STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

MINUTES
Thursday, June 12, 2025

Meeting location: 77 Sewall Street #3001, 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; Mary Hansen, Supervisor of Licensing; John Belisle, AAG. Members of the public attended.

1. Call to Order, Minutes and meeting preliminaries

A. Call to order: 9:03 AM

B. Approval of minutes: Board meeting held March 20, 2025

On motion by Taylor and second by Chaput, the board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes of the March board meeting as revised.

2. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Chair/Vice Chair)

B. Finance Committee (Taylor/Chaput)

1. Cash balance June 2, 2025: $1,204,241
2. Cash balance June 6, 2023: $923,102
3. Active PE licensees June 2, 2025: 8085
4. Active PE licensees June 6, 2023: 7418

C. Rules Committee (Powers/Bridges)

1. Proposed legislation was passed and will become effective 90 days after the final day of the legislative session. LD 576 “An Act Regarding Reciprocal Licensure for Professional Engineers”
2. LD 576 signing ceremony is being coordinated through Senator Mike Tipping’s office and will include the chairs of the Labor Committee, Commissioner Cohen, representatives of the UK Consulate General in Boston, board members and directors from MeSPE.
3. Rulemaking Regulatory filing 2025-2026 has been prepared. Staff directed to file according to regulation.

D. Information Committee (Pearse/Dorko)

The following are included in the upcoming newsletter: Items with an asterisk will be included in the following newsletter.

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

E. <u>Complaint Committee</u> (Taylor et al.)

F. <u>Professional Development Committee</u> (Bridges)

G. <u>Special Committees</u>

3. <u>Communications</u>

4. <u>Applications</u>

A. Review and concurrence with actions by staff

1. Comity PE licenses NCEES Record holders.
2. Comity PE licenses paper applications.
3. Initial PE licenses by examination.
4. Engineer Intern Certifications.

On motion by Pearse and second by Powers, the board voted 6-0 to ratify the licensure actions taken by staff.

B. Applications (Staff)

1. Jamie Popp

On motion by Pearse and second by Taylor after finding that the education was substantially equivalent to that required under Maine law, the board voted 6-0 to grant licensure.

2. Ahmet Colakoglu

On Motion by Pearse and second by Dorko, the board voted 6-0 to grant licensure.

3. Earl Wiser

On Motion by Dorko and second by Pearse the board voted 6-0 to grant licensure.

C. Tabled or previously considered

1. Bhanana Muppala

   The board again postponed consideration of this licensure application and directed staff to collect information related to the claim in the application of serving as a lead engineer on a project in Maine prior to licensure.

5. Pending Business

6. New Business

A. Staffing – Board was introduced to and welcomed the new Executive Director, Christine Wojdyla.

B. NCEES Annual Meeting, August 19-22, New Orleans, LA
No – (Pearse, Taylor, Chaput, Dorko) Yes – (Bridges, Belisle, Wojdyla)
Maybe – (Powers – to notify staff this week)
Revision to attendees approved to attend the Annual Meeting.

C. NCEES Annual Meeting Action Items and Motions
Consideration postponed to August board meeting.

D. Strategic Planning – Chair and Executive Director to develop a strategic plan next year.

E. Proposed FY26 Budget and Work Program -discussion, no action taken.

F. FOAA/FOIA related to email and public meeting law—discussion, no action taken.

G. Sponsorship of UMaine Engineering and Computing Job Fair, Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 10a-2p
On motion by Taylor and second by Pearse the board voted 6-0 to sponsor in the amount of $500 and staff a table.

H. Staff directed to plan a lunch after the August meeting to bid farewell to retiring Executive Director.

7. Adjournment

A. Next meetings: August 14, 2025, and October 9, 2025.

B. Meeting adjourned: 11:27 AM.
On motion by Pearse and second by Dorko, the board voted 6-0 to adjourn.