

SOUTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND SURVEYORS
Board Meeting
September 24, 2009
110 Centerview Drive, Room 202-02, Columbia, SC

Call to Order – Chairman Gene L. Dinkins, P.E. and L.S, called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Board Members present were Anderson Kinghorn, Jr., P.E.; Nancy Cottingham, Public Member; Theresa Hodge, P.E.; Miller L. Love, Jr., P.E.; Thurl Amick, L.S.; Charles Joye, P.E.; and Cecil O Huey, Ph.D., P.E. Also present were Jan Simpson, Board Administrator; Melissa Jones, Program Assistant; Sharon Dantzler, LLR Attorney; Edye Laine, LLR Attorney; Christa Bell, LLR Attorney; Paul de Holczer; Steven Branyon; Dr. Danny Tai; Adrian Rausche; Scott Webster; Charlene Cassidy; and Paul Ford.

Administrator Simpson stated the **public notice** of the meeting was properly posted at the Board office and provided to organizations and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the S.C. Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

The Board held a Disciplinary Hearing for Charles Howard and Application Hearings on GRL Engineering, Hodge Design, Tai and Associates, and Paul Ford from 9:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Steven Branyon and Branyon Land Surveying were scheduled to have an Application Hearing but Mr. Branyon decided to sign the proposed Consent Agreement before the scheduled Application Hearing. Chairman Dinkins signed the Consent Agreement on the Board's behalf.

Review Agenda – In public session, Administrator Simpson reviewed the agenda.

Request for funding – The South Carolina Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers requested \$5,000 to be allocated from the South Carolina Engineers and Surveyors Education and Research Fund to go to the expenses of a web based prep course for the Professional Engineer Exam. The course will be taught by a team of experienced Professional Engineers Civil Exam Review instructors and will be presented as a series of 12 two-hour modules held over a six week period. The course will be simultaneously held in Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville. The funding will be used to subsidize the cost of the course which includes \$1,600 for utilizing space at Midlands Technical College and \$5,388.75 for the instructors and course materials. Motion by Joye, Second by Kinghorn to approve the request for \$5,000 from the South Carolina Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Motion carried.

Proposed fines chart – After a brief discussion, the Board decided to set a \$500 as a minimum fine and to revise the categories of fines. The Board also decided to revisit this issue at the October 13, 2009 Board Meeting.

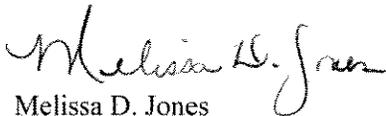
Interpretation of Regulation 49-200 (A)(1) as it relates to Section 40-22-220 (C) – After a brief discussion, the Board decided that if an individual gets a Master of Engineering or a Master of Science in Engineering in a program in which either the Masters or the undergraduate is EAC/ABET accredited the individual meets South Carolina educational requirements.

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Non-Agenda Item – The Board discussed the impact of a change in Regulations, effective June 2009. This change allows individuals who took Non-NCEES exams to become licensed in South Carolina, providing all other requirements have been met. Motion by Kinghorn, Second by Hodge to grant a Professional Engineer license to Lawrence P. Duss. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Melissa D. Jones".

Melissa D. Jones
Program Assistant