

**Agenda for  
The Florida Board of Professional Engineers  
July 8, 2020 beginning at 1:00 p.m. or soon thereafter  
Via video conferencing**

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

B. Introduction of guests

D. Approval of the Agenda

E. Rules Committee

#1. Follow up on Discussion of BIM Models (DOT requested an update)

#2. Review/Open **Rule 61G15-19.004 – Disciplinary Guidelines; Range of Penalties; Aggravating and Mitigating Circumstances** (JAPC letter and sent back to committee from the June 2020 FBPE Board Meeting to look at the rule based on discussion at meeting)  
(Exhibit E#2)

#3. Review/Open **Rule 61G15-19.0051 – Notice of Noncompliance**  
(Exhibit E#3)

- Incorrect reference in Rule 61G15-19.0051(1)(f). That rule references Rule 61G15-22.006(2)(b) and it should be (2)(c). -Legal (Wendy)
- Additionally, while John and Wendy were discussing the Notices of Non-Compliance being issued to those individuals who did not respond to the audit within 60 days, they noticed a couple of things.
  - i. First, subsection (2) does not apply to notices of non-compliance for audits. If there is a second offense, a citation will not be issued. We need to discuss options for a second offense which is probably just that a complaint will be opened. However, there is nothing in the rules about what penalty shall be imposed for that second offense. -Legal (Wendy)
  - ii. Second, there is nothing that ties the 60 day requirement noted in Rule 61G15-19.0051 to Rule 61G15-22.006. -Legal (Wendy)

#4. Review/Open **Rule 61G15-22.006 – Demonstrating Compliance; Audits; Investigations**  
(see bullets in E#3)  
(Exhibit 5)

#5. Review/Open **Rule 61G15-22.010 – Qualifying Activities for Laws and Rules Requirements**

(Exhibit E#5)

- Will the Board accept the Study Guide as satisfaction of the FL approved L&R CE course for audit/renewal purposes?

#6. Review/Open **Rule 61G15-22.0002 – Licensure Change of Status, Reactivation; Reinstatement of Void Licenses**

(Exhibit E#6)

- For consideration of expanding/modifying the live course requirement to webinar/live streaming/videoconferences. At the June meeting, the Board decided to handle requests as individual VWs, but the Rules Committee should discuss whether any rule modifications, either temporary or permanent, should be considered.

#7. Review/Open **Rule 22.009 – Exemptions from Continuing Education Requirements**

(Exhibit E#7)

- Newly licensed PEs in other state and trying to endorse into FL w/in their first renewal period (<2 years since took and passed exam and initial licensure). Will they be treated the same as a newly licensed in Fla. PE by exam who is exempt from CE for their first renewal period?

#8. Review/Open **Rule 61G15-23.001 and 23.004**

(Exhibit E#8)

- Email from Mr. Jeremy Bernauer, P.E. (from June 2020 FBPE Board meeting)
- Something we may need to discuss is the size of seals when utilizing digital signing and sealing. I have received calls from engineers about the size requirement and when building departments only allow a certain size plan be filed, it scales their seals which means they are below the size height. Just a thought. -Legal (Wendy)
- Email from Rob Velasco, P.E.;- Re: Question about Digitally Signing and Sealing Documents (from June 2020 FBPE Board meeting)

#9. Review/Open **Rule 61G15-23.003 – Procedures for Physically Signing and Sealing Plans, Specifications, Reports or Other Documents** (We need to revise subsection (2) to

remove the word “then.” It doesn’t work that way when you physically sign a document but have utilized an image of your seal.-Legal (Wendy))

(Exhibit E#9)

#10. Discussion on extending Emergency Rule

#11. Review/Open **Rule 61G15-20.002 - Experience** (trying to do something with construction management/verified experience. Trying to “tighten up” the definition of construction mgmt., sort of like we did with the SI experience verification forms, to help the applicants know what the board is looking for; also allow personal references to be work verifiers)  
(Exhibit E#11)

#12. Review/Open **61G15-Chapter 35 – Responsibility Rules of Professional Engineers providing Threshold Building Inspection** (SI Limited Rule and App)  
(Exhibit E#12)

F. NCEES  
(Babu Varghese, P.E., S.I., FBPE Liaison)

#1. 2020 NCEES Annual Meeting Update – appoint board member to cast ballot

G. Advisory Attorney’s Report

#1. Annual Regulatory Plan  
(Exhibit G#1)

H. Applications Review – Education and Experience will be done at one time and ratified at the same time

I. Old Business

J. New Business

K. Adjourn

