

**Florida Board of Professional Engineers
Rules Committee Minutes
March 20, 2017
10 a.m. – FBPE Office via conference call
Tallahassee, FL**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Determination of Quorum and Address Absences

Mr. Bracken called the meeting to order. Ms. Raybon called roll.

Committee Members Present:

William Bracken, P.E., S.I., Chair
Roland Dove, P.E.
Kevin Fleming, P.E.
Warren Hahn, P.E.
Elizabeth Howard, Public Member

Others:

Larry Harris, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel

Staff Present:

Zana Raybon, Executive Director
Rebecca Sammons, Assistant Executive Director

2. Introduction of Guests and Announcements
3. Review/Open Rule 61G15-21.001 – Written Examination Designated; General Requirements

Mr. Bracken reviewed the reason why the rule is on the agenda and asked Ms. Raybon to brief the committee on the reasoning for the proposed changes to the rule.

Mr. Bracken stated that he would like to suggest some minor changes to the proposed changes.

Upon motion by Mr. Hahn, seconded by Mr. Fleming, to approve proposed amended changes to Rule 61G15-21.001 as follows:

61G15-21.001 ~~Written~~ Examination Designated; General Requirements.

(1) Pursuant to sections 471.013 and 471.015(1), F.S., ~~The Florida Board of Engineers hereby determines that a written~~ an examination shall be given and passed prior to any applicant receiving a license to practice as a professional engineer, or as an engineer intern in the State of Florida, except as provided in subsections Section 471.015(3) and (5), F.S. The examination shall be provided by the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors (NCEES). ~~The examination consists of two parts, Part I, or the fundamentals examination, and Part II, or the~~

~~principles and practices examination. After January 1, 2014, the fundamentals examination will be a computer based examination rather than written.~~

(a) Part I of the examination provided by NCEES is the Fundamentals of Engineering examination.

(b) Part II of the examination provided by NCEES for all disciplines other than structural is the Principles and Practices of Engineering examination, and is given by discipline. ~~National examination security requirements as set forth by the NCEES shall be followed throughout the administration of the examination.~~

(c) For Part II of the examination in lieu of the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination ~~for structural engineering~~, an applicant can take the sixteen (16) hour Structural Engineering examination provided by NCEES, ~~either the structural component of the civil engineering exam or can take the separate structural examination which is sixteen (16) hours, consisting of an eight (8) hour vertical forces component and eight (8) hour lateral forces component.~~

(2) National examination security requirements as established by the NCEES shall be followed throughout the administration of the examination.

(3) Applicants for licensure by examination must be graduates of a Board-approved engineering program as defined in Rule 61G15-20.001(2), F.A.C. Acceptance into the fundamentals examination, either in Florida or elsewhere, does not indicate automatic acceptance for the principles and practice examination, nor does it exempt said applicant from meeting the licensure eligibility criteria set forth in Chapter 471, F.S. and Chapter 61G15, F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 455.217(1) FS. Law Implemented 455.217(1), 471.015 FS. History—New 1-8-80, Formerly 21H-21.01, Amended 10-5-92, Formerly 21H-21.001, Amended 11-15-94, 10-14-02, 3-9-04, 2-3-05, 2-2-12, 9-25-13, _____.,

the motion passed.

4. Review/Open **Rule 61G15-23 - Seals**

Mr. Bracken reviewed the reason for the rule being on the agenda and that some of the changes are formatting issues and others are items that he thought needed to be cleaned up.

Mr. Bracken discussed the proposed changes and stated that the changes will be brought before the Board at the April meeting for their review and approval.

5. Review/Open **Rule 61G15-30.009 – Retention of Engineering Documents**

Mr. Bracken discussed the email from Mr. Said and discussion followed.

Mr. Bracken stated that this item will be referred to the Board with a recommendation of no action.

6. Review/Open **Rule 61G15-31.008 - Design of Foundations (letter from H.W. Barrineau & Associates)**

Mr. Bracken reviewed the letter from Mr. Barrineau and discussion followed.

Upon motion by Mr. Bracken, seconded by Mr. Dove, that the committee recommend to the full Board that it doesn't see the use of presumptive values violating our rules and the committee sees presumptive values being a starting point from which the engineers can use their judgment on how to proceed forward, the motion passed.

7. Establish Policy/Procedure Relating to 61G15-35.004 (2) (f) – Course & Certification specifics so as to determine sufficiency and equivalency

Mr. Bracken discussed this item and discussion followed.

This item was withdrawn.

8. Discussion on Establishing Responsibility Rules for Certificates of Authorizations

Mr. Harris stated that the committee needs to work on responsibility rules for Certificates of Authorizations and this has been in process for a while now. He hopes to have a draft of rules for the Board to review at the April meeting.

9. Email from Ms. Hill – Re: Shop Drawings (from Dec. 2016 FBPE Board Meeting)

Mr. Bracken reviewed the email from Ms. Hill and discussion followed. Mr. Bracken asked staff to get more information from Ms. Hill or possibly a scenario.

10. Old Business

11. New Business

12. Adjourn

Date, Time and Location of Next Rules Committee Meeting

July 17, 2017 at 2pm via conf. call

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