
Board for Professional Engineers **Business Meeting Minutes**

DATE: August 14, 2025

TIME: 9:45 a.m.

LOCATION: 100 S. Charles St.
3rd Floor Conference Room
Baltimore, MD 21201
(Teleconference via Google Meet)
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MEMBERS PRESENT: Sallye Perrin, PE, Chair
Edward (Ed) Hubner, Vice Chair, PE
Karl Rickert, PE
Dhrubajyoti (DJ) Biswas, PE
Kathryn Gunkel, PE
Lily Kuitcha, PE
Judi Miller, RA, Consumer
Tracey Clark, Consumer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Zevi Thomas, Executive Director
Raquel Meyers, Assistant Executive Director
Matthew Venuti, AAG, Board Counsel
Shavon Cooper, Board Operations Officer
Dorian Price, Administrative Specialist
Hannah Belcher, Office Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: John Dove, Commissioner, O&P
Sarah McDermott, Assistant Commissioner, O&P
Matthew McKinney, Director, Government Affairs, O&P
Andrew Brown
Fabian Augusto Rengifo
Greg Morgan, NSPE-MD
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Jayendra Patel
Juan Antonio Sánchez-Tovar
Nicole Miles
Tory Pierce

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Sallye Perrin called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and notified members that this meeting and subsequent public meetings will now be recorded.

Review of Reciprocity and Exam Applications

Ms. Perrin reviewed the reciprocal applications submitted. She recommended that all applications be approved. Ms. Perrin noted one (1) Civil application was placed in the “Needs More Information” folder. Mr. Hubner confirmed that one (1) Electrical application was denied, and four (4) applications were placed in the “Needs More Information” folder. He further stated there were four (4) Mechanical applications placed in the “Needs More Information” folder, with one (1) Mechanical application denied. Mr. Rickert confirmed that two (2) Structural applications were approved, and one (1) application was placed in the “Needs More Information” folder. Ms. Perrin called Motion (I) to approve all reciprocal applications. Mr. Hubner moved, seconded by Ms. Gunkel, and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Perrin called Motion (II) for the denial of the exam applications; Mr. Hubner moved, seconded by Ms. Gunkel and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Perrin asked when applicants would receive notification of their application status, and Ms. Cooper confirmed that applicants will receive notifications shortly after this Board Meeting.

Mr. Venuti requested an explanation regarding the requirement for applicants to provide three PE signatures on the Character Reference Form. Ms. Perrin confirmed that the regulations specify this requirement. Mr. Rickert clarified that five signatures are required, and at least three shall be from licensed PEs. Ms. Perrin noted that the Board’s June discussion to transfer PE application reviews to NCEES should be revisited, as it may help alleviate this and other requirements. Mr. Rickert stated that any modifications would require further Board discussion and Ms. Perrin agreed.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Motion (III) was made by Ms. Perrin, seconded by Mr. Biswas, and unanimously carried to approve 53 applications for PE licensure by reciprocity and 70 applications for the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) exam.

Applications for PE Licensure by Reciprocity are as follows:

Arora, Shrey (65437)	Mitchell, David A (65464)
Atapoor, Nat (65438)	Navalurkar, Rajendra K (65465)
Baggett, Avan (65439)	Nguyen, Susan N (57585)
Baumgartner, Lora A (65440)	Oriaifo, Oseronamen D (65466)
Benson, Sara E (65441)	Patel, Jayendra R (65467)
Beyer, Daniel J (65442)	Patel, Manojkumar B (65468)
Burkley, Alexander Inigo L (65443)	Penn, Jesse R (65469)
Carrera, Luis (65444)	Peri, Padmaja (65470)
Devine, Julia R (65445)	Qian, Jun (65471)
Dignan, Keith G (65446)	Ramadan, Sammeh M (65472)
Elmekati, Ahmed (65447)	Rhodes, Winston D (65473)
Evrin, Yashar (65448)	Roberts, Ryan M (65474)
Fishman, Robert E (65449)	Sammata, Nagarjuna (65475)

Forars, Per K (65450)
Ghosh, Shuvrajit (65451)
Gould, Alan S (65452)
Guild, Micah D (65453)
Harrison, Chad J (65454)
Horwhat, Robert D (65455)
Hurst, David (65456)
Karageorge, George A (65457)
Kiyani, Iman (65458)
Koch, Ruben L (65459)
Kolts, Brendan S (65460)
Lefevre, Keith J (65461)
Lokane, Mohit (65462)
Manduva, Srinivasa R (65463)

Sharafi, Maxwell (65476)
Sheftick, Daniel E (65477)
Sivakumar, Bala (65478)
Soni, Jalpan (65479)
Suelter, Jason L (65480)
Sweeney, Ian P (65481)
Szymanski, Jeffrey D (65482)
Vermeulen, Adrianus J (65483)
Wang, Wenming (65484)
Webb, Steven J (65485)
Wisniewski, Mitchell A (65486)
Wu, Di (65487)
Wu, Tong (59757)

Applications for PE Licensure by Transfer of Grades are as follows:

Abiona, Qozeem O.
Alameraw, Mesfin
Al Obaidi, Ramiz S.
Brown, Anita

Dai, Gao L
Lu, Hui
Liu, Jian
Parva, Parsa

Two "Transfer of Grades" applications were placed in the "Needs More Information" folder.

Lu, Hui

Zayas, Jimmy

One Transfer of Grades application was denied.

Baidoo, Fiifi O

Applications for the Principles and Practices of Engineering Exam are as follows:

Aboulmouna, Rabee M
Alarcon, Julio C
Albrecht, Alissa
Alexander, Aarae L
Allen, Parker S.
Ammene, Ephrem
Anthony, Thomas S.
Atsem, Benjamin
Bell, Michael S
Bessemu, Elias
Boyle, Sean M
Breese, Alexander J
Bridges, Daniel C.
Brown, Anita
Cagir, Reid
Capell, Matthew
Castillo-Hernandez, Roal

Chu, Chen Yu
Conroy, Christopher L
Deza, Kelvin E.
Drew, Carson B
Engelmeier, Jonathan S
Erskine, Jacob M.
Eshetu, Hailu H
Flores, Cesar E
Forest, Brice
Freeman, Charles
Gamble, Briana
Gohil, Falgun A
Heil, Andrew E
Hernandez, Isabella G
Hummel, Michael J.
Jenkins, Aiden P
Joyce, John
Kaplan, Ella A
Kathrotiya, Vivek
Kempske, Rebekah
Knopp, Kendra

Lauer, Mitchell D.
Lin, Melissa Y.
Marshall, John S.
Matthews, Coke S.
Mekonen, Abraham
Molina -Ruiz, Diana A
Mostaghim, Morteza
Mundis, Scott E
Nartey, David
Ntonifor, Chungom N
Osakue, Martins
Ota, Greg S.
Rivers, Ryan I.
Rengifo, Fabian
Rodriguez-Magana, Alexis
Roman, Russell

**Ten exam applications were placed in the
“needs more information” folder.**

Brannan, Zachary R.
Knutsen, Daniel
Gohil, Falgun A.
Goldstein, Zachary R.

There was one Application Denied

Beauchamp, Gary

Saelens, Justin D.
Sanchez, Juan A
Sarnaik, Neeraj T.
Seabright, Elizabeth
Scramlin, Brian K
Shenk, Maria Fernandez
Soparkar, Ameya
Sorge, Joshua A.
Sridharan, Shweta
Stanfield, Johanna
Stoner, Jacob
Vincent, Daniel W
Walsh, John
Zacirka, Tyler
Zelege, Habtamu K
Zhoa, Danxi
Gorjipour, Hadi
Mostaghim, Morteza
Needy, Aaron
Shawel, Kidus K.
Yarrow, Ryan M.
Zayas, Jimmy

ACTION ON MINUTES

After review, Ms. Perrin called Motion (**IV**) to edit the June 12, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion moved by Mr. Biswas, seconded by Ms. Gunkel, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes with corrections.

NEW BUSINESS

-NCEES Annual Meeting - New Orleans

Ms. Perrin informed the Board that she would not be attending the meeting due to a schedule conflict. She referenced an email from Jim (James) Purcell regarding ETAC (Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission) degrees as a pathway to licensure under Model Law. There are several NCEES motions regarding Model Law and Council policies that could affect the Maryland Board's administrative procedures. The Board discussed NCEES actions from the prior Annual Meeting and this year's Zone meeting, noting that a motion was carried to expand the pathway for applicants with ABET-accredited ETAC degrees, which are not equivalent to a bachelor's in engineering but are ABET-accredited technology degrees. This proposed pathway will be included in the Model Law, which will allow candidates to sit for the exam with additional professional experience. Mr. Hubner clarified that the six years of additional experience was a recommendation not yet voted on, and that the actual vote in Chicago approved opening the pathway, with the committee still finalizing its recommendation. Ms. Perrin explained that once a motion is referred to UPLG (Unified Policy and Law), the language is then incorporated into the Model Law. After one year, the motion returns to the member Boards for a vote to confirm that the incorporated language reflects the intent of the original motion from the previous year.

Mr. Hubner moved that the Board support the ETAC pathway to licensure at the upcoming NCEES Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Ms. Miller seconded, and Motion (V) carried unanimously.

Mr. Rickert asked about the Annual Meeting agenda. Ms. Perrin advised members to log into their NCEES accounts to review the agenda and other topics raised at the Northeast Zone Meeting, including the Education Committee's recommendation for an equivalent degree to ETAC. The Board agreed that since Maryland's current registration process already permits applicants under alternate pathways, it would formally vote at the Annual Meeting in support of ETAC degrees as an accepted route for licensure under the Model Law.

Mr. Hubner, Ms. Miller, Ms. Clark, and Mr. Biswas confirmed they will be attending the Annual Meeting. Ms. Perrin confirmed that no motion was necessary for delegate designation and appointed Mr. Hubner, the Maryland voting delegate.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Perrin revisited the prospect of a working session regarding NCEES approving Principles and Practice of Engineering Exam applications, without the Maryland Board's pre-approval. Ms. Perrin recommended this session take place during October 9, 2025, Board meeting. The Board unanimously agreed to have a working session. Ms. Perrin requested that the Board staff confirm that an NCEES representative be made available virtually for this discussion. Mr. Thomas confirmed he will reach out to NCEES. Ms. Perrin added that since the Maryland Board will no longer accept applicants who have not passed the FE exam, she has noticed an increase in Civil applications during review who have not taken the FE. She asked Ms. Belcher and Ms. Cooper if they had noticed this increase as well. They both confirmed.

UPDATE FROM CPC COMMITTEE

Mr. Biswas confirmed two applications, one approved and one denied. The applicant Structural Technologies needs additional information. Ms. Perrin called Motion (VI) to accept recommendations from the CPC Committee. Moved by Ms. Gunkel, Mr. Rickert seconded and unanimously approved.

UPDATE FROM ETHICS COMMITTEE

None.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Thomas reports on the NCEES Annual Meeting discussed earlier during this meeting. Also, he mentioned some restructuring within the agency, the PE staff will unfortunately lose Mr. Price from the Professional Engineers Board; however, he will remain an integral part of the Design Boards unit. Mr. Price confirmed this by saying this will be his last PE meeting and he will be assuming his new role as Board Administrator for the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors and the Board of Landscape Architects, effective July 23, 2025. Ms. Perrin forwarded thanks and appreciation to Mr. Price for his work with all PE applications, reciprocity, and technology assistance. The members wish him the best of luck in his professional career. Mr. Thomas confirmed that most of Mr. Price's former duties will be divided for the most part between Ms. Belcher, Ms. Moore, and other staff members.

REPORT FROM BOARD COUNSEL

Mr. Venuti reports on an update from the May 8th hearing. An order was issued affirming the Board's denial of the application for Reciprocity, which was issued on July 25th. The applicant is currently in his appeal timeframe. The applicant has 30 days to appeal this decision, which is about August 26, 2025. Mr. Venuti confirmed that he is currently waiting for that appeal option.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Cooper confirmed that the email from Jim Purcell was forwarded to the Board members earlier during this meeting, and that this was the only correspondence. Ms. Perrin confirmed this correspondence was previously discussed in today's new business agenda.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Rickert reported on the status of complaints reviewed by the Complaint Committee on August 14, 2025.

02-PE-26 - Not the PE Board's jurisdiction
01-PE-26 - Not the PE Board's jurisdiction
24-PE-25 - Reported to Federal Trade Commission (FTC)
23-PE-23 - Closed
22-PE-25 - Closed
21-PE-25 - Pre-charge review
20-PE-25 - Under Current Review
19-PE-25 - Pre-charge review
18-PE-25 - Waiting for Response
16-PE-25 - Verify if Letters were Received
15-PE-25 - Closed
14-PE-25 - Waiting for Response
13-PE-24 - Closed

-Conducts

Waiting for responses from applicants.

-Audit Review

Mr. Rickert stated that the Complaint Committee is having consistent problems with responses.

-Reinstatements

Approved, no penalties.

Motion (VII) was made by Ms. Perrin, moved by Mr. Biswas, seconded by Ms. Gunkel, and unanimously carried to approve the recommendations of the Complaint Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion (VIII) was called by Ms. Perrin, moved by Mr. Biswas, seconded by Ms. Miller, and unanimously approved to enter Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. This session was permitted to be closed pursuant to General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, §3-305(b) (8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals to obtain legal advice. Upon completion of this closed session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 11:25 a.m.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVELY FOR RECIPROCITY

There were 100 applications, supported by NCEES Model Law Engineer records, that were administratively approved for licensure.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Perrin confirmed the next Board meeting is September 11, 2025, at 9:45 a.m.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Ms. Perrin opened the floor for the annual election of Board Officers. Mr. Rickert nominated Ms. Perrin for t Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Hubner; with no further nominations, she was elected Chair for the Maryland Board for Professional Engineers. Ms. Perrin nominated Mr. Hubner for Vice-chair, seconded by Ms. Miller; with no additional nominations, he was elected Vice-chair. For Secretary, Mr. Hubner nominated Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. Biswas; she was elected Secretary. As Chair, Ms. Perrin reappointed Mr. Rickert as Chair of the Complaint Committee, Ms. Miller as Consumer Member of the Complaint Committee, Mr. Biswas as chair of the CPC Committee, and Mr. Hubner as chair of the Ethics Committee, noting that additional committees may be established as required.

Mr. Hubner inquired about onboarding for new members. Mr. Thomas confirmed that manuals, regulations, and statutes had been provided and that follow-up training would be offered. Ms. Gunkel requested clarification on reviewing applications, and Mr. Hubner agreed to provide training via Zoom, emphasizing the reviewer's role and providing the rubric. Ms. Kuitcha confirmed application review deadlines, and Mr. Hubner noted reviews are due by the end of the month prior to the next Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion **(VIX)** was made by Ms. Perrin, moved by Mr. Biswas, seconded by Mr. Hubner and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:51 a.m.

 X With Corrections

 Without Corrections

Signed by: Signature-on-File
 Board Chairperson

9/15/2025
Date