

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

**MINUTES
Thursday, October 15, 2020**

Meeting location: via Zoom. Board members present for the Zoom meeting: Mandy Holway, PE, Chair; Brent Bridges, PE, Vice Chair; Russ Martin, PE, Complaint Officer; Joyce Taylor, PE; and Jude Pearse, PE. Also, in attendance: David Jackson, Executive Director; Tim Steigelman, AAG, and members and representatives of engineering professional societies and engineering firms in Maine.

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting preliminaries
- b. Meeting called to order at: 9:04 AM

2. Business

- a. Proposed statute revision based on discussion held at the 2019 Stakeholder's Meeting (Attachment 1). A discussion was held about the revision of the proposed language from a "10-year" experience requirement to an "8-year" experience requirement. The consensus of those in attendance was agreement that an 8-year experience requirement would provide protection to the public.

On motion from Ms. Pearse to revise to language to eight years, and second from Ms. Taylor, after discussion and a rollcall vote the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion with the following people voting in favor of the motion: Ms. Holway, Mr. Bridges, Mr. Martin, Ms. Taylor, and Ms. Pearse. There were no votes in opposition.

- b. Report on NCEES ongoing PE and SE Exam transition to computer-based testing (Attachments 2A and 2B) – no action taken
- c. Decoupling: Explanation, current status, discussion of Maine's response (Attachment 3 "Decoupling snapshot")

There was a discussion of the status of concept of decoupling the PE exam from the experience requirement. Because of the historical opposition of some of the professional organizations the Board is not proposing any action now. The professional organizations would like more solid data. Concerns were expressed about the quality of the PE exam if

someone can pass it with relatively little experience of the practical application of engineering principles and data.

- d. Universal licensure – Arizona and moving forward was a discussion of an information sheet from AZ entitled “Arizona – First in the Nation Universal Licensing Recognition.” The concern expressed by NCEES on behalf of member boards and other entities involved in supporting professional regulation is that care should be taken in crafting legislation so that states do not lose sovereign rights and the public does not lose necessary protections.
- e. Stakeholder discussion

3. Adjournment

- a. Next scheduled meetings are November 19, 2020 and January 21, 2021.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM