# STATE OF MAINE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

# MINUTES Thursday, January 16, 2020

<u>Meeting Iocation:</u> Conference Room, 295 Water Street, First Floor, Augusta, Maine <u>Present:</u> Mandy Holway, PE, Chair; Brent Bridges, PE, Vice Chair; Russell Martin, PE, Complaint Officer; Joyce Noel Taylor, PE; and Jude Pearse, PE. Also present were Ron Guay, Assistant Attorney General; and David Jackson, Executive Director.

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

- **A.** The meeting was called to order at 9:16am.
- **B.** On motion by Ms. Taylor and second by Mr. Martin the minutes of the board meeting held on November 21, 2019 were approved 4-0-1 with Ms. Holway abstaining as she was not present at the meeting.

#### **C.** Election of officers:

- 1. Chair Mandy Holway, PE On motion by Ms. Taylor and second by Ms. Pearse the board voted 5-0 to elect Ms. Holway.
- 2. Vice-Chair Brent Bridges, PE On motion by Ms. Taylor and second by Ms. Holway the board voted 5-0 to elect Mr. Bridges.
- 3. Complaint Officer Russ Martin, PE On motion by Ms. Holway and second by Ms. Pearse the board voted 5-0 to keep Mr. Martin as Complaint Officer.
- 4. Appointment of Committees: (The Chair appoints committee members and is a member of each committee.)
  - a) Executive Committee Ms. Holway, Mr. Bridges
  - b) Finance Committee Ms. Taylor, Ms. Holway
  - c) Rules Committee Mr. Martin, Ms. Pearse
  - d) Information Committee Ms. Pearse, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Bridges
  - e) Professional Development Committee Mr. Bridges, Ms. Taylor
  - f) Special Committees
    - 1. Outreach—Ms. Taylor, Ms. Pearse, Ms. Holway

### 2. Committee Reports

#### A. Executive Committee (Chair)

#### B. Finance Committee (Taylor)

- 1. Cash balance on January 11, 2020 was \$191,742 (Incomplete). Cash balance on January 10, 2018 was \$409,337.
- 2. The number of active licensees on January 11, 2020 was 6015. The number of active licensees on January 10, 2018 was 5869.

# D. Rules Committee (Martin)

# E. Information Committee (Pearse)

The following are proposed articles for the next newsletter:

- 1. Thoughts While Driving (Olver)
- 2. Results of NCEES exams
- 3. NCEES Exam updates (CBT conversion, updated specifications)
- 4. Complaint Update (review by Martin, AAG)
- 5. Audits (Exec Dir)
- 6. PE Due Diligence (Taylor)
- 7. Stakeholders (Bridges)

# F. Complaint Committee (Martin)

1. E19-001 -

On motion by Ms. Taylor and second by Ms. Pearse the board voted to send a Letter of Guidance instructing an individual who has allowed his license to lapse to stop using letterhead that includes indicia of licensure.

# G. Professional Development Committee (Bridges)

- 1. Audit procedure explained by Executive Director
- 2. PDH Ethics Course is in process.

# H. Special Committees

1. Outreach

# 3. Communications

- **A.** Discipline reported in another jurisdiction
  - 1. PE9085 Wright no further action
  - 2. PE9883 Serrano no further action
  - 3. PE11088 Liebert no further action
  - 4. PE11372 Oakes Complaint Committee to investigate
  - 5. PE11936 Mettemeyer no further action
  - 6. PE12094 Grube Letter of Guidance
  - 7. PE13213 Burnett Complaint Committee to investigate
  - 8. PE13664 Graham no further action
- **B.** Email PDH request from Peter Shanahan The board determined to not expand PDH credit to the review of technical articles.

#### 4. Applications

#### A. Review and concurrence with actions by staff

- 1. Comity licenses issued with NCEES Record.
- 2. Comity licenses issued.

- 3. Licenses by written examination.
- 4. Re-examinations authorized by staff.

# B. Engineer Intern (EI) Applications

### C. Recently Certified Engineer Interns

On motion by Ms. Pearse and second by Mr. Bridges the board voted 5-0 to ratify the actions taken in agenda items 4A-4C.

# D. PE Applications

1. Kevin Mahoney, PE

After a hearing, and on motion by Ms. Pearse with second by Mr. Bridges, the board voted 5-0 to grant licensure to Mr. Mahoney.

# E. Examination Requests

- 1. Chamberlain
- 2. Cole

On motion by Ms. Pearse and second by Ms. Taylor, the board voted 5-0 to approve these two examination requests.

On motion by Ms. Pearse and second by Mr. Bridges, the board voted 5-0 to adopt a policy to allow staff to approve requests for examination if the individuals are within two months of the required experience at the time of examination.

# F. Other applications or requests

### 5. Pending Business

- **A.** The board has written a response to the recommendations made by NTSB in the wake of the natural gas explosions in Massachusetts in September 2018.
- **B.** Request for waiver Wishowski withdrawn no action needed
- **C.** NCEES Request to use Record as original application postponed for further discussion at the March meeting.

#### 6. New Business

- A. NCEES 2020 Zone Interim Meeting, April 23-25, Houston, TX
  On motion by Ms. Taylor and second by Ms. Pearse, the board voted to
  authorize the following people to serve as delegates to the meeting: Mandy
  Holway, PE, Chair; Brent Bridges, PE, Vice Chair; Russell Martin, PE,
  Complaint Officer; and David Jackson, Executive Director.
- **B.** Engineering Expo Saturday March 7, 2020 UMaine, Orono On motion by Ms. Pearse and second by Mr. Bridges the board voted 5-0 to

continue to support the Maine Engineering Council Engineering Expo at the Leadership Level of \$2500.

# C. 2020 Legislative Designees

On motion by Ms. Pearse and second by Mr. Bridges the following individuals were approved to serve as Legislative Designees in 2020: David Jackson, Executive Director; Mandy Holway, PE, Chair; Brent Bridges, PE, Vice Chair; Russell Martin, PE, Complaint Officer; Jude Pearse, PE

# 7. Adjournment

- **A.** Next scheduled meetings are March 19, 2020 and June 18, 2020.
- **B.** Meeting adjourned at 10:48am.