

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS SECTION MEETING  
EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS, AND LAND SURVEYORS  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Joseph Eberle, Steven Hook, and Charles Kopplin

**STAFF PRESENT:** Denise Aviles, Bureau Director; Yolanda McGowan, Legal Counsel; and Michelle Solem, Bureau Assistant

**GUESTS:** Paul Alf and Glen Schwalbach

**CALL TO ORDER**

Charles Kopplin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. A quorum of three (3) members was present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Amendments**

- Cancel hearings for the following:
  - Mitesh Deshpande
  - Imran Siddiqui
  - Emmanuel Yartey
  - Eric Kees

**MOTION:** Joseph Eberle moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Joseph Eberle moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to approve the Minutes of April 21, 2011, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**BUREAU DIRECTOR MATTERS**

Denise Aviles updated the Section with regard to the name change to Department of Safety and Professional Services resulting from the DRL merger with parts of the Commerce Department. She reviewed the meeting dates for 2012. She informed the Section of the appointment of the new deputy secretary. She also provided the Section with an update to the travel policy. She also reported that the text of 2009 WI Act 350 and the CE Rule have been posted to the website under new developments. She noted that the Department is working on a regulatory digest and asked for submissions from the Section.

**Board Appointments**

- Credentialing Liaison Charles Kopplin
- Monitoring Liaison Joseph Eberle

**PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS, FINAL DECISIONS AND ORDERS BY  
THE DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT**

Attorney Heather Curnutt presented case 09 ENG 004 W. Gray Hodge. Deliberation will be in closed session.

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**CREDENTIALING**

**Appearance for a Class I Hearing – Matthias Berek**

Matthias Berek appeared before the Section to provide additional information regarding the denial of his request to sit for the principles and practice engineering exam.

**Appearance for a Class I Hearing – Robert Merkel**

Robert Merkel appeared before the Section to provide additional information regarding the denial of his request to sit for the principles and practice engineering exam.

**LEGISLATIVE/ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

**Update on A-E 13 Continuing Education**

Yolanda McGowan provided the Section with an update regarding the status of the rule. Kris Anderson, DSPS-DBS paralegal, provided a summary of the new rule promulgation process and provided additional updates as to the rule.

**Rules for Implementation of 2009 Wisconsin Act 350**

The Section reviewed the rough draft provided by Ms. McGowan and discussed some clarifications. They also discussed the remaining timeline for the rule, as it is moving forward.

**Update Regarding Open Scope Statements**

Denise indicated that there are three open scope statements: 2009 Wis. Act 350. A-E 13 and A-E 2.02. The Section decided to allow the scope statement regarding changed to AE-2.02 to expire.

**EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION MATTERS**

**Exam Evaluation Committee**

Aaron Knautz told the Section that the process was changed from a Request for Proposal to a Request for Bids. Department of Administration is currently accepting bids.

**Computer Based Testing**

Mr. Knautz indicated that Pearson Vue is going to be the only computer based testing entity and there are several testing stations in Wisconsin. They will be the only provider of the computer based testing beginning in 2014.

**CREDENTIALING MATTERS**

**Discuss the Washington Accord – Accredited Program**

The Section discussed the Washington Accord. This is an agreement by which foreign degrees are placed under a mutual recognition agreement based on substantial equivalence.

**Report on NCEES evaluations of technical school degrees to determining ABET equivalencies**

Yolanda McGowan reported that ABET reviews the 4 year degrees and EAC evaluates some 2 year programs

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**NCEES evaluation of foreign degrees to determine ABET equivalency**

Charles Kopplin noted that this was discussed at the annual NCEES meeting and indicated that NCEES will no longer state that the foreign degree is equivalent to an ABET accredited degree. It will only note that it meets NCEES standards.

**Review of Revised Application form reflecting change in pathway to licensure**

The Section did not discuss this item. It will be on a future agenda.

**Review and Discuss Flowchart for Professional Engineer Process**

The Section decided to review and revise the flowchart based on the discussion.

**TRAVEL**

**MOTION:** Joseph Eberle moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to designate Charles Kopplin as the Section's delegate to the 2011 NCEES Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board received a report related to the NCEES Annual Meeting from Charles Kopplin.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Letter in Support of Greater Madison Convention and Visitors Bureau's proposal to host the 2016 NCEES Annual Meeting in Madison, WI**

Noted.

**Discussion Related To Electronic Meeting Requirements and Implications of Using Employers/ Personal Computers to Conduct "State Business"**

Noted. The Section discussed open record requests and noted that any requests should be forwarded to the Department.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Section received comments from Glen R. Schwalbach.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Joseph Eberle moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to convene to closed session to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.; to consider closing disciplinary investigation with administrative warning (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats. and 440.205, Stats., to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.; and, to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.) Motion carried by roll call vote: Joseph Eberle - yes, Steven Hook – yes; Charles Kopplin-yes. Open Session recessed at 12:24 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION:** Joseph Eberle moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to reconvene into Open Session at 1:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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**VOTE ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON  
IN CLOSED SESSION, IF VOTING IS APPROPRIATE  
PROPOSED STIPULATIONS AND FINAL DECISIONS AND ORDERS**

**MOTION:** Joseph Eberle moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Stipulation and Order, in the matter of W. Gray Hodge. Motion carried unanimously.

**CASE CLOSINGS**

**MOTION:** Joseph Eberle moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to close cases 10 ENG 011 (SCEI) and 11 ENG 001 according to the recommendations by the Division of Enforcement. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE WARNINGS**

**MOTION:** Joseph Eberle moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to issue the administrative warning in the matter of 10 ENG 011 AA. Motion carried unanimously.

**DELIBERATION ON CLASS 1 HEARINGS**

**MATTHIAS BERCK**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Joseph Eberle, to grant Matthias Berck's request to sit for the Principle and Practices of Engineering Exam. Motion carried unanimously.

**ROBERT MERKEL**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Joseph Eberle, to grant Robert Merkel's request to sit for the Principle and Practices of Engineering Exam. Motion carried unanimously.

**REINSTATEMENTS**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Joseph Eberle, to grant reinstatement to Amador R. Cacacho, R. Leon Wideman and Phillip H. Michalski. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Joseph Eberle, to issue an intent to deny reinstatement to Jeffrey W. Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPLICATION REVIEW**

**MOTION:** Steven Hook moved, seconded by Joseph Eberle, to act on the applications reviewed for today's meeting as reviewed and signed in the application files. Motion carried. Joseph Eberle abstained regarding Kamron E. Nielson.

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**APPLICATIONS REVIEWED ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2011**

The Section took the following action on applications.

**FOR CERTIFICATION AS AN ENGINEER- IN-TRAINING**

- a. Approved
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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Ananthapadmanaban, Vijaya | 3. Onyeukwu, Kyrian C |
| 2. Gatses, John T            | 4. Zafar, Muhammad F  |

**FOR PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING EXAMINATION**

- a. Granted
- |                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Aeschbach, Justin J  | 34. Harings, Devin C      |
| 2. Bach, Michael A      | 35. Harris, Kyle J        |
| 3. Barahona, Michael    | 36. Hasburgh, Laura E     |
| 4. Barry, Jason E       | 37. Hassing, Kathleen R   |
| 5. Bates, Timothy J     | 38. Heiting, Christopher  |
| 6. Bergmann, Douglas    | 39. Hemmingson, Michael J |
| 7. Behrend, Keith R     | 40. Hendricks, Michael    |
| 8. Berkahn, Joseph      | 41. Herzog, David C       |
| 9. Bobowiec, Alexander  | 42. Hietpas, Eugene F     |
| 10. Bonell, Andrea R    | 43. High, Benjamin G      |
| 11. Bowers, Ryan P      | 44. Hildahl, Blair D      |
| 12. Brusberg, Mark C    | 45. Hildahl, Joni L       |
| 13. Butzer, Samuel      | 46. Hoch, James R         |
| 14. Carey, Matthew A    | 47. Hock, Jason A         |
| 15. Cleveland, Heather  | 48. Holmgren, Peter E     |
| 16. Cline, Christopher  | 49. Jacobson, Theran P    |
| 17. Considine, Ana R    | 50. Jannone, John A       |
| 18. Cooke, Stacy K      | 51. Jarmuz, Laura M       |
| 19. Coyne, Travis B     | 52. Jaromin, David A      |
| 20. Digman, Mark L      | 53. Jones, Brandon J      |
| 21. Dingfelder, Otto G  | 54. Kimmes, Kimberly A    |
| 22. Dougherty, Alicia M | 55. Knaflic, Ellen M      |
| 23. Elliott, Patrick    | 56. Kohn, Jackie M        |
| 24. Engelke, Jared D    | 57. Kotloski, Andrew J    |
| 25. Fahres, Anthony J   | 58. Luther, Nicholas J    |
| 26. Feltes, Katrina M   | 59. Malensek, Thomas      |
| 27. Finneran, James M   | 60. Martinez, Cesar       |
| 28. Fofie, Francis O    | 61. Mohr, Michael E       |
| 29. Hakverdi, Turgay    | 62. Muchow, Matt K        |
| 30. Hammond, Brian P    | 63. Mudd, Evan S          |
| 31. Hanna, Christine    | 64. Nguyen, Hung          |
| 32. Hansen, William L   | 65. Nielson, Kamron E     |
| 33. Hanson, Matthew     | 66. Niemuth, Adam J       |

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| 67. Nimtz, Jeffrey D        | 94. Langer, Scott A      |
| 68. Norman, Maame           | 95. Labucki, Kari N      |
| 69. Osenroth, Collin M      | 96. Kumar, Pankaj        |
| 70. Oster, Jesse L          | 97. Samson, Steven R     |
| 71. Patel, Jamin K          | 98. Scharra, Todd J      |
| 72. Perfetti, Leonard P     | 99. Schmidt, Jason P     |
| 73. Peters, Jed P           | 100. Schnell, Genevieve  |
| 74. Pilichowski, Zachary L  | 101. Schroeder, Chad A   |
| 75. Plicka, Julie A         | 102. Seip, Clare E       |
| 76. Pobric, Silvana         | 103. Seubert, Bradley M  |
| 77. Potratz, Amy M          | 104. Simon, Jared J      |
| 78. Quinlan, Kevin          | 105. Solemanbeigi, Ali   |
| 79. Racine, Brent M         | 106. Staab, Christopher  |
| 80. Ramamurthy, Saikrishnan | 107. Stanford, Timothy   |
| 81. Reider, Benjamin        | 108. Stroh, Elizabeth C  |
| 82. Rozek, Ryan J           | 109. Talarczyk, Daniel   |
| 83. Rozumalski, Laura       | 110. Treml, Kyle J       |
| 84. Saha, Nayan             | 111. Vallier, Robert D   |
| 85. Salowitz, Peter         | 112. Valmik, Jitendra    |
| 86. Zhang, Ziyang           | 113. Vater, Katherine A  |
| 87. Zouski, Paul L          | 114. Videkovich, Kathlyn |
| 88. Whitman, Shawn          | 115. Vos, Nicholas D     |
| 89. Wilfert, Joseph J       | 116. Waterhouse, Chad    |
| 90. Owen, Jameson P         | 117. Willick, Nicholas J |
| 91. Kuba, Matthew E         | 118. Wincentzen, David   |
| 92. Lininger, Joseph        | 119. Yartey, Emmanuel    |
| 93. Mcclure, Seth B         |                          |

b. Denied

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| 1. Largy, Christopher | 4. McNelly, Doanld J |
| 2. Roberts, Kjirstin  | 5. Lybarger, Shannon |
| 3. Keegan, Toni       |                      |

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Joseph Eberle moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to adjourn the meeting at 1:14 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously.