

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

**MINUTES  
Thursday, October 19, 2023**

**Meeting location:** MaineDOT, 24 Child St, Augusta, Maine

**Attending:** Brent Bridges, PE, Chair; Joyce Taylor, PE, Vice Chair; Jude Pearse, PE; Robert Dorko, PE; Robert Chaput Jr., PE; Kimberly Powers, PE; David Jackson, Executive Director; John Belisle, AAG; and member of the profession: Curt Beveridge, PE; and Greg Cuetera, PE.

**1. Meeting preliminaries and call to order:**

- A. Call to Order 1:03 PM
- B. On motion by Pearse and second by Taylor the board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from board meeting of August 10, 2023.

**2. Stakeholder discussion**

- A. Legislation from last session explained:
  - a. LD 146 – Swimming pools and spas in commercial establishments, with some specific exceptions, require that a PE review and seal the plans prior to submission to DHHS. The PE employed by DHHS to review these plans moved to a different position and is no longer available to render that service, therefore businesses will be required to provide the plans reviewed and sealed by a licensed PE.
  - b. LD 354 – Public Works exemption revised to focus the assessment on public safety and not only on the dollar amount. Projects should be assessed first to determine if they fall within definition of professional engineering. If they do, then the entity next determines if the project can be done safely without a PE, and if so, they must document that assessment and sign off taking responsibility for public safety. If the project is over \$250,000, a PE must be involved, and a state agency or code official can require a PE for any project to protect the public.
- B. PDH requirements and carryover discussed, along with making an Ethics course a requirement. If an Ethics course is required, it should be developed by the Board and offered for free to licensees. The board will continue to allow carry-over credits. Content/Delivery/Timing

- C. Engineering outreach – discussion of efforts to attract more engineers to FE exam and EI Cert.
  - a. One suggestion was to do as another state has done and honor PE exam passers at the State Capitol.
  - b. Mr. Beveridge, PE, is making efforts to revive the Order of the Engineer
  - c. Increase educational efforts about industrial exemption and sealing requirements.
  - d. Executive Director was instructed to seek information about the USM Job Fair.
  - e. Increase participation of young engineers in the NCEES Engineers Speakers Program.
  
- D. Possible revisions to statute and Rule.
  - a. Possible MOA with UK
  
  - b. Eliminate EI Certification fee. Executive Director indicated that based on statistics since 2010, eliminating the fee for Engineer Interns would reduce annual income by approximately \$2,725.00. On motion by Pearse and Second by Taylor, the board voted 6-0 to move forward with eliminating the EI Certification fee and instructed the Executive Director to move forward with Rulemaking as necessary to accomplish this.
  
  - c. Review of PE statute/Rules

### 3. Adjournment

- A. Next scheduled meeting is November 16, 2023. **(CANCELED)**
  
- B. On motion by Pearse and second by Taylor, the board voted 6-0 to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:56 PM.