The Professional Engineering Division of the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Professional Landscape Architects was called to order by Chairman Kevin Skibiski at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015. 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
Craig M. Lucas, Member of the Division

Others Present

Sandra Robinson, Processing 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 3, 2015 open meeting and the August 27, 2015 Professional Engineering Division Open Telephone Conference Call were approved as submitted.
Discuss status of, or potential changes to, the Board Rules and/or Chapter 327, RSMo, regarding the Professional Engineering profession

The Professional Engineering Division Members decided that no new Board Rule changes were warranted at this time. The Division Members also decided no new statute changes were required at this time. This item was presented for informational purposes; therefore no action was taken.

Review and discuss Open Items on the full Board’s November 9 and 10, 2015 agenda

Full Board Agenda Item #8, Discuss an email from MSPE’s Executive Director, Bruce Wylie, regarding a Memorandum issued by the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors regarding Qualification Based Selection (QBS) Requirements – Mr. Skibiski stated that the Board’s General Counsel, Curt Thompson, will discuss this matter at length with the full Board later in the day.

Full Board Agenda Item #10, Discussion regarding PDH Days, Can Architects Qualify for continuing education credits if they attend MSPE PDH Days? – Mr. Skibiski stated that it was his opinion the other 3 professions might find it advantageous to attend the PDH days, but it would be up to the individual licensee to determine if it would benefit them in their area of practice. However, should the licensee be audited by the Board, then it will be at the Board’s discretion to determine if the credit claimed is applicable.

Full Board Agenda Item #15, Report on Actions Taken at the NCEES Annual Meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia on August 19, 20, 21 and 22, 2015 – Mr. Skibiski reported that he along with Abe Adewale, Mike Freeman and Sherry Cooper attended the NCEES Annual Meeting. Mr. Skibiski stated that Mr. Adewale will be serving on the Committee on Uniform Procedures and Legislative Guidelines and chair the Central Zone Site Selection Committee. Mr. Skibiski stated that he will be serving on the Education Committee and the Central Zone Nominating Committee. Mr. Skibiski stated that most of what he had to say was printed in the Board’s most recent newsletter, and that information is as follows. Mr. Skibiski and Mr. Adewale attended the Engineering Forum, which included a discussion on the proposed edits to the Model Law to include Structural Engineering. Also discussed was the threshold for identifying “significant structures,” which logically came down to buildings in Occupancy Category III or IV and large or tall buildings, greater than four stories. The group also discussed developing generic standards for continuing education to be utilized by the member boards and a proposed registry kept by NCEES, to enhance mobility of licensure from state to state. All FE testing is now computer based and given by scheduling a time with local testing centers rather than one day in a big room with everyone else. The PS test is scheduled to go online in October 2016 and the PE test shortly thereafter. Discussions on voting in the business meeting have come back. Currently it is one vote for each board. States like Missouri representing 16,000 engineers and 900 surveyors get one total vote, while some northeastern states get two votes since their PE and PS boards are separate, and they represent a fraction of the number
represented by Missouri. Illinois gets three votes since they also have a separate Structural Engineering Board. Also discussed was the taking of the PE test early, prior to obtaining four years of experience. Missouri currently requires four years of experience after obtaining an accredited Engineering Degree. The General Business Meeting began with the normal introductions and reports. The motion to make SE a part of the Model Law language was debated and narrowly defeated, 32-31. There was a motion to send the “Masters or equivalent” as the required education for Model Law engineers back to the Education Committee for further study. This concept, or similarly worded ones, has been discussed many times. Mr. Skibiski stated that since he is now on the Education Committee, he will keep the Board up-to-date on any attempt to bring it back to be included in the Model Law.

Before going into closed session, Ms. Cramm reminded the Division Members that she will not be able to attend the Board’s January 2016 meeting as she has a previous commitment.

**Motion to Close**

At approximately 8:15 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. Ms. Cramm made a motion that the meeting be closed to the general public pursuant to Chapter 610.021 subsection (14) and 324.001.8, 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 Mr. Adewale. 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 3:50 p.m., the Professional Engineering Division Members reconvened in Open Session for the purpose of adjourning.
Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Adewale seconded by Ms. Cramm and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015.

ATTEST:

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Executive Director

Date Approved:______________________