

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

**MINUTES
Thursday, August 8, 2024**

Meeting location: Board office -- 77 Sewall Street, #3001, Augusta, ME

Attending: Brent Bridges, PE, Chair; Joyce Taylor, PE, Vice Chair; Jude Pearse, PE; Robert Chaput Jr., PE; Kimberly Powers, PE; David Jackson, Executive Director; Samantha Morgan, AAG.

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

A. Call to order 9:03AM.

B. Approval of the minutes of the board meeting held on June 20, 2024.

On motion by Taylor and second by Chaput, the board voted 4-0-1 to approve the March minutes, with Pearse recused.

2. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Chair)

B. Finance Committee (Taylor/Chaput)

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| 1. Cash balance August 1, 2024: | \$1,421,632 |
| 2. Cash balance August 15, 2022: | \$1,097,264 |
| 3. Cash balance August 12, 2020: | \$682,728 |
| 4. Active licenses August 1, 2024: | 7503 |
| 5. Active licenses August 15, 2022: | 6957 |
| 6. Active licenses August 12, 2020: | 6457 |

C. Rules Committee (Powers/Bridges)

1. Potential for rulemaking relating to possible pending changes to statute discussed. Staff to prepare draft rules.

D. Information Committee (Pearse/Dorko)

1. The following articles are proposed for the next Newsletter:
 - 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. Licensure issues and concerns (Bridges)
- g. Flood responses (Taylor)

E. Complaint Committee (Taylor et al.)

F. Professional Development Committee (Powers/Pearse)

G. Special Committees

3. Communications

- A.** Email invitation from ABET to observe interim assessment. Staff to decline invitation.

4. Applications

A. Ratification of Professional Engineer (PE) licensure:

- 1. Comity licenses issued to NCEES Record holders.
- 2. Comity licenses authorized by board staff.
- 3. Initial licenses by written examination.

B. Recently certified Engineer Interns (EI)

On motion by Pearse and second by Taylor the board voted 5-0 to ratify recent staff approvals of PE licenses in items 4A1 and 4A3 and EI certifications in item 4B.

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

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

- 1. Gagne-Barney

On motion by Pearse and second by Taylor the board found the qualifications of the applicant substantially equivalent to the qualifications in Maine statute and voted 5-0 to grant PE licensure.

E. Tabled and previously considered

F. Other applications or requests

5. Pending Business

6. New Business

- A.** Report on Floodplain management rules.
Discussion of recent staff input into the revision of floodplain rules.
- B.** NCEES Annual Meeting Motions.
Discussion of NCEES Action items for the Annual Meeting next week.
- C.** NE Zone Meeting motion re: ETAC ABET-accredited degrees.
Discussion of the Model Law revision submitted by the NE Zone.
- D.** UK-US MRA.
On motion by Pearse and second by Taylor the Board voted 5-0 to postpone discussion of the MRA until after the stakeholders' meeting October 10.
- E.** Possible statutory revisions.
Staff will move forward with draft revisions related to possible adoption of the US-UK MRA.

7. Adjournment

- A.** Next scheduled meetings are October 10, 2024 and November 21, 2024.
- B.** Meeting adjourned at 10:25AM.
On motion by Pearse and second by Taylor the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn.