Minutes for

The Florida Board of Professional Engineers May 8, 2024, beginning at 1 p.m. or soon thereafter Via video conference

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

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

Board Members Present:

Dylan Albergo, P.E., Chair Pankaj (PJ) Shah, P.E., Vice Chair Sam Mousa, P.E. Jeb Mulock, P.E. Yassi Myers, P.E. Denise Ramsey, P.E. Babu Varghese, P.E., S.I. James Gonzalez, Public Member

Board Member Absent:

John Pistorino, P.E., S.I. Christopher Dawson, Public Member

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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

Upon motion by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Mousa, to excuse absences of Mr. Dawson and Mr. Pistorino, the motion passed unanimously.

B. Introduction of guests and announcements as to presentations at a time certain

Gregor Catto, Senior Trade Policy Advisor, British Embassy
Philipp Clarke, Senior Trade Policy Advisor, British Consulate – General Atlanta
Rebecca Valentine, FBPE Paralegal

C. FBPE Mission and Scope

- #1. FBPE's Mission: To protect the health and safety of the public by properly regulating the practice of engineering within the State of Florida.
- #2. FBPE's Scope: To meet its statutory obligation and exercise its legislative authority by reviewing and approving engineering applications; managing, updating and enforcing the rules that govern the practice of engineering and to guard against the unlicensed practice of engineering within the State of Florida.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Upon motion by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Varghese, to approve the agenda, the motion passed unanimously.

E. NCEES

#1. Email about Ceremonial signing for the UK Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) at NCEES Annual Meeting

Mr. Albergo discussed the MRA and introduced Mr. Catto and Mr. Clarke. Mr. Catto and Mr. Clarke addressed the board about the agreement. Discussion followed.

The board voted unanimously to support the agreement.

Disciplinary Hearings

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Description of Disciplinary Process by Dylan Albergo, P.E. A BOARD OF

F. Informal Hearing

#1. Fitzgerald, Geoffrey, P.E.

P.E. Number: 66936

FEMC Case Number: 2022037799

Probable Cause Panel Date: May 10, 2023, November 01, 2023 Probable Cause Panel: Matthews, Fleming, Pistorino, & Ramsey

Represented by: William B. Graham, Esq.

Mr. Fitzgerald was present and along with counsel, Mr. Jeff Foster. Mr. Fitzgerald was sworn in prior to addressing the board.

Mr. Rimes outlined the facts of the case. The charges relate to a violation of Section 471.033(1)(a), F.S.: Violating ... any other provision of this chapter or rule of the board or department. Rule 61G15-19.001(6)(s), F.A.C.: Renewing or reactivating a license without completion of Continuing Education (CE) hours.

Probable Cause was found on May 10, 2023, on the issue of respondent. Administrative Complaint was authorized and filed on May 23, 2023, and an Amended Administrative Complaint filed on November 14, 2023. A signed Election of Rights requesting an Informal Hearing was returned to the FBPE office December 11, 2023, and a statement of explanation/mitigation was returned to the FBPE office on January 8, 2024.

A signed Statement of Undisputed Material Facts has been received on January 8, 2024.

The Probable Cause Panel recommendation was to amend the administrative complaint, an administrative fine of \$2,000.00, administrative costs of \$130.65, reprimand, appearance before the board to discuss how this situation occurred, what improvements and quality control measures will be implemented to prevent this circumstance from occurring in the future, complete the Auburn P&E Course, and complete of the Board's Study Guide.

Upon motion by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Mr. Mulock, that the respondent was properly served with the administrative compliant and filed an election of rights electing a Chapter 120.57(2) hearing not involving disputed issue of material facts, to convene such hearing, to accept the Statement of Undisputed Material Facts presented as the Board's findings of fact, to accept the entire investigative file of the case including the supplemental materials into evidence, to adopt the allegations in the administrative compliant as the Board's conclusions of law, and to find a violation of the practice act upon which discipline may be imposed, the motion passed.

Mr. Foster addressed the board. Mr. Fitzgerald addressed the board. Discussion followed.

Upon motion by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Mousa, to accept the PCP penalty minus the fine and reprimand, the motion passed unanimously.

Application Review

- G. Review of Applications Education and Experience will be done at one time and ratified at the same time
 - PE Licensure Applications
 - SI Applications
 - El Endorsement Applications
 - FRSE Applications

Ms. Sammons read the list of the applicants and the reasons for review for each application. The Board proceeded through the list with discussion as appropriate to the decision.

Upon motion by Mr. Varghese seconded by Mr. Mousa, that the list read by Ms. Sammons is approved as the decisions of the board, the motion passed.

- H. Old Business
- I. New Business
- J. Adjourn



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				Board Member	
Name	Application Type	Approved:	Denied:	Assigned:	Comments:
1 Bullock, Gilbert	FRSE Application	DA		Albergo	
2 Lista, Walter	FRSE Application	DA		Albergo	
					lacks required 48s mos of verfied eng. Exp. (Has never had
3 Iloanya, Nkemefuna	P.E. NCEES Endorsement		DA/DR	Albergo/Ramsey	a supervising engineer for experience)
					Lacks verified engineering experience. Only has one period
4 Rivera, Omar	P.E. Endorsement		DA/DR	Albergo/Ramsey	of experience (08-14) verified.
					Experience verified by a practicing engineer who graduated (1997) two years after the applicant (1995). Work exp. #3
5 Rivers, Brian	P.E. NCEES Endorsement		DA/DR	Albergo/Ramsey	on listing does not match what was provided
6 Churches Jr., Charles	P.E. Special Inspector		DA/BV	Albergo/Varghese	supplemental materials did not clear deficiencies
7 Mrachek, Stephen	P.E. Special Inspector		DA/BV	Albergo/Varghese	supplemental materials did not clear deficiencies
8 Anand, Gunwant	P.E. NCEES Endorsement		JG/PS	Gonzalez/Shah	Lacks 9 hours of general education.
9 Humayun, Sohail	P.E. NCEES Endorsement		JG/PS	Gonzalez/Shah	Lacks bio or chem in M&BS and lacks 1.6 hrs. general ed.
10 Hurlbutt, Holly	El Endorsement		JG/PS	Gonzalez/Shah	incomplete for over 1yr
11 Montoya, Santiago	P.E. NCEES Endorsement		JG/PS	Gonzalez/Shah	Lacks 1 of 2 science courses.
12 Rangwala, Aliasgar	P.E. NCEES Endorsement		JG/PS	Gonzalez/Shah	Lacks 7 hours of general education.
13 Wan, Wenfent	El Endorsement		JG/PS	Gonzalez/Shah	incomplete for over 1yr
14 Yaqoob, Nasir	El Endorsement		JG/PS	Gonzalez/Shah	lacks a science
15 Greenberg, Evan	P.E. NCEES Endorsement	SM		Mousa	
16 Kennedy, John	P.E. NCEES Endorsement		SM/DA	Mousa	lacks required 48mos of verified eng. Exp
17 Khonde, Santosh	FRSE Application		SM	Mousa	
18 Lynch, Patrick	P.E. NCEES Endorsement	SM		Mousa	
19 Sanz, Carlos	FRSE Application		SM	Mousa	
20 Abreu, Andres	P.E. Endorsement	JM		Mulock	
21 Durban, Lee	P.E. NCEES Endorsement	JM		Mulock	
22 Friedler, Roi	P.E. NCEES Endorsement	JM		Mulock	
23 Higgins, Diana	FRSE Application		JM	Mulock	
24 Pick, Richard	FRSE Application		JM	Mulock	
25 Forand, Robert	FRSE Application	YM		Myers	
26 McCain, Michael	P.E. NCEES Endorsement	YM		Myers	

					Board Member	
	Name	Application Type	Approved:	Denied:	Assigned:	Comments:
27	Mulka, Matthew	P.E. NCEES Endorsement	YM		Myers	
28	Ochoa, Eugenio	FRSE Application	YM		Myers	
29	Minnekanti, Srinivas Prudhvi	P.E. NCEES Endorsement		YM/DR	Myers/Ramsey	lacks 2.5hrs of gen ed
30	Donaldson, Jacob	FRSE Application		DR	Ramsey	
31	Medina Alfonso, Juan	FRSE Application		DR	Ramsey	
32	Rodriguez Molier, Claudia	P.E. Endorsement	DR		Ramsey	
33	Story, Jonathan	P.E. NCEES Endorsement	DR		Ramsey	
						lacks required eng exp. Second work verifier was not
34	Nisiama Zaki, Fernando	P.E. Endorsement		DR/BV	Ramsey/ Varghese	supervisor
35	Eilers, Michael	FRSE Application	PS		Shah	
36	Norton, Robert	FRSE Application		PS	Shah	
37	Purohit, Nitindranath	P.E. NCEES Endorsement	PS		Shah	
38	Reichwein, Stephen	P.E. NCEES Endorsement	PS		Shah	
39	Robb, Douglass	P.E. NCEES Endorsement	PS		Shah	
40	Kidwell, Paul	FRSE Application	BV		Varghese	
41	Lomax, Melissa	P.E. Special Inspector - LIMITED	BV		Varghese	
42	Sapp, Daniel	P.E. Special Inspector - LIMITED	BV		Varghese	
43	Shick, Michael	P.E. NCEES Endorsement	BV		Varghese	
44	Sukhdeo, Tex	P.E. NCEES Endorsement	BV		Varghese	
45	Victor, Hernandez	FRSE Application	BV		Varghese	
46	Weaver, Jacob	P.E. NCEES Endorsement	BV		Varghese	
						1. Inspection experience is acceptable. Item #7 should be by SI, and not by applicant. The applicant should explain the inspection experience in NJ; SI for the NY project (#4) was by a person licensed in NJ (?). 2. Design experience is acceptable. Even with the overlapping months, the
47	Dipompeo, Joseph	P.E. Special Inspector - LIMITED		BV/DA	Varghese/Albergo	applicant has acceptable experience.