



STATE OF WASHINGTON

BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 14, 2020

TIME: 8:00 a.m.

LOCATION: WebEx

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members

Ivan VanDeWege, PE, Chair
Aaron Blaisdell, PLS, Vice Chair
Nirmala Gnanapragasam, Ph.D, PE
Doug Hendrickson, PE
Marjorie Lund, PE, SE
Stephen Shrope, PE, SE
James Wengler, PLS, CFedS

Staff Members

Elizabeth Lagerberg, Advising AAG
Ken Fuller, PE, Executive Director
Richard Larson, Deputy Director
Shanan Gillespie, Regulatory Program Manager
Jill Short, Investigations & Compliance Manager
Carmena Moretti, Executive Assistant
Vonna Cramer, Licensing Lead

1. Call to Order at 8:06 a.m.

- 1.1. Mr. VanDeWege, Board Chair, took roll call.
- 1.2. Order of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Shrope, and seconded by Mr. Hendrickson to accept the agenda.
Motion carried.

- 1.3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Gnanapragasam, and seconded by Ms. Lund, to accept the April 16, 2020 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. VanDeWege, Board Chair, announced the purpose and estimated time 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. for Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED – 8:50 a.m.

2. Disciplinary Activity

New Board Orders

1. 2015-08-0007-00OSW & 2018-01-0001-00OSW Proposed Agreed Order

In August 2015 the Board received a complaint against Mr. Dalle alleging unprofessional conduct and multiple violations of on-site designer licensing laws and rules. In January 2018, a complaint was filed alleging Mr. Dalle did not apply the skill, diligence and judgement required by the professional standard of care and that he did not conform to relevant laws and codes.

Following an investigation it was determined that Mr. Dalle did not follow the standard procedures in classifying the soil types or follow standard procedures in his evaluation and that he was inadequate in his site design and methodology. It was also determined that the acts, omissions, errors and/or discrepancies individually and cumulatively, constituted misconduct, malpractice and/or unprofessional conduct

The proposed Agreed Order imposes \$5,000 fine and requires Mr. Dalle submit certificates of completion for the Intro to Soils for OSS and the Making Sense of Disturbed and Fill Soils classes offered by the Washington On-Site Sewage Association. The respondent is also responsible for all costs, expenses, fees and/or tax consequences incurred by complying with the Agreed Order.

A motion was made by Mr. Shrope, and seconded by Mr. Hendrickson, to accept the Agreed Order. Motion carried.

2. 2018-04-0003-00ENG Proposed Agreed Order

In April 2018, the Board received a complaint against Mr. Bianco alleging he engaged in unlicensed practice and fraudulently copied and used another profession engineer's stamp with signature on construction drawings.

Following an investigation it was determined that Mr. Bianco's conduct violated RCW 18.43.105 (5) and (10); 18.43.120; and RCW 18.235.130 (4), (8), (11) and (15)

The proposed Agreed Order imposes \$500 fine and requires the respondent permanently cease and desist from offering to practice engineering in the State of Washington.

A motion was made by Mr. Hendrickson, and seconded by Mr. Blaisdell, to accept the Agreed Order. Motion carried.

Ms. Short will update Agreed Order legal templates based on feedback received from board members. (Action)

3. New Business

3.1. The Board discussed spring On-Site and PLS state specific exams.

The ad hoc committee reported that although computer based exams were feasible, proctoring such exams could be unduly challenging and that postponing the exam until proctoring in-person is possible would be the simplest option. Mr. Fuller stated that the essential business designation for the state specific exams was denied and that the committee will continue to monitor Governor Inslee's [Safe Start Washington](#) re-opening plan to determine the soonest possible date for the state specific exams.

3.2. The Board discussed the revised executive director position description.

A motion was made by Mr. Hendrickson, and seconded by Mr. Blaisdell, to accept the position description having removed the second and third items under Financial Dimensions and with friendly amendments for additional edits by Mr. Blaisdell and Ms. Gnanapragasam. Motion carried.

Mr. VanDeWege will incorporate the changes and send the position description to Ms. Lagerberg for review before it gets submitted to State HR for banding. (Action)

3.3. The Board discussed Governor Inslee's [Safe Start Washington](#) re-opening plan.

Mr. Fuller informed the Board that staff will continue to work from home but may be going into the office occasionally to collect things and will adhere to DOL methodology regarding building and workforce safety.

The Board determined that complaints received regarding firms or licensees violating Governor Inslee's [Stay Home, Stay Safe](#) emergency order are under the Governor's Office purview and should be referred to its complaint line.

The Board decided to hold its June committee and board meetings virtually and to postpone meeting face-to-face in Spokane until August.

4. Adjourn Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Hendrickson, and seconded by Mr. Wengler, to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: June 17, 2020 – Special Board Meeting

Respectfully submitted



Ken Fuller, PE, Interim Director