



STATE BOARD FOR ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING AND GEOLOGY

New York State Education Department
Office of Professions
89 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12234

March 9, 2023
~ 9:30am ~

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Primary Board Members Present:

- M. Noviello (Chair)
- J. Martin (Vice Chair)
- A. Friedman
- R. Frandina
- D. D'Angelo
- B. Holbitter
- W. Kelly
- J. Patota
- T. Mitchell

Extended Board Members Present:

- None

Board Members Absent:

- D. Franz
- L. Woods
- S. Roseen

Board Office Personnel:

- E. Greppo – Executive Secretary (ES)
- K. Fitzgerald – Associate in Professional Education

Department Personnel:

- D. Spillane – Executive Director, Office of Professional Development

Visitors:

- John Nadeau – NYSCPG
- Emily Whalen – NYSAPLS
- Mark Kriss – NYSSPE

1. Call to Order – Open Session

Chair Noviello called the Open Session to order.

2. NYSED Office of Professional Discipline (OPD)

- Dennis Spillane, Executive Director & Professional Conduct Officer in OPD, presented on disciplinary case procedures. Questions and answers from board members were fielded throughout the presentation.

3. Meeting Minutes

The Open Session meeting minutes from December 8, 2022 were reviewed.

Motion – Martin/Kelly: Approve December 8, 2022 meeting minutes.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Chair and Vice Chair Reports

Chair Noviello and Vice Chair Martin deferred commentary until committee reports.

5. Executive Secretary Report

- The Executive Secretary (ES) listed the number of licenses issued in 2022, along with registered licensee statistics for professional engineers, land surveyors, and professional geologists. These statistics will be shared quarterly.
- L. Woods is on March 13, 2023 Board of Regents March agenda for second primary term appointment. The board office projects the submission of additional candidates for each of the board professions to the Board of Regents over the remainder of the year to address statutory requirements and resource needs.
- There are approximately 85 exam and endorsement applications in queue. Board Members were asked to continue making application reviews a priority.
- An advisory notice and posting of updated regulations were recently added to the NYSED OP website to reflect prior changes made to Part 68.1 and Part 68.3 of the Commissioner's Regulations. Board office is working to update other resources online to reflect the changes.
- Board Members were asked to review their contact information and confirm email address on the Board Office Share Point page.

6. Access & Outreach to the Professions Committee Report

ES reported in Chair Woods' absence. A committee meeting was held on March 2nd. The STEM PowerPoint presentation will be prioritized, with a move towards formal completion. The Board Office is in process of gathering outreach contacts. Upcoming events will be highlighted to board members to solicit participation. Volunteers are encouraged to let the ES know of their interest. Chair Woods will schedule a Q2 2023 meeting to continue development of presentation materials.

7. Education Committee Report

Chair Mitchell said that there is one (1) ongoing proposal and (1) newly received proposal to add licensure-qualifying to previously approved Geology programs. The Geology committee met to

discuss these two (2) proposals. No formal Education committee meetings were held. Additionally, one (1) new engineering program proposal and replies from one (1) prior engineering program proposal review were received. All four (4) mentioned above will be covered in Executive Session.

8. Professional Geology Committee Report

Chair Patota discussed the STEM presentation for access/outreach purposes (referenced in item 6 above). The New York State Council of Professional Geologists (NYSCPG) hosted Chair Patota for outreach twice via WebEx in February 2023. Chair Patota will also be involved in a similar outreach in April 2023 in Syracuse. The committee plans to finish the draft Geology Practice Guidelines during Q2 2023 (meeting date TBD). Geology Days, hosted by NYSCPG, will be held in October 2023. The Board/Board Office intends to present on licensure matters during that event.

9. Land Surveying Committee Report

Chair Holbriiter reported that the committee met via WebEx on January 6th to conduct a final review of the April 2023 NYS-specific land surveying examination questions and to review challenges to the October 2022 examination. The New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors (NYSAPLS) held its annual conference January 2023 in Verona, NY. Chair Holbriiter and Extended Member William Shover were in attendance and participated as licensure information resources. ES and Kiley Fitzgerald also served as Board Office representatives on the final day of the event. Other board members communicated a continued intention for Board Office-led presentations in the future. This committee also met on March 3rd, 2023 to discuss land surveyor application review criteria, 2023 planning, and a recap of the NYSAPLS conference. Chair Holbriiter will schedule a Q2 2023 meeting.

10. Legislation Committee Report

Chair Martin said that the committee met earlier this month and created a legislation tracker for informational awareness. It was mentioned that protecting public health and safety is paramount when reviewing new and reintroduced bills. Meetings will be scheduled as needed.

11. Professional Engineering Committee Report

Chair Martin thanked all members for bringing down the application queue. A meeting will be scheduled for April 2023 to discuss the application review process.

12. Project Delivery Methods Committee Report

Chair D'Angelo noted that no committee meetings have occurred. Since there is intrinsic overlap with the function of this committee with the Legislation committee, Chair D'Angelo will monitor tracked legislation and interact as needed.

13. Continuing Business

ES gave a demonstration of the following trackers: 1) Association Conference, 2) Legislation, 3) Access & Outreach. Trackers are all housed on the Board Office Members Only SharePoint page. Board Members were encouraged to further review and add any pertinent events.

ES pointed out that the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) proposed bylaws state that a public member may be eligible for election as President-Elect or zone vice-president. This change will be proposed as a motion at the NCEES annual conference in August 2023.

ES reminded Board Members that next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 8, 2023, at 9:30am in Albany. The Board will also meet on 9/7/2023 and 12/7/2023 (times and locations TBD).

14. New Business

Board Members shared suggested topics for future meetings.

15. Executive Session and Adjournment

Motion – Mitchell/Kelly: Move to break for lunch and reconvene for Executive Session.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eric Grepp, PE
Executive Secretary