

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

**MINUTES
Thursday, June 18, 2020**

Meeting location: The board meeting was held online via Microsoft Teams. Board members present at the meeting were: Mandy Holway, PE, Chair; Brent Bridges, PE, Vice Chair; Russ Martin, PE, Complaint Officer; Jude Pearse, PE; and joining the meeting later was Joyce Taylor, PE. In addition, the following people were in attendance: David Jackson, Esq., Executive Dir.; Tim Steigelman, Esq., AAG; Ron Guay, Esq., AAG, acting as Hearing Officer; and license applicants Michael Coppola, PE, and Kien Ho, PE.

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

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:04am
- B. On motion by Ms. Pearse and second by Mr. Bridges, the board voted to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 16, 2020. A roll call vote was held, with Mr. Martin, Ms. Pearse, Mr. Bridges, and Ms. Holway voting in favor if the motion.

2. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Chair)

B. Finance Committee (Taylor)

- 1. Cash balance on June 12, 2020 was \$712,248
- 2. Cash balance on June 6, 2018 was \$418,627

- 3. Active licensees on June 12, 2020 was 6372
- 4. Active licensees on June 6, 2018 was 6174

C. Rules Committee (Martin)

- 1. Mr. Martin and Mr. Jackson will review of statute and rules and Mr. Jackson will submit the Regulatory Agenda.

D. Examinations Committee

- 1. Registration is now open for the October exams.

E. Information Committee (Pearse)

- 1. The following articles are proposed for Newsletter 2020 Vol. 1, with a July 17 submission deadline and electronic publication date of July 31:
 - a. Thoughts While Driving Less (Holway)
 - b. Results of NCEES exams

- c. PE Exam Conversion to CBT
- d. Engineers Week at UMaine
- e. NCEES Meeting information
- f. Complaint update
- g. Exemptions and what they mean

F. Complaint Committee (Martin)

G. Professional Development Committee (Bridges)

- 1. Audits are suspended for this licensure period.
- 2. After discussion of PDH requirements for 2020-2021 the board determined to take no action to change PDH requirements at this time.

H. Special Committees

3. Communications

4. Applications

A. Review and concurrence of Chair/Executive Director actions

- 1. Temporary certificates issued.
- 2. Comity licenses authorized for NCEES Model Law Engineers.
- 3. Comity licenses authorized by the Executive Director and Chair.
- 4. Licenses by written examination.
- 5. Re-examinations authorized by the Executive Director.

B. Engineer Intern (EI) Applications

C. Recently certified Engineer Interns

On motion by Ms. Pearse and second by Mr. Bridges, the Board voted 4-0 to accept Agenda items 4. A.-C. with the following voting in favor: Ms. Holway, Mr. Bridges, Mr. Martin, and Ms. Pearse, with no opposing votes.

D. PE Applications (Exec Dir)

Prior to the hearings on the licensure applications of the candidates listed below, on motion by Mr. Martin and second by Ms. Pearse, the Board voted 4-0 to adopt the record of the Mahoney decision by roll call vote with the following in favor: Ms. Holway, Mr. Bridges, Mr. Martin, and Ms. Pearse. There were no opposing votes. Record of Vote attached to these minutes.

The Board received copies of the prior decisions in the matters of Mr. Mahoney and Mr. Tali.

Pre-hearing conferences were held with each of the licensure candidates via online conferencing on June 16, 2020.

1. Michael Coppola, PE

After hearing and deliberation, on motion by Ms. Pearse and second by Mr. Bridges, the Board voted 4-0 to find Mr. Coppola trustworthy and competent to practice professional engineering in Maine. The Board voted by roll call with the following in favor: Ms. Holway, Mr. Bridges, Mr. Martin, and Ms. Pearse with no opposing votes. Record of Decision attached to these minutes.

2. Kien Yee Ho, PE

After hearing and deliberation, on motion by Mr. Martin and second by Mr. Bridges, the Board voted 4-0 to find Mr. Ho trustworthy and competent to practice professional engineering in Maine. The Board voted by roll call with the following in favor: Ms. Holway, Mr. Bridges, Mr. Martin, and Ms. Pearse with no opposing votes. Record of decision attached to these minutes.

E. Tabled and previously considered

F. Reexamination Requests

G. Other applications or requests

5. Pending Business

A. NCEES Annual Meeting will be held online. Board and staff who are registered will attend online sessions as scheduled.

6. New Business

A. Question from Ms. Taylor regarding a firm that claims to be designing bridges under the public works exemption. On motion by Ms. Pearse and second by M. Martin, the Board voted 4-0-1 to initiate a complaint. The following voted in favor: Ms. Holway, Mr. Bridges, Mr. Martin, and Ms. Pearse, with no opposing votes, and Ms. Taylor abstaining.

B. On motion by Ms. Pearse and second by Mr. Martin, the Board voted 4-0 to delegate authority to permit the staff to issue preliminary denials. The purpose behind the motion is to shorten the time required for licensure candidates to obtain a hearing before the full board. The following individuals voted in favor: Ms. Holway, Mr. Bridges, Mr. Martin, and Ms. Pearse. There were no opposing votes.

C. September stakeholders meeting – Executive Director to prepare side-by side comparison of Maine PE statute and Model Law and Maine C.M.R. and Model Rule for discussion at August meeting.

7. Adjournment

A. Next scheduled meetings are August 13, 2020 and November 19, 2020.

B. Meeting adjourned. On motion by Ms. Pearse and second by Mr. Martin the Board voted by roll call with the following in favor: Ms. Pearse, Mr. Bridges, Mr. Martin, Ms. Holway with no opposing votes. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:14am.