance that will stay in the licensee's file for 5 years. The Letter of Guidance will cite Maine Rule 02-322 C.M.R. Ch. 4(4)(4).

**G. Professional Development Committee (Bridges)**

**H. Special Committees**

**3. Communications**

**4. Applications**

**A. Review and concurrence with actions by staff**

1. Comity PE licenses NCEES Record holders.
2. Comity PE licenses paper applications.
3. Initial PE licenses by examination
4. Engineer Intern Certifications

On motion by Pearce and second by Taylor, the board voted 6-0 to ratify the licensure actions taken by staff.

**B. Applications (Staff)**

1. Eric Pretorius

On Motion by Pearce and second by Powers, the board voted 6-0 to issue a license based on a finding that the applicant's qualifications were substantially equivalent to the licensure qualifications in Maine statute and giving due consideration to the protection of the public waived further examination.

2. Richard Rheaume

On Motion by Taylor and second by Pearce, the board voted 6-0 to issue a license based on a finding that the applicant provided sufficient evidence of qualification and giving due consideration to the protection of the public waived further examination.

3. Guo Zheng Yew

On Motion by Taylor and second by Pearce, the board voted 6-0 to issue a license based on a finding that the applicant's qualifications were substantially equivalent to the licensure qualifications in Maine statute and giving due consideration to the protection of the public waived further examination.

4. July Imbembe

The board postponed consideration of this licensure application and directed staff to collect information, specifically to request information about the math credit deficiencies identified in the NCEES Credentials Evaluation and to expand on the descriptions of engineering work experience.

**C. Tabled or previously considered**

**D. Other**

**5. Pending Business**

**6. New Business**

**A.** Discussion of Public Meeting statute, (John Belisle, AAG)  
Discussion. No action taken.

**B.** Executive Session – Staff succession

At approximately 11:00am, On motion of Pearce and second of Powers the board moved to executive session to discuss staff succession. After approximately 15 minutes, on motion Pearce and second by Taylor, the board voted 6-0 to come out of Executive session. Staff is directed to email an FJA to the Chair and Vice Chair.

**C.** Maine Windstorm Challenge – May 9, 2025

On motion by Taylor and second by Pearce the board voted to sponsor the

Windstorm Challenge at the level of \$2000. Powers and Taylor indicated a willingness to serve as judges.

It is noted that Bridges and Dorko volunteered to staff the Board table at the Engineering Expo on March 8, 2025.

**D. Budget and licensure fees**

Discussion. No action was taken on this agenda item.

**E. USM National Science Fair**

On motion by Taylor and second by Pearse, the board voted 6-0 to sponsor the National Science Fair competition at the level of \$2500.

**7. Adjournment**

**A. Next scheduled meetings:**

1. March 20, 2025
2. June 12, 2025

**B. Meeting adjourned: 11:54 AM.**

On motion by Pearse and second by Dorko, the board voted 6-0 to adjourn.