

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

Date: June 12, 2025

Time: 9:45 a.m.

Place: Access Using Video Conferencing
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Phone: 1-484-416-2276
PIN: 201 307 165#

Present: Sallye Perrin, PE, Chair
Edward Hubner, Secretary, PE
Karl Rickert, PE
Dhrubajyoti Biswas, PE
Kathryn Gunkel, PE
Judi Miller, RA, Consumer
Tracey Clark, Consumer

Staff Present: Zevi Thomas, Executive Director
Raquel Meyers, Assistant Executive Director
Shavon Cooper, Board Administrator
Matthew Venuti, AAG, Board Counsel
Dorian Price, Office Secretary
Hannah Belcher, Office Secretary

Others Present: John Dove, Jr., Commissioner, Occupational & Professional Licensing
Masha, Grinstein, Applicant
Greg Morgan, NSPE-MD
Josh Campbell, Applicant
Ehsan Amini, Applicant

Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Perrin, Board Chair, Motion (I) called the meeting to order at 9:46 a.m.

Review of Reciprocity and Exam Applications

Motion (II) was made by Mr. Hubner, seconded by Mr. Rickert, and unanimously carried to approve 34 applications for PE licensure by reciprocity, 24 applications for the Principles and Practice of Engineering exam and five applications for PE Licensure by Transfer of Grades. The approvals are as follows:

Applications for PE Licensure by Reciprocity are as follows:

Ardeshiri, Anam (65088)	Kumanan, Venkatesh (65101)
Asadi, Mojtaba (65089)	Lu, Feng (65102)
Baldota, Divyang P (54745)	Ma, Zhanxiao (65103)
Batiancila, Ramil (65090)	Mologne, Michael J (65104)
Bhatt, Jigar (31703)	Papineau, Callen (65105)
Blackwell, Edmond H (65091)	Patterson, Patrick J (65106)
Bravante, Thomas (65092)	Postma, Mark A (65107)
Breen, Thomas J (61465)	Quinlan, Kevin T (65108)
Clymer, Nathaniel C (65093)	Rago, Joseph D (65109)
Doan, Tan Huy (63369)	Rajeev Kumar, Rajendran (65110)
Duarte, Paul A (65094)	Regmi, Nitish (65111)
Fisher, Mark D (65095)	Reyes-Hernandez, Jose R (62997)
Greer, Robert C (65096)	Rydin, Scott M (65112)
Grubb, Harold P (65097)	Sanchez-Dominici, Francisco (65113)
Harleston, Sibyl (65098)	Shakya, Anuj M (65116)
Ibrahimi, Ali I (65099)	Stam, James (65114)
Kompany, Kianoush (65100)	Taylor, Zachary J (65115)

1 (one) reciprocity application was denied.

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

Budari, Shusil	Grinstein, Masha
Calcagno, William F	Sadid, Ahmad Mushtaq
Griffin, Hillary M	

2 (two) applications “Needs More Information” folder.

Alameraw, Mesfin	Abino, Qozeem O
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Applications for the Principles and Practices of Engineering Exam are as follows:

Al Qudwa, Ahmed – Civil	Crystal Wheaden – Civil
Amini, Ehsan - Mechanical	Green, Karen – Electrical
Bloise, Robert – Mechanical	Griffin, Hillary M – Civil
Buller-Jarrett, Alan – Construction	Guzma, Nick – Civil
Bussiere, Nicholas – Electrical	Hess, Angela - Architectural
Carlino, Michael J - Electrical	Holloway, Jason – Civil
Coccagna, Nicholas – Mechanical	

Hoover, Berk A – Mechanical
Hotem, Benjamin - Mechanical
Keegan, Jeanne - Architecture
Keene, Nicholas – Civil
Kinnear, Joshua J -Civil Construction
Manandhar, Rajan – Civil
Munoz, Michel D – Mechanical

Namaga, Samuel - Geotechnical
Pais Goyache, Irene – Environmental
Phillips, Russell – Mechanical
Roberts, Victor L – Mechanical
Schafer, Alexandra - Bioengineering
Sparks, Jordan – Civil
Tlemsani, Houcine - HVAC- Mechanical

8 (eight) applications were placed in “Needs More Information” folder

Moustafa, Moamen – Civil
Rodriguez-Magana, Alexis – Transportation
Zhu, Yifan – Civil

Gohil, Falgun – Electrical
Conroy, Christopher L - Fire Protection
Sorge, Jousha A - Mechanical

Motion (III) was called by Ms. Perrin, moved by Mr. Hubner, seconded by Mr. Rickert, and unanimously carried to confirm applications placed in the “needs more information” folder.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Motion (IV) was made by Ms. Perrin, moved by Mr. Hubner, seconded by Ms. Miller, and unanimously carried to approve May 8, 2025, meeting minutes with corrections.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rickert requested the Executive Director to provide the Board members with an updated copy of the Board statutes and regulations. Mr. Venuti confirmed he could send this information to all Board members.

Ms. Gunkel noted she was nominated by the Maryland Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), which were responsible for providing a list of three nominees. She recommended that the responsibility for nominating new board members includes the Maryland Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE-MD), since the Maryland Section of AIChE is not as active and will likely be dissolved in the coming years. Mr. Thomas confirmed that the NSPE-MD was instrumental in obtaining the nomination for the most recent vacancy on this board.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Perrin requested an update on the discussion from last month’s meeting regarding the three-attempt limit for the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) exam administered by NCEES. Mr. Thomas stated that he will discuss this matter as well as the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) between NCEES and the United Kingdom’s Engineering Council during his Executive Report.

-NCEES ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDEES

Ms. Perrin inquired about whether board members who are attending the NCEES Annual Meeting have already registered for this event. Board members funded by the Council confirmed their registration.

-ETHICS EXAM

Ms. Perrin asked if it's possible to remove the non-narrated ethics presentation from the Maryland Department of Labor webpage. Mr. Thomas confirms the ethics course quiz and presentation now work in tandem. The quiz is only accessible once the applicant has viewed the full presentation. A discussion was held to ensure that this information was understood by all Board members. Mr. Thomas confirmed that the aim is to replace the subscription-based quiz once the subscription expires next year. The staff will develop and offer an alternative to the Board's ethics quiz.

-HEARING UPDATE

Ms. Perrin asked Mr. Venuti to discuss the results of the May 8, 2025, hearing. Ms. Gunkle asked for an overview of this matter. Mr. Venuti explained that a reciprocal applicant was denied a PE license in Maryland due to a lack of qualifying credentials. The applicant in question did not pass the PE exam. Based on this denial the applicant appealed the Board's decision and requested a hearing before the Board. The hearing was held on May 8, 2025.

UPDATE FROM CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY (CPC) COMMITTEE

4 (four) CPC provider applications approved as follows: The Haskell Company, Bohler Engineering, DMR Associates, and Oceanic Network.

Motion (V) was called by Ms. Miller, moved by Mr. Rickert, seconded by Mr. Hubner and unanimously carried to approve 4 CPC provider applications.

Mr. Hubner recommends that a list of the approved CPC providers be shared by the CPC Committee with the Board. He deems that the Board should be made aware of the CPC applicants before voting to approve these providers. Ms. Miller questioned this request; she stated the duty of the CPC Committee is to review these independently. Mr. Biswas confirmed he will provide a list of approved providers at future meetings.

UPDATES FROM THE ETHICS COMMITTEE

None.

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Thomas reported that NCEES has measures in place to prevent applicants from exceeding the number of PE exam attempts allowed. Candidates can sit for the exam one time per testing window (Jan/Feb/Mar, Apr/May/Jun, etc.) and up to 3 times per 12-month period. This ensures security and integrity with computer-based testing. Additionally, in over 40 jurisdictions, no further approvals are required between attempts—candidates may continue taking the PE exam as many times as needed until they pass, provided they stay within the NCEES exam policies. Ms. Perrin requested additional discussions to explore ways to streamline the processes or reviews of the Board pertaining to this subject. Mr. Venuti confirms that the board has the authority to change and/or update this regulation. The Board may adopt regulations to enforce, remove, or clarify this matter.

NCEES MUTUAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENT (MRA) – UNITED KINGDOM

Mr. Thomas shared an overview of an MRA applicant based on recent discussions with NCEES representatives. He announced that, in addition to the standard application materials—such as education credentials, experience records, employment verification, endorsers, and references, an additional proforma will be presented to PE boards when MRA applicants are involved. The applicant will need to be a Chartered Engineer (CEng) and a member of the International Professional Engineers registry, with no disciplinary sanctions or conducts. Membership in this registry signifies that the individual holds an internationally recognized engineering license. The process is similar to the current Model Law Engineer (MLE) transmittals from NCEES, and the MRA designation will be prominently noted on the Council records of these applicants. Ms. Perrin raised a question as to whether these applications should be reviewed by Board member y or if staff should handle these applications. Mr. Thomas reminded the Board that an MLE applicant typically qualifies by having an ABET-accredited degree, maintaining good standing with no disciplinary actions and possibly holding licensure in another jurisdiction for four or more years. The Board agreed that its members will review MRA applicants in the interim until further notice.

-NCEES EXAM UPDATE

Ms. Perrin requested an update on whether applicants are allowed to register directly with NCEES to take the PE exam, rather than first seeking approval from a jurisdiction. Ms. Perrin also inquired about the criteria that determine eligibility. Mr. Thomas responded that currently, NCEES has almost 40 boards that auto approve candidates to sit for the PE exam. This list grows

every year and there are not many boards left that have a manual approval process for the PE exam (all but 4 boards auto-approve for the FE exam). Ms. Perrin asks which steps would need to be modified by the Board members and staff. Ms. Perrin added that this discussion will be tied to possible changes to the current Board regulations. A working session on this matter should be scheduled as part of a future Board meeting.

REPORT FROM BOARD COUNSEL

Mr. Venuti reiterated the updates from the May 8, 2025, hearing.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence

APPLICATIONS APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVELY FOR RECIPROCITY

Ninety applications, supported by NCEES Model Law Engineer (MLE) records, that were administratively approved for licensure.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Rickert reported on the status of the Complaint Committee on June 12, 2025.

22- PE-25- Pending CC Review.
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20- PE-25- Pending CC Review.
19- PE-25- Pending CC Review.
18- PE-25- Pending CC Review.
16- PE-25- Complaint Incomplete. Pending CC Review.
15- PE-25- Investigation.
14- PE-25- Pending CC Review.
12- PE-25- Case Closed.
16- PE-24- Pre-Charge Review.
13- PE-24- Pending CC Review.
21- PE-23- Pre-Charge Review.
13- PE-24- Pending CC Review.

The Complaint Committee reviewed one conduct application for reciprocity and concluded by approving the conduct. 5 (five) reinstatement applications were reviewed.

Pre-Charge Report:

17- PE-25- Consent Order Drafted
11- PE-25- Consent Order Signed and Fine Paid. Closed
08- PE-25- Charges Drafted. Pending Administrative Hearing.
07- PE-25-. Consent Order Drafted. Fines Assessed.

