

**South Carolina
Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2007**

The Board held a brief meeting on September 25, 2007, at 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Columbia, SC, at the conclusion of scheduled Application Hearings.

Official notification of the meeting was sent to LLR's Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs and the Office of General Counsel; appropriate newspapers; WIS-TV; and the South Carolina Society of Professional Engineers (SCSPE).

Chairman M.L. Love, P.E., called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Board Members present were Mitchell S. Tibshrary, P.E.; Gene L. Dinkins, P.E. and L.S.; Cecil Huey, Jr., P.E.; Andy Kinghorn, P.E.; Gaye Sprague, P.E.; and Thurl Amick, Sr., L.S.

Also present were Jan Simpson, Board Administrator; Jacqueline Phillips, Administrative Assistant; Melissa Jones, Program Assistant; and Sharon Dantzler, Advice Counsel. Mr. Bob Selman, Assistant Deputy Director; Charlie Ido, Investigator; and Todd Bond, Investigator, attended the meeting briefly.

Exempted Course Work: The Board will accept for educational credit relevant coursework identified as "exempted" on an official college or university transcript. Motion duly made, seconded and carried.

Consent Order Cases: Chairman Love reviewed the following Consent Agreements:

Robert L. Plowfield - Case No. 2006-102
Ronald C. Roche - Case No. CA 005-07

The Agreements were approved and signed by the Board.

Violations Report:

Investigator Todd Bond reviewed the Investigative Review Committee (IRC) report with the Board. A motion was made to accept the IRC recommendation by M. L. Love for the following 8 cases; the motion then carried.

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2006-90; 2007-7; 2006-100; 2007-1; 2007-4; 2007-6; 2007-8;
2007-15

Review of Proposed Revisions to Regulations: To be discussed at next Board meeting on 10/8/2007.

Review of Proposed Parameters: The Board members reviewed proposed parameters but delayed action until the next meeting pending a draft from Dr. Huey and Mr. Amick. Parameters for renewals will also be reviewed at a later date.

Consent Agreements: The Board discussed parameters for handling renewals and reinstatements in terms of identifying length of time the license was lapsed and number of projects during lapse. As part of the discussion, the Board's "15-Month Rule" was discussed. A policy will be introduced at the next meeting for Board approval, essentially allowing licensees ninety (90) days to renew a license by paying late fees, as provided in Section 40-22-240. After 90 days, staff members will send a Cease & Desist for unlicensed practice. The Board decided to continue with the present policy until further notice.

Renewals: Board members discussed sending out computer-generated second notices in mid-August. Licensees are allowed ninety days to renew by paying the late fee. After the end of the 90 days, if they have not paid the late fee, they are no longer licensed.

Reinstatements: Applicant has to reapply, submit evidence of completion of required continuing education hours and affirm they have not practiced while unlicensed (**see fee attachment**).

Cease & Desist: Administrator Simpson stated that sending out Cease & Desist notices by Certified Mail would not be possible with the current staff. She estimated there would be hundreds distributed but she will provide statistics from the 2006 renewal at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Huey proposed to the Board that licensees should add their license expiration date on the plans every time they seal a set of plans. No decision was made.

Review of Draft Forms for Licensure of Technology Graduates and Procedures:

The board reviewed and discussed proposed drafts of application forms.

CATEGORY B: The 21 currently licensed Category B Associate Engineers may file a short form application. Staff will review applications to ensure the applicant meets requirements of character, TAC/ABET Education, and 8 years experience. Applicant will be invited to assemble documents for a portfolio of work while working as an Engineer. The portfolio will be assigned to a Committee of reviewers two weeks in advance of a Committee meeting. Administrator Simpson has drafted letters to Engineer Professors and Engineers inviting them to serve. Board members will suggest individuals to be invited to serve.

Portfolio Requirements: Not less than three engineering projects of progressive professional experience submitted in a format no larger than a three-inch, three-ring binder.

Portfolio Reviewers: As required by Section 40-22-222, there will be a professor of engineering, three licensed and practicing engineers, and one Board Member or former Board Member, all of whom will be experienced in the same field as the applicant (e.g., civil, structural, etc.)

Discussed 3-step process: Application and all forms will be posted on the website. Invitations to apply will be sent to all currently licensed Category B Associate engineers. Scheduling of the committee members will most likely be an issue. Names of potential reviewers will be submitted to Jan Simpson, Administrator.

Sealed Plans: Applicants who have submitted plans signed and sealed by someone else must include a signed and dated statement by that individual indicating work the applicant contributed to the project.

Report on Surveyor Recruitment Initiative: It is the Board's desire to hire a firm to come up with a plan to work on

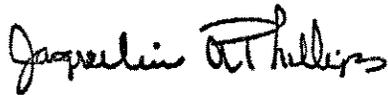
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recruitment of Surveyors to move into the Surveyor profession and the subsequent RFQ/RFP to implement that plan. The Board discussed the need for recruitment of Surveyors for South Carolina and the nation. It is anticipated that within 10 years, the nation will experience a critical shortage of Surveyors. Mr. Selman believes it is not the Board's duty and responsibility to increase the number of Surveyors, but the Board believes otherwise. LLR recently denied the Board's request to fund a surveyor recruitment project. Mr. Selman discussed the decision to stop the process and expressed interest in looking for alternate solutions. There was a discussion about time limits to respond to the proposals submitted by local public relations firms. Mr. Selman agreed to keep the dialogue open with Mr. Dinkins and the Board to come up with a strategy to avoid this crisis.

The next Board meeting will be held on October 8th, 2007, Room 111.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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REINSTATEMENT FEE SCHEDULE

<u>EXP. DATE</u>	<u>EXPLANATION</u>	<u>FEE DUE</u>
6/30/2006	\$ 100 renewal fee + \$40 late fee	= \$ 140.
6/30/2004	\$ 140 x 02	= \$ 280.
6/30/2002	\$ 140 x 03	= \$ 420.
6/30/2001	\$ 70 (\$70 x 01) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$ 490.
6/30/2000	\$ 140 (\$70 x 02) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$ 560.
6/30/1999	\$ 210 (\$70 x 03) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$ 630.
6/30/1998	\$ 280 (\$70 x 04) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$ 700.
6/30/1997	\$ 350 (\$70 x 05) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$ 770.
6/30/1996	\$ 420 (\$70 x 06) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$ 840.
6/30/1995	\$ 490 (\$70 x 07) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$ 910.
6/30/1994	\$ 560 (\$70 x 08) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$ 980.
6/30/1993	\$ 630 (\$70 x 09) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$1050.
6/30/1992	\$ 700 (\$70 x 10) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$1120.
6/30/1991	\$ 770 (\$70 x 11) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$1190.
6/30/1990	\$ 840 (\$70 x 12) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$1260.
6/30/1989	\$ 910 (\$70 x 13) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$1330.
6/30/1988	\$ 980 (\$70 x 14) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$1400.
6/30/1987	\$1050 (\$70 x 15) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$1470.
6/30/1986	\$1120 (\$70 x 16) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$1540.
6/30/1985	\$1190 (\$70 x 17) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$1610.
6/30/1984	\$1260 (\$70 x 18) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$1680.
6/30/1983	\$1330 (\$70 x 19) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$1750.
6/30/1982	\$1400 (\$70 x 20) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$1820.
6/30/1981	\$1470 (\$70 x 21) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$1890.
6/30/1980	\$1540 (\$70 x 22) + \$420 (\$140 x 03)	= \$1960.

THE ABOVE FEES ARE DOUBLED FOR DUAL LICENSEES