

**Minutes for  
The Florida Board of Professional Engineers  
April 8, 2026, beginning at 1:00 p.m. or soon thereafter and  
April 9, 2026, beginning at 8:30 a.m., or soon thereafter  
Via video conference**

**Part I – Wednesday, April 8, 2026**

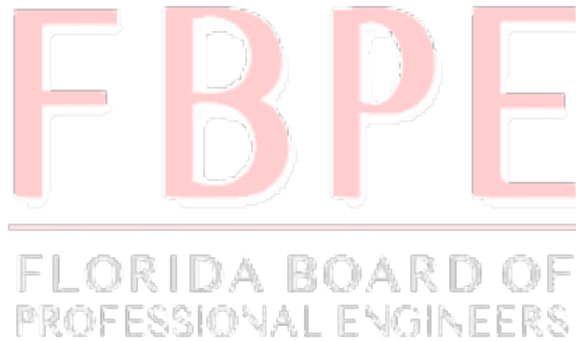
A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, and Address Absences.

**Board Members Present:**

James Gonzalez, Public Member, Chair  
Brock Shrader, P.E., Vice Chair  
Dylan Albergo, P.E.  
Christopher Forehand, P.E.  
Jeb Mulock, P.E.  
Yassi Myers, P.E.  
John Pistorino, P.E., S.I.  
Denise Ramsey, P.E.  
Pankaj (PJ) Shah, P.E.  
Richard Temple, P.E., S.I.



**Board Members Absent:**

Christopher Dawson, Public Member

**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. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Mulock, to excuse the absence of Mr. Dawson, the motion passed unanimously.

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

Ed Bayo, Esq.

Andrew Lovenstein, P.E., FSEA  
Veroncia Bayo Clifford, Esq.  
Ezer Gill  
Jamie Graham, P.E., FES  
Jaime Ghitelman, P.E., FES  
Mark Tumeo, Ph.D., P.E., FEMC Chair

D. 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.

E. Approval of the Agenda

Upon motion by Ms. Ramsey, seconded by Ms. Myers, to approve the agenda, the motion passed.

F. Approval of Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Ms. Myers, seconded by Ms. Ramsey, to approve the consent agenda, the motion passed.

#1. Minutes from February 11-12, 2026, FBPE Board Meeting

Approved under consent agenda.

#2. Minutes from March 11, 2026, FBPE PCP Meeting

Approved under consent agenda.

#3. Minutes from March 11, 2026, FBPE Board Meeting

Approved under consent agenda.

#4. 25-26 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr FEMC Report

Approved under consent agenda.

G. Committee Reports

#1. Probable Cause Panel **(Next Meeting: May 6, 2026, at 8:30 am via video conference – Panel A)**

(Panel A: Robert Matthews, P.E., Chair; John Pistorino, P.E., S.I.; Brock Shrader, P.E.)

(Panel B: Robert Matthews, P.E., Chair; Yassi Myers, P.E.; Richard Temple, P.E., S.I.)

Alternate for both panels: Jeb Mulock, P.E.

(a) Committee Chair's Report.

#2. Rules Committee **(Next Meeting: May 5, 2026, at 1pm via video conference)**

(Denise Ramsey, P.E., Chair; Christopher Forehand, P.E.; James Gonzalez, Public Member; John Pistorino, P.E., S.I.; Brock Shrader, P.E.)

(a) Committee Chair's Report.

#3. Evaluation of Damaged Structures Committee (formerly Roofing Tile Issue Committee) **(Next Meeting: TBD)**

(John Pistorino, P.E., S.I., Chair; Dylan Albergo, P.E.; Pankaj Shah, P.E.; Jeb Mulock, P.E.; Richard Temple, P.E., S.I.)

(a) Committee Chair's Report.

H. NCEES

(James Gonzalez, Public Member, FBPE Liaison)

#1. 2026 NCEES Southern Zone Meeting –San Juan, PR – April 23-25

Mr. Gonzalez discussed the meeting.

Upon motion by Ms. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Shah, to authorize Mr. Gonzalez to vote on behalf of the board, the motion passed.

#2. Appoint Three Funded Delegates for 2026 NCEES Annual Meeting – Henderson, NV– August 18-21  
(Exhibit H#2)

Ms. Raybon discussed the NCEES annual meeting. Discussion followed.

The three funded delegates will be Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Shrader and Mr. Shah.

New board members were encouraged to attend the NCEES Annual Meeting as first-time attendees, with members noting the value of the meeting for understanding the

relationship between the state board and the national council. Mr. Forehand and Mr. Temple were informed that NCEES provides travel funding for first-year attendees only. Mr. Temple shared that he is unable to attend this year due to his daughter's wedding but plans to attend next year at his own expense.

Members discussed the benefits of attending NCEES meetings, including networking opportunities and pathways to committee involvement. The Southern Zone was noted as particularly active and competitive, making networking especially important for those seeking committee appointments. New members interested in serving on committees were advised to complete the NCEES interest survey, and Mr. Shrader confirmed he is currently working on his submission.

The board also discussed the process for joining NCEES committees and task forces. Members recommended contacting the current president-elect, Sam Wilson of Washington, D.C., to express interest in serving, indicate committee preferences, and demonstrate willingness to serve in any capacity. Denise noted that even committees outside a member's primary interest, such as the Exam Audit Committee, provide valuable insight into exam development, cut scores, and examination procedures. Members also noted that the president-elect may establish one-year task forces that offer additional opportunities for involvement and learning.

Finally, members encouraged attendance at the NCEES August meeting, even for those not serving on committees, citing the meeting's educational value and networking opportunities with board members from other states.

## I. Advisory Attorney's Report

### #1. Rules Report

Mr. Harris presented the Rules report for the board's review and consideration.

### #2. Rule Review Filed With JAPC, March 30, 2026

Mr. Harris, Advisory Attorney, presented the board's comprehensive rule review report submitted to the Legislature pursuant to section 120.5435, Florida Statutes. He explained that all agencies were required to complete and file these reports by April 1, and confirmed the board successfully met the deadline.

Mr. Harris noted that the report begins on page 128 of the agenda materials, with the related Joint Administrative Procedures Committee (JAPC) filing beginning on page 130. He explained that the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) divided Chapter 61 rule reviews into five annual "tranches," assigning specific boards to each review year. The Engineering Board was included in the Year 1 group, along with the Cosmetology and Barbers Boards.

Mr. Harris outlined the review process and explained that each rule reviewed resulted in one of three determinations:

- no change needed;
- technical or substantive revisions required; or
- repeal consideration.

Mr. Harris reported that no rules were identified for repeal because the board has consistently removed unnecessary rules in recent years.

He further explained the distinction between technical and substantive changes:

- **Technical changes** involved correcting statutory citations or rulemaking history references and were completed administratively through correspondence with the Department of State. These changes have already been finalized and published.
- **Substantive changes** require formal rulemaking procedures.

Mr. Harris described two categories of substantive changes:

1. **Technical-substantive changes**, which are non-policy corrections requiring formal rulemaking, such as updating statutory references or Florida Building Code citations; and
2. **Policy-based substantive changes**, which require board discussion and policy determinations.

As an example of a policy-based issue, Mr. Harris referenced JAPC concerns regarding Rule 61G15-18.003, Grounds for Disciplinary Proceedings, specifically language including “reasonable warnings” and “duties normally required,” which JAPC identified as potentially vague under amended rulemaking standards. The board will need to determine whether the language should be revised, clarified, amended, or deleted.

Mr. Harris advised that the rule review worksheets prepared by him and Ms. Raybon are on page 139 of the agenda materials. He stated that completed technical changes begin on page 243, while pending substantive changes are separated into:

- Group 1 – technical-substantive changes; and
- Group 2 – policy-based substantive changes requiring board discussion.

Mr. Harris noted that, to comply with statutory deadlines, rule development for all substantive changes was initiated by April 1.

Mr. Harris then explained the Department’s request to expedite the Group 1 technical-substantive changes at the current meeting, rather than routing them first through the Rules Committee. Although the original plan was to send all substantive changes to the Rules Committee, the Department requested immediate board action so the changes could be completed before the May Rules Committee meeting. Mr. Harris and Ms.

Raybon agreed to the request to maintain an effective working relationship with the Department.

The proposed Group 1 rule language begins on page 261. Mr. Harris highlighted an example involving Rule 61G15-18.001, which updated a date reference from December 31, 2023, to March 18, 2026. During discussion, it was noted that the proposed reference to the “Ninth Edition” of the Florida Building Code was incorrect and should instead reference the “Eighth Edition.”

Mr. Harris also informed the board that recent statutory changes prohibit agencies from including “sunset” language in rules, requiring removal of such language where applicable.

To streamline the process, Mr. Harris prepared draft rule text and draft Statements of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC) worksheets for the Group 1 changes, beginning on page 272. He explained that these changes were appropriate for advance drafting because they involve limited policy or economic impact. He stated this approach was intended to save board time by allowing members to review and vote on the materials collectively, subject to any amendments discussed during the meeting. He clarified that he would not pre-draft SERC worksheets for Group 2 policy-based changes because those issues require board policy judgment.

Mr. Harris advised that the Rules Committee would begin reviewing the Group 2 policy matters at upcoming meetings, likely over several sessions. He referenced additional JAPC concerns involving phrases such as “if applicable to the project” in HVAC and fire protection responsibility rules, noting JAPC questioned whether such language grants unbridled agency discretion. He stated the Rules Committee and Board would need to determine whether those phrases are recognized terms of art within the engineering profession or whether clarification is necessary.

Finally, Mr. Harris requested that the Board:

1. review the proposed Group 1 rule language;
2. review the draft SERC worksheets; and
3. vote to approve publication of the proposed rule changes and SERC determinations, including any amendments discussed during the meeting, such as correcting the Florida Building Code reference to the Eighth Edition.

He stated the goal was to publish the changes by the following week in order to satisfy the Department’s timeline.

#3. Rule Review Worksheets as Filed with JAPC

#4. Technical Changes Made March 20, 2026

#5. Notices of Rules Developments for Substantive Changes

#6. Group 1 of Substantive Changes to be considered and acted upon

Mr. Gonzalez asked for guidance regarding the most efficient process for reviewing the proposed rule changes, specifically whether the Board should proceed rule-by-rule or discuss any exceptions before voting on the items collectively.

Mr. Harris advised that, because the proposed language changes were not complex and board members were presumed to have reviewed the materials in advance, the most efficient approach would be to discuss any specific comments, concerns, or revisions and then consider the items through a single group vote.

Mr. Harris also noted that certain items within the draft Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC) worksheets were highlighted in yellow, indicating that additional information from staff was still needed before final approval and voting could occur.

A question was raised regarding Rule 61G15-18.00121 on page 261, which references the Florida Building Code. During the discussion, the Board clarified that the correct reference should be to the **Eighth Edition of the Florida Building Code and its supplements**.

It was proposed to amend the rule language to expressly include “and supplements” in order to clarify that the adopted code includes all applicable supplements issued by the Florida Building Commission. Concern was expressed that including the phrase could create future maintenance issues if additional supplements are issued after the rule’s effective date.

Mr. Harris clarified that incorporated materials must, by law, be tied to a specific effective date (“date certain”), meaning the rule would require updating whenever new supplements are adopted regardless of whether the clarifying language is included. He advised that adding the language would provide greater clarity without creating additional substantive obligations.

The Board further discussed that no major code changes are anticipated before the next code edition is released in December; however, monitoring future supplements and initiating any necessary rulemaking updates will remain an ongoing responsibility.

Upon motion by Mr. Shah, seconded by Ms. Ramsey, to amend the rule language to reference the Eighth Edition of the Florida Building Code and its supplements, the motion passed.

Mr. Gonzalez asked the board members for a discussion regarding any remaining proposed rule changes rather than reviewing each rule individually. Board members indicated they had no additional comments or requested revisions to the remaining rules in the section.

Upon motion by Ms. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Shah, to accept all remaining proposed rule changes and language as presented in the agenda materials, the motion passed unanimously.

#### #7. Staff Initial Draft of SERC Worksheets for Group 1 Rules, above

Mr. Harris advised the Board that the next portion of the rule review process involved addressing the SERC questions associated with the proposed rule changes, beginning on page 281 of the agenda materials.

Discussion first focused on the deletion of outdated notices of noncompliance language in Rules 61G15-19.051 and 61G15-19.071 related to electronic signing and sealing violations for multidimensional models. Mr. Harris explained that the language reflected a phased enforcement approach that expired in 2023, beginning with notices of noncompliance, progressing to citation offenses, and ultimately formal disciplinary action. The proposed updates remove the obsolete language and renumber the remaining citations accordingly.

The Board then reviewed and provided estimates and supporting figures for the SERC worksheets to quantify the impact of various rule changes. The following data was discussed and accepted for inclusion:

- Four notices of noncompliance and zero citations were issued during the last fiscal year for the rules proposed for deletion;
- 4,217 applications were received under Rule 61G15-20.002 according to the annual report;
- An estimated 25 applications per year from individuals with non-accredited technology degrees was accepted as a reasonable good-faith estimate because the Board does not specifically track those applicants;
- 173 participants were recorded for the SI Recognition Program in 2025;
- Ten low-income and military veteran fee waivers were granted during the last fiscal year; and
- SI applicant figures of 46 in 2025, 72 in 2024, and 22 thus far in the current year supported an estimated annual impact of approximately 45–50 applicants.

The Board also discussed several rule changes for which precise impact data could not reasonably be quantified, including continuing education exemptions, delegated engineer use for prefabricated wood trusses, and updated fire protection and alarm system responsibility rules. Members agreed that while these updates may affect many

licensees, they are primarily code-reference updates with no anticipated substantive cost impact.

Upon motion by Ms. Ramsey, seconded by Ms. Myers to accept the answers, estimates, and figures provided for the SERC worksheets, the motion passed.

#### #8. Draft Amendments of SI & SI Limited Applications **and Proposed Rule Amendments**

Mr. Harris presented proposed amendments to the Special Inspector (SI) and SI Limited application forms for board review. He explained that the revisions were being expedited to comply with the April 1 statutory deadline, although the original intent had been for the Rules Committee to review the changes in May. Mr. Harris noted that green highlighting was used throughout the draft forms because the original forms already contained red text formatting.

The Board reviewed several proposed revisions to the applications, including:

- clarifying the qualifying experience pathways for threshold inspectors;
- removing expired sunset language;
- adding checkboxes to identify whether a project involves new or existing structures; and
- updating outdated rule language and certification references within the forms.

During discussion, Mr. Harris acknowledged that a checkbox identifying the applicant's qualification pathway had inadvertently been omitted from the regular SI application and should be added to match the SI Limited application.

Board members then engaged in extensive discussion regarding whether qualifying SI experience must be obtained after licensure as a Professional Engineer (post-licensure experience). Members noted that the current rule language does not expressly state whether the required structural inspection experience must occur before or after PE licensure, resulting in differing interpretations during application reviews.

Several members recalled that the original intent of the SI designation was for a licensed PE to gain additional field inspection experience under the supervision of another PE or SI. Other members expressed concern that requiring all qualifying experience to be post-licensure would be economically impractical and inconsistent with longstanding industry practice, where Engineers Interns and graduate engineers commonly perform inspections under supervision prior to licensure.

Discussion further clarified that the SI application process already requires verification of supervised experience by the Engineer of Record or supervising SI, which addresses concerns regarding quality control and oversight of pre-licensure experience. Members generally agreed that supervised experience obtained prior to PE licensure could appropriately count toward SI qualification requirements.

Following discussion, the Board reached consensus that the current rules do not require SI experience to be exclusively post-licensure. However, members agreed that the application forms and related rule language should return to the Rules Committee for additional technical cleanup, clarification, and preparation of related certification questions before returning to the full Board for final consideration in June.

Upon motion by Ms. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Shah, to refer this rule back to the Rules Committee for further technical revisions and clarification, the motion passed.

#### #9. JAPC Correspondence on Rule 61G15-26.001

Mr. Harris presented a late-filed item concerning proposed amendments to Rule 61G15-26.0012 in order to align the rule with other technical, non-substantive rule changes currently being processed by the Board.

Mr. Harris explained that the proposed amendment consists solely of deleting subsection (2), which contains outdated sunset language, without making any substantive changes to the rule itself. Mr. Harris further advised that, because the amendment is purely technical in nature, the 14 certification or SERC-related questions were not required for this rulemaking action.

The Board discussed the proposal and agreed that the amendment was consistent with the Board's broader effort to remove expired sunset provisions from its rules.

Upon motion by Ms. Ramsey, seconded by Ms. Myers, to open Rule 61G15-26.0012 for rule development, propose deletion of subsection (2), and determine that the certification questions were not applicable, the motion passed unanimously.

#### J. Executive Director's Report

##### #1. Legislative Update

Ms. Raybon provided a brief legislative update, noting that the regular legislative session had concluded, although a special session is anticipated for the state budget. She advised that the only legislation directly affecting engineers was Senate Bill 800, which increased penalties for unlicensed activity. It was noted that the absence of significant new legislation impacting the engineering profession was viewed positively by the Board.

##### #2. 2026 FBPE/FEMC Meeting Calendar

Provided for informational purposes.

#3. 2027 FBPE/FEMC Meeting Calendar

Provided for informational purposes.

K. Chief Prosecutor's Report

#1. 300-day report

Provided for informational purposes.

#2. Profile of legal cases by year

- (a) Cases open for 1 year plus
- (b) Total open cases by year

Provided for informational purposes.

#3. Non-Compliance Report

Provided for informational purposes.

#4. Open case report

Provided for informational purposes.

L. Engineering Association and Society Reports

#1. FSEA

#2. FES

#3. IEEE

M. Chair's Report

Ms. Ramsey provided an update on Executive Director's annual evaluation, stating that the review was completed the previous week and that Ms. Raybon is performing her duties well.

N. Action Items from Previous Board Meetings

O. Correspondence to the Board

#1. Review and Approval of Draft Order on Declaratory Statement for Neil O'Connell

Mr. Harris presented the draft order for the declaratory statement regarding whether a Professional Engineer may serve simultaneously as both the Professional Engineer Special Inspector (PESI) and the Engineer of Record (EOR).

Mr. Bayo raised concerns regarding language referring to the engineer acting as a “surrogate” while serving as a special inspector, arguing the wording was confusing and illogical when the same individual serves in both capacities. Mr. Bayo requested the removal of the “surrogate” language from the introduction and paragraph ten of the document. Board members reviewed the requested revisions and generally agreed that removing the language would improve clarity. Discussion followed.

Upon motion by Ms. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Pistorino, to approve the petition as amended to remove the “surrogate” language, the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Harris was directed to revise and finalize the petition for filing.

## #2. Request to reinstatement Retired License by Alan Brick-Turin

Ms. Raybon presented a request from an engineer seeking to reverse the retirement of his Florida Professional Engineer license. The Board reviewed correspondence in Exhibit O2, page 415. Staff noted that the engineer had completed a form clearly designated for the Florida Board of Professional Engineers and submitted it to an FBPE address and email. The form also expressly stated that, once retired, the license could not be reactivated and that the individual would be required to apply for licensure again and meet current criteria.

The Board discussed whether the retirement may have been accidental or whether the individual may have sought some benefit, such as avoiding continuing education, although staff noted that CE avoidance appeared unlikely because the license had already been renewed in October 2025 before being placed in retired status. Staff clarified that reinstatement applies to licenses that become null and void after delinquency, whereas retired status is a voluntary action and cannot be reversed under the Board’s established procedure.

The Board also discussed that the individual may still apply for licensure by endorsement under Rule 61G15-20.0025, F.A.C., but expressed concern that granting the request would set an undesirable precedent.

Upon motion by Mr. Shah, seconded by Mr. Temple, to deny the request to reverse the retired status of the license, the motion passed unanimously.

P. Public Forum

Q. Community Involvement

R. Old Business

#1. **FRSE Application Requirement Clarification** (by staff and Mr. Albergo)

Did the Board remove the requirement that applicable buildings be three stories or greater?

- Staff note that prior discussion indicated the requirement was kept.
- Several Board members believe the requirement was removed.

**Requested Action:** Clarify the Board’s intent and confirm the current requirement for inclusion in the FRSE application.

The board discussed clarifying the FRSE application requirements by replacing vague and overly broad criteria with clearer definitions tied to “threshold buildings” and “complex vehicular bridges.” This discussion revisited a prior December meeting where notes were lost due to technical issues.

Mr. Harris explained that the proposed revision would remove ambiguous language such as “greater than three stories” and references to Risk Categories III and IV, which had unintentionally captured relatively simple structures like one-story wastewater treatment facilities solely because of their contents. The intent of the change is to better align the rule with truly significant structural engineering projects.

The proposed criteria for significant structures would include:

1. Threshold buildings as defined in Florida Statute 553.71.
2. Complex vehicular bridges.

The board also agreed to retain discretionary language that allows them flexibility to review additional projects when appropriate. Members emphasized the need to revisit the wording to ensure the final language accurately reflects the board’s intent.

An action item was assigned to place the FRSE application requirement clarification back on the agenda for the May rules meeting for final verification.

The discussion also addressed whether repairing a 40-year-old crane would qualify as significant structural engineering experience. The board’s consensus was that this type of work would not qualify because it is more closely related to mechanical engineering and does not meet the intent of the significant structures requirement.

S. Review of Applications – Education and Experience will be done at one time and ratified at the Thursday morning board meeting on April 9, 2026 – in separate meeting book

**Part II**  
**Informal Hearing Agenda**  
**(Thursday, April 9, 2026)**

**Review of FBPE Mission and Scope:**

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T. Ratification of Actions from Application Review on April 8, 2026

Upon motion by Ms. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Shah, to approve the ratification list as amended, the motion passed.

U. Informal Hearing on Denial of Application for Certification as Special Inspector or Special Inspector Limited

#1. Michelle Olender

Ms. Olender was present and sworn in prior to addressing the board.

Mr. Harris explained the basis of the denial. The application does not show the required months of inspection or design experience when we consider the general amount of time that we can give credit for, and the fact that some of the experience is rehab or repair work. The inspection side specifically calls for 15 months of experience on one project, which is too much, and the design side appears to be 34 months in total.

Ms. Olender has now submitted an SI Limited Application as supplemental documents.

Ms. Olender addressed the board regarding her application for Special Inspector (SI) certification. She explained that she had submitted applications for both SI and SI-limited due to confusion about the experience requirements. Ms. Olender clarified that she intended to pursue the full SI certification through the "3-2" route, consisting of three years of design experience and two years of inspection experience, but submitted the SI-limited application as an alternative because her inspection experience included both new construction and restoration work.

The board reviewed Ms. Olender’s design experience, during which she described her role as a project manager and her design work on projects including the Sunny Isles Beach Government Center.

The board also discussed her inspection experience and requested additional clarification due to limited detail in the application materials. Ms. Olender provided testimony regarding her inspection of reinforced concrete, tunnel form slabs, and corbels on the FIU project.

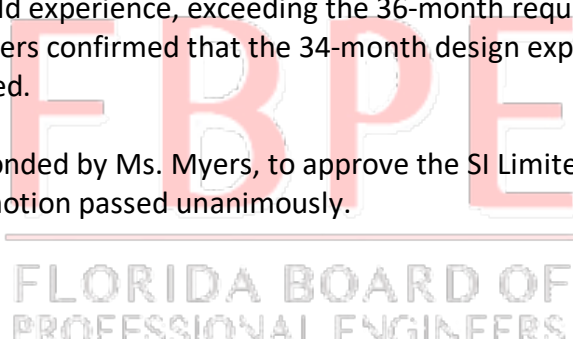
During the review, the board identified a discrepancy concerning the 16-month duration listed for the La Clara project inspection. Ms. Olender explained that the extended timeline was due to project complexity and delays related to the COVID-19 pandemic. An administrative inconsistency on the FIU Parkview II inspection form involving a mismatched name and signature was resolved after the board located a correctly signed version elsewhere in the application packet.

Following discussion of the applicant’s design and inspection experience, the board shifted its focus to the SI-limited application. Ms. Ramsey determined that Ms. Olender had documented 40 months of field experience, exceeding the 36-month requirement for SI-limited certification. Ms. Myers confirmed that the 34-month design experience requirement had also been satisfied.

Upon motion by Ms. Ramsey, seconded by Ms. Myers, to approve the SI Limited application for Ms. Olender, the motion passed unanimously.

#2. Julian Sanchez

Applicant withdrew the application prior to the meeting.



**Part III**  
**Disciplinary Hearings**  
**(Thursday, April 9, 2026)**

V. Settlement Stipulation

#1. Bobo-Jackson, Regina

P.E. Number:	38550
FEMC Case Number:	2023062640
Probable Cause Panel Date:	September 10, 2025
Probable Cause Panel:	Matthews, Myers, & Pistorino
Represented by:	Jeff Peters, Esq.

Ms. Bobo-Jackson was present along with counsel, Mr. Peters. Ms. Bobo-Jackson 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)(g), F.S., & Rule 61G15-19.001(4) by engaging in negligence in the practice of engineering.

The Probable Cause Panel recommendation was an administrative fine of \$1,000.00, administrative costs of \$3,671.60, a reprimand, and an appearance before the Board to discuss how the situation occurred and the improvements and quality control measures that will be implemented to prevent a similar occurrence in the future, along with a two-year probationary period, successful completion of the Board-approved Basic Engineering Professionalism and Ethics course, project/plan reviews at six- and eighteen-month intervals, and successful completion of the Board's Study Guide.

The Settlement Stipulation is administrative costs in the amount of \$3,671.60, an appearance before the Board to discuss how the situation occurred and the improvements and quality control measures that will be implemented to prevent similar circumstances in the future, Project/Plan Reviews at 6- and 18-month intervals, successful completion of the Auburn P&E Course, and successful completion of the Board's Study Guide.

Mr. Peters addressed the board. Ms. Bobo-Jackson addressed the board. Discussion followed.

Upon motion by Mr. Albergo, seconded by Mr. Shah, to accept the settlement stipulation, the motion passed.

#### W. Change of Status/Discussion

##### #2. Bishop, Gary P.E.

P.E. Number: 25357  
FEMC Case Number: 2019027732  
Probable Cause Panel Date: November 10, 2020, January 20, 2021,  
March 13, 2024, January 14, 2026  
Probable Cause Panel: Matthews, Fleming, Drury, Hahn,  
Ramsey, Pistorino, & Myers

Mr. Rimes reported that the case was being presented to the Board for acceptance and approval of the amended settlement stipulation. He reviewed the history of the case, noting that the Final Order filed on April 22, 2021, required Mr. Bishop to pay costs and a fine, complete the P&E course and study guide, and undergo 6-month and 18-month project reviews, with an Amended Final Order filed on May 2, 2024, adding an additional 6-month review. Mr. Bishop submitted his project list in October 2024, and

Consultant Karl F. Hees, P.E., selected two projects for review. Following review of the project documents, deficiencies identified in Mr. Hees's opinion resulted in the matter being presented to the Probable Cause Panel for direction. Mr. Rimes noted that prior 6-month and 18-month reviews had also revealed deficiencies, leading the Panel to recommend the additional review requirement in 2024. He further advised that the additional 6-month review was presented to the Probable Cause Panel on January 14, 2026, and the Panel recommended requiring a second additional 6-month project review.

Upon a motion by Mr. Albergo, seconded by Mr. Shah, to extend probation, the motion passed.

#3. O'Shea, Christopher P.E.

P.E. Number: 82281  
FEMC Case Number: 2022060671  
Probable Cause Panel Date: July 07, 2023, May 07, 2025, March 11, 2026  
Probable Cause Panel: Matthews, Ramsey, Pistorino, & Myers

Mr. O'Shea was present and sworn in prior to addressing the board.

Mr. Rimes presented the facts of the case and the amended settlement stipulation to the Board. The amended stipulation resulted from deficiencies identified during the Respondent's required project reviews conducted pursuant to the Final Order filed on October 17, 2023. The stipulation included an extension of the Respondent's probationary period to allow for an additional six-month project review. Discussion followed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Albergo, seconded by Mr. Mulock, to extend probation, the motion passed.

#4. Martinez, Ariel

P.E. Number: 72329  
FEMC Case Number: 2023052039  
Probable Cause Panel Date: September 11, 2024  
Probable Cause Panel: Matthews, Pistorino, & Myers

Mr. Martinez was present and sworn in prior to addressing the board.

Mr. Rimes outlined the facts of the case and reported that the Final Order was filed with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation on February 21, 2025. Pursuant to the Final Order, Mr. Martinez was required to pay costs, complete a Professionalism and Ethics course, complete a study guide, and undergo 6- and 18-month project reviews. Mr. Martinez paid the required costs on March 12, 2025, completed the study guide on May 12, 2025, completed the P&E course on August 21, 2025, and successfully

completed the 6-month project review with a favorable evaluation on February 10, 2026. Mr. Rimes stated that the case was presented to the Probable Cause Panel based on Mr. Kowkabany's opinion, and after reviewing the project documents and opinion, the Panel recommended waiving the 18-month review and granting early termination of probation. A request for early termination was received on March 13, 2026. This matter was presented to the Board for informational purposes to demonstrate that Mr. Martinez has substantially complied with the requirements of the Settlement Stipulation Agreement and received a favorable project review, with Mr. Kowkabany noting that the project submittals appeared satisfactory and reflected improvement by the licensee.

Upon a motion by Ms. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Mulock, to waive the 18-month project review and grant early termination of probation as requested, the motion passed.

## X. Discussion

### #5. PSM, Van Scoyk, Wyerman

P.E. Number: NA  
FEMC Case Number: 2025059447, 2025075163, 2025075162  
Probable Cause Panel Date: March 11, 2026  
Probable Cause Panel: Matthews, Pistorino, & Myers

Mr. Rimes introduced the case involving PSM Consulting, a firm specializing in pickleball sound analysis. The matter originated as an unlicensed practice investigation after:

- an individual associated with the firm improperly used the "PE" designation, and
- the company website contained engineering-related terminology.

The probable cause panel was divided on whether the firm's services constituted the practice of engineering requiring Florida licensure and firm registration. The matter was therefore presented to the full Board for consideration.

Mr. Van Scoyk was sworn in and provided testimony regarding the firm's activities.

Mr. Van Scoyk stated that:

- PSM Consulting consists of acoustical specialists and consultants, not engineers.
- The firm does not:
  - design structures,
  - prepare or seal engineering drawings, or
  - provide final engineering design services.
- The firm performs sound studies and provides mitigation recommendations as part of consulting support to engineering and architectural teams.

Mr. Van Scoyk acknowledged the improper use of the "PE" designation and stated that the issue had been corrected.

Mr. Van Scoyk further testified that, in response to the cease-and-desist order, the firm halted all Florida work pending clarification from the Board regarding permissible activities.

Board members discussed whether the firm's activities constituted engineering under Florida law.

Ms. Ramsey questioned whether the work involved "planning the use of land." Mr. Van Scoyk clarified that the firm's role is limited to acoustical analysis and recommendations, such as identifying the sound reduction associated with a barrier of a certain height. He stated that final design decisions and site layout determinations are made by the project engineer.

Board members noted that the company's prior use of engineering terminology appeared to be a primary factor leading to the investigation.

Mr. Harris advised the Board to address the matter based on the testimony presented. He indicated that Mr. Van Scoyk's sworn testimony effectively served as assurance of compliance and resolved the primary concerns raised in the investigation.

The Board reached consensus to:

- direct the prosecutor to consider the matter resolved,
- close the current case, and
- advise PSM Consulting to seek a declaratory statement from the Board for any future questions regarding scope of practice.

No formal motion or vote was taken.

#### Y. New Business

Ms. Sammons and Mr. Harris announced that an additional meeting is needed to finalize the "Group Two" rules, as requested by the DBPR.

A board meeting via Zoom was scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 2:00 PM.

Discussion regarding the SI Rule included concerns about inconsistencies in the SI-limited rule language. A board member noted that the rule references "structural design of repairs," while the associated form refers to "components or repairs and replacements," creating ambiguity in interpretation. Mr. Pistorino also expressed the opinion that engineering experience obtained prior to PE licensure should count toward SI criteria in light of changes to the licensure process.

Ms. Myers requested that the broader issue of "scope of services," including whether acoustical engineering constitutes a PE function, be added to the agenda for discussion at the next board meeting.

Z. Adjourn



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	Name	Application Type	Rc'vd Date:	Initial Licensure in Florida:	New form for DBPR Review:	Approved:	Denied:	Board Member Assigned:	Comments
1	Jackson, Patrick	FRSE Application	3/18/2026			DA		Albergo	
2	Martins, Caique	P.E. Special Inspector	3/4/2026				DA/YM	Albergo	don't include experience involving existing buildings.
3	<b>Mohammaed Fraj, Goran</b>	<b>P.E. NCEES Endorsement</b>	<b>1/12/2026</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Full Board</b>		<b>FULL BOARD</b>	<b>reconsideration - FULL BOARD REVIEW/DISCUSSION</b>
4	Collins, Jacob	EI Endorsement	1/7/2025				JG/CF	Gonzalez/Forehand	incomplete for over 1yr
5	Johnson, Ashley	EI Endorsement	1/7/2025				JG/RT	Gonzalez/Temple	incomplete for over 1yr
6	Joseph, Noah	EI Endorsement	9/23/2024				JG/YM	Gonzalez/Myers	incomplete for over 1yr
7	Sahm, Brian	P.E. NCEES Endorsement	3/19/2025				JG/PS	Gonzalez/Shah	incomplete for over 1yr
8	Pacheco, Manuel	P.E. Special Inspector	11/20/2025				JM/DA	Mulock	all/vast majority is existing structures; should be SI Limited
9	Snyder, Russell	FRSE Application	3/11/2026				JM	Mulock	not enough significant structure or design experience; mostly project mgt exper.; Not EOR;
10	Cyran, Matthew	P.E. Special Inspector	2/9/2026				YM/DA	Myers	exp #4 took 47months; needs alternative references and all required inspection certifications
11	Leon, Ismael	FRSE Application	3/25/2026				YM	Myers	didn't list role on projects; barely has 5yrs
12	DuPont, Andrew	EI Endorsement	12/11/2025				YM/RT	Myers/Temple	lacks 24hrs of ESD and lacks 1 science
13	Oladele, Derrick	EI Endorsement	2/12/2026				YM/RT	Myers/Temple	lacks a science (biology, chem, cal-physics)
14	Algoo, Robert	P.E. Special Inspector	3/18/2026				JP/JM	Pistorino	mostly repairs; one inspection took 47months
15	Sakr, Rami	P.E. Special Inspector	3/9/2026				DR/DA	Ramsey/Albergo	application is mess; application includes SI limited forms; don't include experience involving existing buildings, 24 months on a 4 story
16	Higgins, Diana	FRSE Application	3/26/2026				DR/DA	Ramsey	not significant structures
17	Jamshidi, Hossein	P.E. Special Inspector	2/19/2026				DR/JP	Ramsey/Pistorino	field exp #1 duration too long; 21months to inspect a 8story bldg seems excessive
18	Carmona, Jordi	EI Endorsement	2/9/2026				DR/CF	Ramsey/Forehand	supplemental; (lacks 5hrs of ESD)
19	Nakire Kommula, Abhishek	EI Endorsement	10/22/2025				DR/CF	Ramsey/Forehand	lacks 1hrs of math (eng tech degree; 9hrs of math required by rule)
20	Ding, Jiayi	FRSE Application	3/18/2026			PS		Shah	
21	Gelinas, Daniel	FRSE Application	3/2/2026				BS	Shrader	more specific project info; don't' include experience from NCEES record; include 5-10 projects over the last 5yrs
22	Rosales Ospina, Andres	EI Endorsement	3/9/2026				BS/PS	Shrader/Shah	lacks either biology or chemistry
23	Wierzbanski, Benjamin	EI Endorsement	2/24/2025				BS/PS	Shrader/Shah	lacks 15hrs of ESD