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 in Salon G Meeting Room at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 30, 2018. A quorum being present, Chairman Skibiski declared the meeting open for business.

**Members Present**

Kevin C. Skibiski, Chair of the Division  
Abiodun “Abe” Adewale, Member of the Division  
Craig M. Lucas, Member of the Division

**Others Present**

Joseph Remmers  
Kelley Cramm  
Mike Jones  
Ron Younker  
Erik Timpson  
Stephen Finkbiner  
Gene Hill  
Richard Bennett  
Denne Roe  
Greg King  
Samantha Wesley (Mollet)  
Sam Mollet  
Tim L. Scott  
John Barker  
Lainie C. Gates
Open House with Area Licensees to Discuss Items of Common Interest Relative to Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulation of Engineering in the State of Missouri as set Forth in Chapter 327, RSMo

At approximately 8:00 a.m. the Members of the Professional Engineering Division were joined by area licensed Professional Engineers. They discussed items of common interest relating to licensure, enforcement, and regulation of engineering in the State of Missouri as set forth in Chapter 327, RSMo. At approximately 8:55 a.m., the area licensed Professional Engineers departed the meeting.

The Professional Engineering Division Members then moved to Salon D to continue its meeting.

Members Present

Kevin C. Skibiski, Chair of the Division
Abiodun “Abe” Adewale, 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 are 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

Mr. Adewale made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2018 Professional Engineering Division Open Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lucas and unanimously carried.
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.

Please note that at approximately 9:12 a.m., Richard Bennett, P.E. joined the meeting.

Review and discussion of Open items on the full Board’s July 30 and 31, 2018 Open Agenda

Chairman Skibiski stated that during the Open House, the Professional Engineering Division Members discussed “Decoupling” the professional engineering examination with the area licensees. Most of those present were in favor of “decoupling” the PE exam. Chairman Skibiski reported that the Board’s Executive Director, Judy Kempker, had explained the process. In order for an applicant to apply for licensure as a professional engineer by examination, they must meet the Board’s educational requirements, take and pass the NCEES Fundamentals of Engineering Examination (FE), be enrolled as an Engineer Intern, take and pass the Professional Engineering Examination (PE), and have four (4) years of satisfactory engineering experience after graduating and receiving the required engineering degree. Upon receipt of an application it would be processed by Board staff, forwarded to the Professional Engineering Division for their review and upon approval, would be licensed as a Professional Engineer by examination. Processing, reviewing, and licensing should all be done in a timelier manner. When individuals apply for a Council Record, NCEES staff will review their file to determine if it meets the Model Law criteria. The applicant does not have to request this. If they qualify, their record will include the appropriate designation. At the August 2014 annual meeting, NCEES approved a change to its Model Law to decouple experience and timing of the PE exam; therefore, those qualifying individuals who took the exam in another state under the decoupling rule and then made application to NCEES for a Council Record were automatically given Model Law Engineer status once they acquired their four years of engineering experience. The Board previously directed Ms. Kempker to approve all Model Law Engineer applications in-house even if the applicants acquired their four years of engineering experience prior to taking the exam. Therefore, if the Missouri Board allowed decoupling, it would be no different than what the Board is currently doing by approving Model Law Engineer applicants for licensure. Upon discussion, the Professional Engineering Division Members decided to discuss this matter at the NCEES annual meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona and then decide at its November 2018 quarterly meeting if the Missouri Board should start “Decoupling.” Chairman Skibiski directed this matter be placed back on the Board’s November 2018 meeting agenda for further discussion.
Full Board Open Agenda Item # 8, Update regarding contact with Dean Richard Wlezien encouraging him and other professors at Missouri University of Science and Technology to become licensed as well as general discussion pertaining to the licensing of University faculty – Chairman Skibiski reported that he had a meeting with Dr. Chris Maples, Chancellor for the Missouri University of Science and Technology to continue their conversation regarding licensure of professors teaching advanced engineering courses. Chairman Skibiski stated that Dr. Maples is receptive to the idea of licensure and Dr. Maples will continue his efforts with the faculty at Missouri University of Science and Technology to work toward licensure. Chairman Skibiski said that the Board also needs to work with the University of Missouri at Columbia as well as the University of Missouri – Kansas City to stress the importance of licensure for their faculty.

Full Board Open Agenda Item #14A, Update from Chair of the Professional Engineering Division to report on actions taken at the NCEES Central Zone meeting held on May 2, 3, 4 and 5, 2018 in Rapid City, South Dakota – Chairman Skibiski reported that all three Professional Engineering Division Members along with Professional Land Surveying Division Chair, Mike Freeman, and the Board’s Executive Director, Judy Kempker, attended the NCEES Central Zone meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota on May 2, 3, 4 and 5, 2018. Chairman Skibiski reported that Mr. Adewale was elected by unanimous vote to be the new Assistant Vice President for the Central Zone.

Full Board Open Agenda Item #22a, Review and discussion of the Board’s practice of allowing Architects, Professional Engineers, or Professional Land Surveyors to be the Licensed Managing Agent for Professional Landscape Architectural Certificates of Authority – The Professional Engineering Division Members discussed this agenda item and determined that Architects and Professional Engineers can absolutely sign and seal plans for landscape architecture. Chairman Skibiski said that he did not think there were enough Missouri licensed Professional Landscape Architects to serve as managing agents for landscape architectural firms; therefore, Missouri licensed Architects and Professional Engineers would have to be the managing agent.

**Motion to Close**

At approximately 9:40 a.m., Chairman Skibiski 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. Lucas made a motion that the meeting be closed to the general public pursuant to Chapter 610.021 subsection (14) and Section 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 these meetings. The motion
was seconded by Mr. Adewale. A roll call vote was taken and it unanimously carried. Chairman Skibiski asked all visitors to please leave the room. Upon the departure of Mr. Bennett, Chairman Skibiski then declared the meeting closed to the general public.

**Reconvene in Open Session**

At approximately 11:15 a.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. Lucas seconded by Mr. Adewale and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. on Monday, July 30, 2018.

ATTEST:

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Executive Director

Date Approved:______________________