

**Florida Board of Professional Engineers
Rules Committee Minutes
February 12, 2025 @ 9:30am
Holiday Inn Express & Suites
Jacksonville, FL & Via video conference**

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

Ms. Ramsey called the meeting to order. Ms. Raybon called roll.

Committee Members Present:

Denise Ramsey, P.E., Chair
Yassi Myers, P.E.
John Pistorino, P.E., S.I.
James Gonzalez, Public Member

Attorney General's Office:

Lawrence Harris, Sr. 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

2. Introduction of Guests and Announcements

Brock Shrader, P.E., FBPE Board Member
Wendy Anderson, FEMC Investigator
Bill Lampkin, FBPE Public Information Officer
Angelina Fairchild, P.E., FES
Jamie M. Graham, P.E.

3. Review/Open **Rule 61G15-19.004 - Disciplinary Guidelines; Range of Penalties; Aggravating and Mitigating Circumstances** (email about clarification from Suzanne Arambel)

Mr. Harris discussed the proposed rule. Further discussion followed.

Upon motion by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, to present the proposed rule amendment as presented in the meeting materials to the full board for action, the motion passed.

4. Review/Open **Rule 61G15-20.007 and Rule 61G15-20.008** – (from Dec. 2024 FBPE Bd Mtg-discussion on removing general education requirements and looking at M&BS requirements due to FS455.213)

Mr. Harris discussed the proposed rule. Further discussion followed.

Upon motion by Mr. Pistorino, seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, to present the proposed rule amendment as presented in the meeting materials to the full board for action, the motion passed.

5. Review/Open **Rule 61G15- 22.011 – Board Approval of Continuing Education Providers** (referred from Dec 2024 FBPE Bd Mtg)

Mr. Harris discussed the proposed rule. Further discussion followed.

Upon motion by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Pistorino, to present the proposed rule amendment as amended to the full board for action, the motion passed.

6. Review/Open **Rule 61G15-22.012 - Obligations of Continuing Education Providers (from Dec. 2024 FBPE Bd Mtg)**

Mr. Harris discussed the proposed rule. Further discussion followed.

Upon motion by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Pistorino, to present the proposed rule amendment as amended to the full board for action, the motion passed.

7. Review/Open **Rule 61G15-23.005 – Procedures for Electronically Signing and Sealing Electronically Transmitted Plans, Specifications, Reports or Other Documents** (email from FEMC Investigator—look at why we say SHA-1)

Mr. Harris discussed the proposed rule. Further discussion followed.

Upon motion by Mr. Pistorino, seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, to present the proposed rule amendment as presented in the meeting materials to the full board for action, the motion passed.

8. Review/Open **Rule 61G15-32.004 – Design of Water Based Fire Protection Systems** (follow-up on comments from JAPC)

Mr. Harris discussed the proposed rule and the history of the reasons that the rule is on the agenda. Further discussion followed.

Upon motion by Mr. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Myers, to present the proposed rule amendment as amended to the full board for action, the motion passed.

9. Discussion on FS 481.219 – can we add something about this in our statute since it mentions engineering (from legal department)

Mr. Harris discussed this. Further discussion followed. This issue is being brought to the full board for their discussion.

10. Old Business

Ms. Myers discussed CE Providers and who can offer a course. Further discussion followed. Ms. Myers will write an article about this issue.

11. New Business

Ms. Ramsey discussed the 15/20 rule in Rule 61G15-20.0010 and whether we need to work on this based on the new statute. Mr. Harris addressed this. Further discussion followed.

Upon motion by Mr. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Myers, to remove the language of about 15/20 and renumber the paragraphs and bring the language to the full board for review:

61G15-20.0010 Application for Licensure as Professional Engineer.

(1) - (2) No Change.

(3) ~~The Board shall deem that an applicant for licensure, who has an engineering or engineering technology degree from a program that is not EAC/ABET accredited, has demonstrated substantial equivalency to an EAC/ABET or ETAC/ABET accredited engineering program, as required by Rules 61G15-20.007 and 61G15-20.008, F.A.C., when such applicant has held a valid professional engineer's license in another state for 15 years and has had 20 years of professional level engineering experience, to include the active practice of engineering for at least 3 of the last 5 years.~~

(4) - (6) Renumbered (3) – (5).

The motion passed.

12. Adjourn