



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



Board of Professional Engineering

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 28, 2016

The District of Columbia Board of Professional Engineering held its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 1100 4th Street SW, Conference Room 454 Washington, DC 20024. The Board met in committee session prior to the public meeting to discuss Applications for Licensure.

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The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Dr. Eugene Bentley III at 11:18 AM.

Board Members Present: Dr. Eugene Bentley III, Chairman, Ernest Boykin, Howard Gibbs Co-Chairman, Compton Vyfuis

Board Members Absent: Kenneth Davis, Dr. Norman Mills

Legal Staff Present: Kia Winston, Esq.

Staff Present: Avis Pearson, Board Administrator, Patrice Richardson, Board Administrator

Public: Alan Schiffer (observer), Koji Harada, Jose Torres

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Agenda Item: Executive Session- CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

- Upon motion made by Co-Chairman Howard Gibbs and properly seconded by Board Member Ernest Boykin the Board voted to enter executive session at 11:23 AM pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(4)(A),(9) and (13) in order to:
o Deliberate over applications for licensure;
o Discussion of licensing of applicants who receive overseas certification in lieu of a license, and how their exams are evaluated.
o Discussion of public complaints.
• The Board returned to Open Session at 12:15PM

Comments received from the Public:

- Koji Harada and Jose Torres met with the Board to discuss their 2016 Exam.

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Agenda Item: Minutes

- Upon motion made by Board Member Ernest Boykin and properly seconded by Board Member Compton Vyfhuis, the Board voted to approve the November 19, 2015 minutes. 3

Agenda Item: Recommendations

- Upon motion was made by Co-Chairman, Mr. Gibbs and seconded by Board Member Compton Vyfhuis that the request made by Mr. Harada and Mr. Torress be accepted.
• Upon motion was made by Board Member Compton Vyfhuis and seconded by Board Member Ernest Boykin that Dr. Bentley, Chairman sign the letter written by Attorney Kia Winston to DC Water.

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**Agenda Item: Old Business**

- The Advisory Committee on Council Activities (ACCA) submitted a proposal to come up with a standard definition on Model Law for the Structured Engineer. This proposal was voted down. Currently DCRA is advised that anyone who has a license as a Civil or Structural Engineer can sign off on structural drawings. The Board discussed whether we should change our regulations to require that only certain buildings can be designed by those engineers with a Structural license. Mr. Gibbs shared a handout from the American Society of Civil Engineering (ASCE) with the Board that explains the categories of buildings that need to be looked at when designing certain types of buildings. Following discussion the Board recommended that no action be taken at this time.

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**Agenda Item: New Business**

- The 2016 Northeast Zone Interim Meeting will be held in Burlington, Vermont April 21-23<sup>rd</sup>. Upon motion made by Co-Chairman Howard Gibbs and second by Board Member Ernest Boykin that two funded delegates attend this Conference. In addition, a motion was made by Ernest Boykin and seconded by Dr. Eugene Bentley that Board Administrator, Avis Pearson also attends this Conference.
- Engineer Week (E-Week) is February 21-27<sup>th</sup>. A luncheon will be held on 2/24 at the Holiday Inn in Rosslyn. Mr. Gibbs and Mrs. Pearson have been working on Recognition that will be framed and displayed at the Awards Banquet. The Awards Banquet will be held on 2/27 the Sheraton Hotel in Silver Spring, MD. Family Day will also be held on 2/27 at the Building Museum from 10AM-4PM. Families are encouraged to attend.

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**Agenda Item: Committee Report**

- Upon motion made by Co-Chairman Howard Gibbs and properly seconded by Board Member Ernest Boykin, the Board approved the committee report regarding the disposition of applications. The motion was passed unanimously.

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**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned upon motion offered by Board Member Ernest Boykin and seconded by Board member Compton Vyfuis at 12:56 PM

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**Agenda Item: Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Eugene M Bentley III  
Dr. Eugene Bentley III, Chairman

3/24/2016  
Date

**Recorder: Mrs. Avis M. Pearson, Board Administrator**