

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

**MINUTES  
Thursday, October 10, 2024**

**Meeting location:** MaineDOT, 24 Child Street, Augusta, ME

**Attending:** Brent Bridges, PE, Chair; Joyce Taylor, PE, Vice Chair; Jude Pearce, PE; Robert Chaput Jr., PE; Kimberly Powers, PE; David Jackson, Executive Director; John Belisle, AAG. Members of the professional engineering community attended in person and remotely.

**1. Call to Order, Minutes of prior meetings and other preliminaries**

**A.** Call to order at 9:00AM.

**B.** Approval of the minutes of the board meeting held on August 8, 2024

On motion by Chaput and second by Powers, the board voted 4-0 to approve the August minutes.

**2. Committee Reports**

**A. Executive Committee (Chair)**

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

- 1. Cash balance October 2, 2024: \$1,379,172.35
- 2. Active licenses October 2, 2024: 7603

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

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

- 1. The following articles are proposed for the next Newsletter:
  - a. NCEES Exams
  - b. Complaint update
  - c. Reminders to licensees
  - d. Flooding (Taylor)
  - e. Professional society contact info

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

**F. Professional Development Committee (Powers/Pearse)**

## **G. Special Committees**

### **3. Communications**

### **4. Applications**

#### **A. Ratification of Professional Engineer (PE) licensure:**

1. Comity licenses issued to NCEES Record holders.
2. Comity licenses authorized by board staff.
3. Initial licenses by written examination.

On motion by Pearse and second by Chabot the board voted 5-0 to ratify recent staff approvals of PE licenses in items 4A1-4A3.

#### **B. Recently certified Engineer Interns (EI)**

On motion by Pearse and second by Taylor the board voted 5-0 to ratify recent staff approvals of EI certifications in item 4B.

#### **C. Engineer Intern (EI) Applications (Exec Dir)**

#### **D. Professional Engineer (PE) Applications (Exec Dir)**

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On motion by Taylor and second by Pearse, the board found the qualifications of the applicant substantially equivalent to the qualifications in Maine statute and, having given due consideration to the protection of the public, voted 5-0 to grant PE licensure.

2. Richard Green

On motion by Pearse and second by Powers, the board found the qualifications of the applicant substantially equivalent to the qualifications in Maine statute and, having given due consideration to the protection of the public, voted 5-0 to grant PE licensure.

#### **E. Tabled and previously considered**

#### **F. Other applications or requests**

### **5. Pending Business**

## **6. New Business**

### **A. UK-US MRA.**

After hearing a presentation on the Mutual Recognition Agreement by the Executive Director, and after discussion with stakeholders, and in order to allow additional time for stakeholders to comment on the MRA, on motion by Pearse and second by Taylor, the board voted 5-0 to postpone consideration of this matter to the November 21, 2024, board meeting.

### **B. Proposed statutory revision.**

On motion by Taylor and second by Powers the board voted 5-0 to move forward with the revision of the statute, pending final decision on the MRA.

### **C. Stakeholder discussion**

Curt Beveridge requested access to licensee data to allow professional societies to inform active Maine licensees about the benefits of membership in the professional societies and to promote the annual professional development offered. Staff directed to provide data.

Peter Fitzgerald suggested that there is a need for additional focus on ethics, both in the engineering profession and in wider society, with both climate and artificial intelligence as points of consideration in making ethical decisions in professional engineering.

### **D. UMaine Job Fair**

On motion by Pearse and second by Taylor the board voted 5-0 to ratify the expense of \$500 to fund the UMaine Job Fair at the Friend level.

### **E. Promotional materials**

On motion by Pearse and second by Powers the board voted 5-0 to allow the expenditure of \$3500 on promotional materials.

## **7. Adjournment**

**A.** Next scheduled meeting: November 21, 2024.

**B.** Meeting adjourned at 10:55AM.

On motion by Pearse and second by Chaput, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn.