

OPEN MINUTES
Professional Engineering Division of the
Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers,
Professional Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects

November 4, 2013
Maui Meeting Room
Ramada Oasis Convention Center
2546 North Glenstone Avenue
Springfield, Missouri

The Professional Engineering Division of the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects was called to order by Chairman Kevin Skibiski at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 4, 2013. A quorum being present, Chairman Skibiski declared the meeting open for business.

Members Present

Kevin Skibiski, Chair of the Division
Abiodun "Abe" Adewale, Member of the Division
Kelley P. Cramm, Member of the Division

Others Present

Judy Kempker, Executive Director
Sandra Robinson, Licensing Technician Supervisor

To better track the order in which items were taken up on the agenda, each item in the minutes will be listed in the order it was discussed in the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Mr. Adewale and seconded by Ms. Cramm, the minutes for the August 5, 2013 open meeting and the August 6, 2013 open meeting were approved as submitted.

Please note that the Board's Investigator, Kevin Oligschlaeger, joined the meeting at approximately 8:05 a.m.

Report on NCEES Annual Meeting held in San Antonio, Texas

Chairman Skibiski and Mr. Adewale attended the NCEES annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas on August 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, 2013. Since Chairman Skibiski had to leave the meeting unexpectedly, Mr. Adewale advised of the topics of conversation during the annual meeting. Mr. Adewale stated that NCEES discussed making the model law more mobile when a licensee applies for licensure in other states. Mr. Adewale stated that the motion to allow more than one vote per state board was defeated. Mr. Adewale also stated that another topic of discussion was the early taking of the PE exam. He advised that there is no consensus yet, but a few states have already moved forward to allow the early taking of the PE exam. Chairman Skibiski suggested that this be a topic for discussion at the Open House on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 in order to obtain the input from the Board's licensees. Mr. Adewale stated that he had lunch with members from Japan to discuss the Missouri Board's relationship with JPEC and the proposed agreement between the Board and JPEC.

Review and discuss a document from the North Carolina Board and be prepared to discuss possible revisions regarding the agreement with Japan PE/FE Examiners Council (JPEC) wherein the Missouri Board will accept the licensure applications for Professional Engineer for engineers who have passed the PE exam administered by NCEES/JPEC in Japan

The Members of the Professional Engineering Division reviewed a document from the North Carolina Board and discussed possible revisions regarding the agreement with Japan PE/FE Examiners Council (JPEC) wherein the Missouri Board will accept the licensure applications for Professional Engineer from engineers who have passed the PE exam administered by NCEES/JPEC in Japan. After much discussion, Ms. Cramm volunteered to put a draft agreement together for the Professional Engineering Division Members to review and discuss at its January 27, 2014 meeting.

Discuss email and attached correspondence from Dick Cottingham regarding Early Taking of NCEES PE exam

The Professional Engineering Division Members discussed an email and attached correspondence from Mr. Dick Cottingham regarding the early taking of the NCEES PE examination. Chairman Skibiski suggested that this would be a good topic to discuss with the licensees at the Open House on Tuesday, November 5th. Ms. Kempker stated that from an administrative point of view, the early taking of the PE exam would be no different than the Architects, in that the individual would not be able to apply to the Board for licensure until after he/she had received 4 years of experience.

Discuss comments received from Mr. Sam Samarasinghe, P.E. to determine if the Board needs to amend Board Rule 20 CSR 2030-11.015 Continuing Professional Competency for Professional Engineers to include more credit for working on NCEES test development and other similar activities

The Members of the Professional Engineering Division discussed the comments received from Mr. Sam Samarasinghe, P.E. to determine if the Board needs to amend Board Rule 20 CSR 2030-11.015 Continuing Professional Competency for Professional Engineers to include more credit for working on NCEES test development and other similar activities. Chairman Skibiski suggested that this topic also be discussed at the open house on Tuesday, November 5th. After much discussion, Mr. Adewale made a motion to recommend to the full Board that Ms. Kempker be directed to send an email response to Mr. Samarasinghe advising that the Board discussed his comments recommending the Board amend Board Rule 20 CSR 2030-11.015, Continuing Professional Competency for Professional Engineers, to include more credit for working on the NCEES test development committee and other similar activities. Ms. Kempker is to advise Mr. Samarasinghe that the Board is appreciative of his comments and feels he made some valid points; therefore, the Board is taking his recommendations into consideration as well as looking into other ways in which to expand opportunities to include additional PDH credit. Since the rulemaking process can be cumbersome, as well as time consuming, and also since the requirement of PDHs affects over 17,000 engineers, the Professional Engineering Division plans to seek input from other engineers at future open house meetings for additional recommendations before proceeding with changing the rule. Ms. Kempker is to remind Mr. Samarasinghe that until such changes are made, he is currently allowed to claim 2 PDHs for committees. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cramm and unanimously carried.

Please note that at approximately 8:38 a.m., Ms. Kempker departed the meeting.

Motion to Close

At approximately 8:38 a. m., Chairman Skibiski then called for a motion to close the meeting to the general public for the purpose of discussing confidential or privileged communications between this agency and its attorney as well as to discuss pending litigation and complaint matters. Mr. Adewale made a motion that the meeting be closed to the general public pursuant to Chapter 610.021 subsection (14) and 324.001.8 and 324.001.9, RSMo for the purpose of discussing investigative reports, complaints, audits and/or other information pertaining to licensees or applicants; Chapter 610.021 subsection (1) RSMo for the purpose of discussing general legal action, causes of action or litigation and any confidential or privileged communication between this agency and its attorney, and for the purpose of reviewing and approving closed meeting minutes of one or more previous meetings under Chapter 610.021 RSMo which authorizes this agency to go into closed session during those meetings. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cramm. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried. Chairman Skibiski asked that all visitors

leave the room. There being none, Chairman Skibiski declared the meeting closed to the general public.

Reconvene in Open Session

At 12:00 noon, the Professional Engineering Division Members reconvened in Open Session for the purpose of adjourning.

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Cramm seconded by Mr. Adewale and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon on November 4, 2013.

ATTEST:

Executive Director

Date Approved:_____