

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS,
SURVEYORS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by Section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2011

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: King Kalakaua Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii

Present: Mike Miura, Rules Committee Chair
Dan Hirota, Surveyor Member
Jay Manzano, Public Member
Carol Sakata
James Kobashigawa, Executive Officer
Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer

Excused: Shelli McCelvey, Landscape Architect Member
Clayton Pang, Engineer Member
Roberto Yumol, Architect Member
Marc Ventura, Alternate Architect Member

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:39 a.m.

Discussion on Amendments To Chapter 16-115, HAR, & Chapter 464, HRS: Mr. Miura summarized the minutes of the November 10, 2011 meeting. Discussions related to delegating staff to approve applicants who are NCARB Certificate Holders, CLARB Certificate Holders, and NCEES Model Law Engineers, NCEES Model Law Structural Engineers and NCEES Model Law Surveyor will continue at the Board meeting. The rules will need to be amended to allow staff delegation.

The Committee continues to support staff authority to approve such applicants and ratify approval of the applicants at the Board's subsequent meeting. Also, the Committee supports direct registration to NCARB to be eligible to take the A.R.E.

Mr. Miura brought up the issue of expert witness in legal proceedings. Mr. Kobashigawa informed the Committee that the Board had previously determined that the courts should decide whether a person is considered an expert witness, regardless of whether a person is licensed or not.

Next Meeting: The next Rules Committee meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday, January 12, 2012
8:30 a.m.
King Kalakaua Building
King Kalakaua Conference Room, 1st Floor

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ James Kobashigawa

James Kobashigawa
Executive Officer

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Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.