

**Florida Board of Professional Engineers
Rules Committee Minutes
August 4, 2020 @ 8:30 am
via video conference**

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

Mr. Fleming called the meeting to order. Ms. Sammons called roll.

Committee Members Present:

Kevin Fleming, P.E., Committee Chair
Dylan Albergo, P.E.
Babu Varghese, P.E., S.I.

Attorney General's Office:

Lawrence Harris, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Counsel to the Board

Staff Members Present:

Zana Raybon, Executive Director
John J. Rimes, III, Chief Prosecuting Attorney
Rebecca Sammons, Assistant Executive Director

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2. Introduction of Guests and Announcements

Wendy Anderson, FEMC Investigator

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3. Review/Open Rule **61G15-19.0071** – (to penalize licensees who do not keep their contact information current. 455.275 makes this a specific disciplinary violation)

Mr. Fleming discussed this rule and how licensees failure to keep their information current creates problems for staff.

Discussion followed.

The committee decided not to amend the rule but do a newsletter article detailing what the committee was considering for proposed rule amendments. Mr. Fleming will work with staff on the article.

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

Mr. Fleming discussed the emails in the meeting packet. Discussion followed.

The committee decided against any rule making on these issues but maybe do a newsletter article instead.

Ms. Anderson talked about the size of seals and the questions she gets about them.

Discussion followed.

Upon motion by Mr. Albergo, seconded by Mr. Varghese, to propose the following rule amendment to 61G15-23.003(2) to the full board at the August 2020 FBPE Board Meeting (Mr. Harris will provide the language to the board members prior to the board meeting):

61G15-23.002 Seals Acceptable to the Board.

(1) Only the following seals are authorized to be used pursuant to Section 471.025, F.S.;

(a) Wet Seals: A Wet Seal is any seal physically applied to a printed document capable of leaving a permanent ink representation or other form of opaque permanent impression on the printed document that complies with subsection 61G15-23.002(2), F.A.C.;

(b) Embossing Seals: An Embossing Seal is any seal physically applied to a printed document capable of leaving a permanent crimped representation or other form of permanent raised impression on the printed document that complies with subsection 61G15-23.002(2), F.A.C.; or

(c) Digitally Created Seals: A Digitally Created Seal is any seal created as part of the document and not physically applied that is an opaque permanent representation that complies with subsection 61G15-23.002(2), F.A.C.

(2) Wet Seals, Embossing Seals and Digitally Created Seals shall be a minimum of 1-7/8 inches in diameter and shall be of a design similar to those set forth in subsections (a), (b) and (c) below. When utilizing Digitally Created Seals, the requirement of a minimum diameter of 1-7/8 inches shall be met when the image is represented in native (unreduced) document size.

The motion passed.

Mr. Harris with the help of Mr. Fleming will respond to Mr. Velasco that the Rules Committee discussed this issue and that he can do as he wants.

5. 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)

Mr. Fleming discussed this and stated that the board may want to define construction engineering.

Discussion followed.

Staff was asked to put together information about construction experience as it relates to what is acceptable and what is not, as well as add NCEES sample descriptions, Mr. Varghese's article and description from NSPE for the board member's review and input. Mr. Fleming stated that he would ask some of the young engineers in his office to review it also.

Mr. Albergo talked about the Multidimensional Electronic Task Force and who he has asked to serve on the task force. Discussion followed on the makeup of the task force.

Mr. Harris discussed the way the task force should be done and how the first meeting should go. He suggested to ask specific questions of each person and have them report. Then the task force could come back with recommendation to board.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Adjourn

