

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

**MINUTES
Thursday, March 18, 2021**

Meeting location: Virtual Board Meeting held on Zoom video conferencing. Board members in attendance: Brent Bridges, PE, Chair; Joyce Taylor, PE, Vice Chair; Russ Martin, PE, Complaint Officer; Jude Pearse, PE, and Mandy Holway, PE. Also present: David Jackson, Executive Director; Timothy Steigelman, AAG; and Ronald Guay, AAG, and members of the public.

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

- A. Meeting called to order at 9:05AM
- B. The minutes of the board meeting held on February 4, 2021 were submitted for approval.

On motion by Ms. Holway and second by Ms. Pearse, the board voted unanimously in favor, 5-0, to approve the minutes. The results of the roll call vote were: In favor, Mr. Bridges, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Holway, Mr. Martin, and Ms. Pearse. No votes in opposition.

2. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Chair)

B. Finance Committee (Taylor)

- 1. Book balance on March 15, 2021 was \$574,438
- 2. Book balance on March 14, 2019 was \$243,453
- 3. The number of active licensees on March 15, 2021 was 6796
- 4. The number of active licensees on March 14, 2019 was 6488

C. Rules Committee (Martin)

- 1. LD 11 was voted ought to pass as amended by IDEA. Has not yet been reported out of committee.

The Executive Director will continue to monitor the legislation.

D. Examinations Committee

- 1. There are 45 candidates registered for the April PE Exam. Most are taking one of the PE Civil exams, but 1 person is taking the Architectural exam and another is taking Naval Architecture and Engineering.
- 2. There are 5 individual candidates for the SE exam, with 4 taking the SE Lateral Forces Buildings Exam and 2 taking the SE Vertical Forces Buildings Exam and 1 taking the SE Vertical Forces Bridges Exam

E. Information Committee (Pearse)

1. The following articles are proposed for Spring 2021 News:
 - a. NCEES Exam Updates
 - b. Online application process
 - c. Complaint update
 - d. Thank you to prior Chair, Mandy Holway
 - e. Introduction of new Chair, Brent Bridges

F. Complaint Committee (Martin)

G. Continuing Education Committee

H. Special Committees

3. Communications

A. Letter from Ranger Engineering Consulting dated 25 Feb 2021. On motion by Ms. Taylor and second by Ms. Holway, the board voted unanimously 5-0 to instruct the Executive Director to issue an Advisory Ruling. Those in favor: Mr. Bridges, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Holway, Ms. Pearse, and Mr. Martin, with no opposition. The Advisory Ruling will direct that the activity as described would not constitute professional engineering, but caution that if any work was performed that constituted professional engineering it would require that the work be performed under the supervision of a professional engineer licensed in Maine and that any documents produced be signed, sealed and dated by a professional engineer licensed in Maine. This advisory opinion does not impact professional surveying; they are a separate board and would need to render a separate opinion.

B. Letter from BC Engineers, Inc. reporting discipline dated 5 Feb 2021. On motion by Ms. Taylor and second by Ms. Pearse, the board voted 5-0 to take no action and to place this letter in the licensee's file. In favor: Mr. Bridges, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Holway, Ms. Pearse, and Mr. Martin. Opposed: None.

C. Letter from Entech Engineering reporting discipline dated 23 Feb 2021. On motion by Ms. Taylor and second by Mr. Bridges, the board voted 5-0 to take no action and to place this letter in the licensee's file. In favor: Mr. Bridges, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Holway, Ms. Pearse, and Mr. Martin. Opposed: None.

D. Communications from related to Water District and Watershed Commission. After a presentation of this matter by Ronald Guay, AAG, the board made a motion to send a letter to the two entities indicating that the board is aware of certain facts that have raised some concern and requesting additional information. On motion by Ms. Taylor, with second by Ms. Pearse, the board voted 4-0-1 in support of the motion. In favor: Mr. Bridges, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Holway, and Ms. Pearse. Opposed: None. Recused: Mr. Martin.

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. Holway and second by Ms. Taylor, the board voted 5-0 to ratify the actions taken by the Chair and Executive Director in items 4.A through 4.C. In favor: Mr. Bridges, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Holway, Ms. Pearse, and Mr. Martin. Opposed: None.

D. PE Applications (Exec Dir)

1. Ibrahim Mohammed Osman

On motion by Mr. Martin and second by Ms. Pearse, the board voted 5-0 to approve the application for licensure as a professional engineer. In favor: Mr. Bridges, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Holway, Ms. Pearse, and Mr. Martin. Opposed: None.

Mr. Bridges stepped away from the meeting at 10:28am.

2. Dany Jean-Paul Tremblay

On motion by Ms. Taylor and second by Ms. Pearse, the board voted 4-0 to approve the application for licensure as a professional engineer. In favor: Ms. Taylor, Ms. Holway, Ms. Pearse, and Mr. Martin. Opposed: None.

Mr. Bridges returned to the meeting at 10:32am.

E. Tabled and previously considered

F. Reexamination Requests

G. Other applications or requests

5. Pending Business

A. Committee Assignments

This matter was postponed to the June meeting and will be recorded on the Agenda for the June meeting.

Mr. Martin left the meeting at 10:46am.

6. New Business

A. NCEES Interim Zone Meeting, May 20, 2021, Voting Delegate
On motion by Ms. Taylor and second by Ms. Pearse, the board voted 4-0 to make the Executive Director, Mr. Jackson, the board's voting delegate at the NCEES Interim Zone Meeting on May 20. In favor: Mr. Bridges, Ms. Pearse, Ms. Holway. Ms. Taylor. Opposed: None.

B. Report on status of pending board applications
Executive Director reported that board member applications have been submitted to the Governor's Office.

C. Several statutes that we are monitoring ongoingly include:

- a.** LD 149 "An Act To Facilitate Licensure for Credentialed Individuals from Other Jurisdictions"
- b.** LD 374 "An Act To Allow Veterans, Active Duty Service Members and Their Spouses To Apply for Temporary Occupational Licenses and Certifications"
- c.** LD 612 "An Act To Recognize Occupational Licenses and Certifications from Other States To Attract New Residents and Businesses to Maine"
- d.** LD 725 "An Act To Improve Transparency in State Code and License Violations by Making Public the Names of Complainants"
- e.** LD 827 "An Act To Help Veterans Access Jobs, Education and Housing"
- f.** LD 835 "An Act To Allow Citizens To Petition Government Agencies To Repeal or Modify Occupational Regulations"
- g.** LD 942 "An Act To Waive Professional and Occupational Licensing Fees for Calendar Year 2020"
- h.** LD 1027 "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Local Bridges"

Executive Director will continue to monitor legislation and report to the board.

7. Adjournment

A. Next scheduled meetings are June 17, 2021 and August 12, 2021

B. Meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.
On motion by Ms. Pearse and second by Ms. Taylor, the board voted 4-0 to adjourn. In favor: Mr. Bridges, Ms. Pearse, Ms. Holway. Ms. Taylor. Opposed: None.