

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

**MINUTES  
Thursday, June 20, 2024**

**Meeting location:** Board office, 77 Sewal Street, Third Floor, Augusta

**Attending:** Brent Bridges, PE, Chair; Joyce Taylor, PE, Vice Chair; Robert Dorko, PE; Robert Chaput Jr., PE; Kimberly Powers, PE; David Jackson, Executive Director; John Belisle, AAG. Hearing officer, attorney and licensee for hearing.

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

**A.** Call to order at 9:03AM

**B.** Approval of board minutes from March 21, 2024.

On motion by Taylor and second by Chaput, the board voted 5-0 to approve the March minutes.

**2. Committee Reports**

**A. Executive Committee (Chair)**

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

1. Cash balance June 13, 2024: \$1,426,808
2. Cash balance June 8, 2022: \$1,132,940
  
3. Active licensees June 13, 2024: 7426
4. Active licensees June 8, 2022: 6845

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

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

1. Proposed articles for upcoming issues of the PE News:
  - a. NCEES Exam results
  - b. NCEES PE Exam procedures (CBT, specs, fees)
  - c. Complaint update
  - d. Public Works Statute
  - e. Audit process (Exec Dir)
  - f. Encouraging licensure (Bridges)
  - g. Flooding (Taylor—Fall)

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

### **1. Hearing on E24-005**

After a full hearing presided over by Rebekah Smith, Esq. as hearing officer, with the licensee represented by counsel, the board voted as follows:

On motion by Taylor and second by Powers as to Count 1 that the licensee has demonstrated sufficient rehabilitation from the disqualifying criminal conviction, the board voted 5-0 in favor.

On motion by Taylor and second by Chaput as to Count 2 that the licensee has demonstrated that they are trustworthy and competent to practice the profession of engineering the board voted 5-0 in favor.

On motion by Bridges and second by Dorko that the staff be instructed to make the licensure renewal effective as of this date, the board voted 5-0 in favor.

On motion by Bridges and second by Taylor that the Chair be delegated to sign the order once issued by the hearing officer the board voted 5-0 in favor.

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

### **1. Audit schedule**

Staff will advise the board when the audit requests are sent.

## **G. Special Committees**

### **3. Communications**

#### **A. Executive Session Rule letter**

Advisory, no action needed or taken.

### **4. Applications**

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

1. Comity licenses issued to NCEES Record holders.
2. Comity licenses authorized by the Executive Director.
3. Initial licenses by NCEES examination.

On motion by Powers and second by Chaput the board voted 5-0 to ratify recent staff approval of PE licenses.

#### **B. Recently certified Engineer Interns**

On motion by Powers and second by Dorko the board voted 5-0 to ratify recent staff approval of EI certifications.

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

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

### 1. Abdul-Majid

On motion by Bridges and second by Dorko, the board voted 5-0 to grant licensure.

### 2. Bowman

On motion by Taylor and second by Chaput, the board voted 5-0 to grant licensure.

### 3. McFarland

On motion by Taylor and second by Powers, the board voted 5-0 to grant licensure.

### 4. Pourshakoori

Staff was instructed to return the incomplete application and instruct the applicant that they may submit the application when they have completed the licensure requirements.

### 5. Upadhyay

On motion by Taylor and second by Dorko, the board voted 5-0 to issue a preliminary denial of licensure for failure to meet licensure requirements by failing to provide evidence of a passing result on the NCEES FE exam.

### 6. Bachelder

Staff was instructed to hold the application open until the applicant can provide verification of 4 years of engineering work experience after obtaining his BS in engineering. Once that verification is provided, staff can issue the PE license.

## **E. Tabled and Previously Considered**

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

### **5. Pending Business**

**A.** IHC Certification question from March communication.  
Staff was instructed to respond to the email inquiry.

### **6. New Business**

- A.** Report on Floodplain management rules
- B.** NCEES Annual Meeting Motions.
- C.** NE Zone Meeting motion re: ETAC ABET-accredited degrees
- D.** UK-US MRA

On motion by Powers and second by Dorko, the board voted 4-0 to postpone consideration of all new business items until the board meeting scheduled for August 8, 2024.

**7. Adjournment**

**A.** Next board meeting August 8, 2024 and stakeholders October 10, 2024.

**B.** Meeting adjourned at 12:51pm.

On motion by Bridges and second by Powers, the board voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned.