

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

**MINUTES
Thursday, March 20, 2025**

Meeting location: 77 Sewall Street #3001, Augusta, Maine

Attending: Brent Bridges, PE, Chair; Joyce Taylor, PE, Vice Chair; Robert Chaput Jr., PE; Kimberly Powers, PE; John Belisle, AAG; Mary Hansen, Supervisor of Licensing. Members of the public attended.

1. Call to Order, Minutes and meeting preliminaries

A. Call to order: 9:00 AM

B. Approval of minutes: Board meeting held January 16, 2025
On motion by Taylor and second by Powers, the board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of the January board meeting.

2. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Chair/Vice Chair)

B. Finance Committee (Taylor/Chaput)

1. Cash balance February 28, 2025: \$1,240,118.13
2. Cash balance March 20, 2023: \$971,242
3. Active PE Licensees March 4, 2025: 7916
4. Active PE Licensees March 20, 2023: 7290

C. Rules Committee (Powers/Bridges)

1. Statute pending - MRA
 - a) Public Hearing March 11, 2025
 - b) Work Session March 18, 2025
 1. Passed unanimously – Will now go to the House and Senate – Staff directed to monitor

D. Information Committee (Pearse/Dorko)

The following are proposed topics for the next newsletter: Staff directed to target May 2025 for next Newsletter

1. NCEES exam results

2. NCEES exam updates
3. Complaint Update
4. Reminders to licensees – contact info/responsibility
5. Issues: Solar projects/MJ Facilities/Fivrr and UpWork
6. Flooding (Taylor)
7. Recognize new licensees

E. Complaint Committee (Taylor et al.)

1. E24-003

On motion by Taylor and second by Powers, the board voted 4-0 to vacate the November 21, 2024 vote to send a consent agreement reprimand to the person that is an EIT.

On motion by Taylor and second by Chaput, the board voted 4-0 to dismiss the complaint on the EIT licensed in Massachusetts who is not licensed in Maine, wait for the two related consent agreements to be signed and received, and then send a letter referring the complaint regarding the EIT to the Massachusetts PE board.

F. Professional Development Committee (Bridges)

G. Special Committees

3. Communications

A. Email - NSPE

Staff directed to respond that we are not looking to move forward at this time. NSPE is welcome to come to the stakeholder's meeting in October of 2025. We may be able to publish contact information for multiple resources – not highlighting anyone individually

B. Email - Unlicensed practice

Staff directed to send a letter citing 32 MRS § 1351:

“It is unlawful for any person to practice or to offer to practice the profession of engineering in the State or to use in connection with the person's name or otherwise assume, use or advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that the person is a professional engineer, unless that person has been duly licensed or exempted under this chapter. “

C. Email - Response to complaint E24-004-A-G

Staff directed to place a copy in the file. No further action is required.

4. Applications

A. Review and concurrence with actions by staff

1. Comity PE licenses
2. Initial PE licenses by examination
3. Engineer Intern Certifications

On motion by Powers and second by Chaput, the board voted 4-0 to ratify the licensure actions taken by staff.

B. Applications (Staff)

1. Rami Haddad -

Staff directed to reach out to Rami Haddad to see if he would like to withdraw his application with a refund. We will be looking to the future to see if we can establish an equivalent standard but one has not yet been established without first taking and passing FE & PE exams.

2. Scott Simpson

On Motion by Taylor and second by Bridges, the board voted 4-0 to issue a license based on a finding that the applicant's qualifications were substantially equivalent to the licensure qualifications in Maine statute and giving due consideration to the protection of the public.

3. Nasser Karimzadeh

On Motion by Powers and second by Taylor the board voted 4-0 to issue a license based on a finding that the applicant's qualifications were substantially equivalent to the licensure qualifications in Maine statute and giving due consideration to the protection of the public waived further examination.

4. Aaron Leentjes

On Motion by Taylor and second by Chaput, the board voted 4-0 to issue a license based on a finding that the applicant's qualifications were substantially equivalent to the licensure qualifications in Maine statute and giving due consideration to the protection of the public.

5. Bhanana Muppala

The board postponed consideration of this licensure application and directed staff to collect information, specifically to request information about the math/science credit deficiencies identified in the NCEES Credentials Evaluation.

6. John Rafferty

On Motion by Taylor and second by Powers, the board voted 4-0 to issue a license based on a finding that the applicant's qualifications were substantially equivalent to the licensure qualifications in Maine statute and giving due consideration to the protection of the public.

C. Tabled or previously considered

1. July Imbembe

On Motion by Powers and second by Chaput, the board voted 4-0 to issue a license based on a finding that after reviewing additional provided information, the applicant's qualifications were substantially equivalent to the licensure qualifications in Maine statute and giving due consideration to the protection of the public.

D. Other

2. The board has directed staff to come up with a system of logging applications that are considered "exceptions" on which the board had to vote to license or not license. This is to be an easy reference point for the board to remain consistent.

5. Pending Business

6. New Business

A. Crowe Ceremony - Staff directed to confirm dates of the event and whether it will be a combined event. Bridges and Chaput expressed interest in participating

B. NCEES Annual Meeting –

No – (Pearse, Taylor, Chaput) Yes – (Bridges) Maybe – (Dorko, Belisle, Powers)

C. *Executive Director Position

At approximately 10:30am, On motion of Taylor and second of Powers the board moved to executive session based on 1 M.R.S. section 405(A) to discuss employment for the executive director position and appointment status of a board seat. After approximately 15 minutes, on motion Bridges and second by Taylor, the board voted 4-0 to come out of executive session. Staff is directed to continue with the process of filling Acting Capacity Executive Director. The former Executive Director, David Jackson, will fill the position. Staff is also directed to continue with the process of filling the permanent Executive Director position. The interviewing panel will be Brent Bridges, PE, Chair; Joyce Taylor, PE, Vice Chair; Kimberly Powers, PE; Mary Hansen, Supervisor of Licensing.

7. Adjournment

A. Next scheduled meetings:

1. June 12, 2025

2. August 14, 2025

B. Meeting adjourned: 10:52 AM.
On motion by Taylor and second by Chaput, the board voted 4-0 to adjourn.