

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 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, May 10, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: King Kalakaua Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: Norman Hong, Vice Chair, Architect Member  
Ross Okuda, Secretary, Mechanical Engineer Member  
Michael Chu, Landscape Architect Member  
Demetrio Constantino, Public Member  
Howard Lau, Structural Engineer Member  
Jay Manzano, Public Member  
Paul Murray, Land Surveyor Member  
Robert Yanabu, Civil Engineer Member  
Marc Ventura, Architect Member  
Roberto Yumol, Architect Member  
James Kobashigawa, Executive Officer  
Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer  
Terry Akasaka-Toyama, Secretary

Excused: Dan Hirota, Land Surveyor Member  
Shelli McCelvey, Chair, Landscape Architect Member  
Clayton Pang, Electrical Engineer Member  
Raymond Skelton, Public Member

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, Vice Chair Hong called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

Agenda: Additions and Revisions: It was moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Lau, and unanimously carried to add the following to the agenda:

- Under Applications, f. Renewal of License, add:
  - ✓ Thomas Posedly
- Under Applications, add g. Appearance of Shawn Clarke
- Under Correspondence, add a. Email from Peder Golberg

Approval of  
Minutes:

It was moved by Mr. Chu, seconded by Mr. Murray, and unanimously carried to approve the April 12, 2012 Board meeting minutes.

Applications:

a. Ratifications

It was moved by Mr. Lau, seconded by Mr. Okuda, and unanimously carried to ratify the following:

APPROVED CIVIL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- MIURA, Jennifer

APPROVED MECHANICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- FRIESEN, Jason

b. Professional Engineer Committee

Mr. Lau presented the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER COMMITTEE REPORT and recommended action as follows:

APPROVE CIVIL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- BALL, Bruce
- BUSTAMANTE, Bernardo
- CASSIDY, Wilfred
- CLARKE, Shawn
- GARDNER, Randall
- HREHA, Michael
- ISHIDA, Cari
- KOBAYASHI, Bryan
- MERRILL, John
- NAKAYAMA, Jennifer
- PACHECO, Kason
- PETERSON, David
- PETERSON, Joseph
- PRIANTO, Reco

- RIENDEAU, Marta
- SCHMITT, William
- SIEMENS, J. Andrew
- STEPHENS, Brett

APPROVE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- BEEBE, John
- LINDELOW, Scott
- STEINBRECHER, Brian
- TERRY, Samuel

APPROVE MECHANICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- BANDI, Said
- BROCKS, Steffen
- LIND, Thomas
- MANSKE, Kyle
- MASON, James
- MILLER, Scott
- O'BRIEN, John

APPROVE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- BUNDEN, Tsuyoshi
- ERICKSON, Bradley
- HECTOR, Allyn
- HODGE, William
- HUTCHINS, John
- NIEBLAS, Gerard
- UTHOFF, Stephan
- WELTON, Jeremy
- YEH, Jack

APPROVE ENGINEER BY EXAM (PE)

- SAARI, Kate (CE)
- YU, Xin (CE)

APPROVE ENGINEER BY EXAM (FE)

- CALPITO, Christopher
- PICHAY, Johnny

DEFER CIVIL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- ERICKSON, Bradley
- EVERS, Andrew
- HUTCHINS, John
- NEJATI, Mehrdad
- OWENS, Michael
- PANKRATZ, Robert
- PITTS, Paul
- RILEY, Robert
- SCHNEIDER, Travis
- WIENAND, Bryan

DEFER ELECTRICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- NEJATI, Mehrdad
- PARKER, Daniel

DEFER MECHANICAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- BIGGERSTAFF, Neil
- LIBBE, Brett
- SLADIC, Mark

DEFER STRUCTURAL ENGINEER BY ENDORSEMENT

- O'CONNOR, Jerome
- TOBOLSKI, Matthew

DEFER ENGINEER BY EXAM (FE)

- MISHRA, Narayan

It was moved by Mr. Okuda, seconded by Mr. Chu, and unanimously carried to accept the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER COMMITTEE REPORT.

c. Professional Architect Committee

Mr. Ventura presented the PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECT COMMITTEE REPORT and recommended action as follows:

APPROVE ARCHITECT BY ENDORSEMENT

- HADAEGH, Reza
- LACEY, William
- LIM, Geoffrey
- MAJORS, Richard Jr.
- MERCHIORI, Marco
- NOBLE, Scott
- RIES, Paul
- WYATT, Thomas

APPROVE ARCHITECT BY EXAM

- KERSTEN, Chase
- KIMOTO, Davin
- SHIBATA, Brian

DEFER ARCHITECT BY EXAM

- TAKANO, Gerald

It was moved by Mr. Yumol, seconded by Mr. Murray, and unanimously carried to accept the PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECT COMMITTEE REPORT.

d. Professional Land Surveyor Committee

None.

e. Professional Landscape Architect Committee

Mr. Chu presented the PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT COMMITTEE REPORT and recommended action as follows:

APPROVE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT BY EXAM

- BOYER, Lynn (L.A.R.E. and state-constructed exam)

It was moved by Mr. Lau, seconded by Mr. Murray, and unanimously carried to accept the PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT COMMITTEE REPORT.

f. Renewal of License

It was moved by Mr. Yumol, seconded by Mr. Lau, and unanimously carried to renew the following license:

- Michael Araki

It was moved by Mr. Manzano, seconded by Mr. Lau, and unanimously carried to renew the following license:

- Michael Gorman

It was moved by Mr. Yumol, seconded by Mr. Ventura, and unanimously carried to defer the following license renewal pending receipt of additional information:

- James Parrish

It was moved by Mr. Chu, seconded by Mr. Lau, and unanimously carried to renew the following license and to file a complaint with the Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO") as the licensee did not inform the Board in a timely manner of a judgment against their license:

- Matthew Schmidt

It was moved by Mr. Yumol, seconded by Mr. Lau, and carried (ayes from Chu, Constantino, Lau, Manzano, Murray, Okuda, Ventura, Yanabu, and Yumol, while Hong recused himself) to deny this CE waiver request as there are many online CE providers available, and to give a 3-month grace period to comply with the CE requirement:

- Charles Uhlmann

It was moved by Mr. Yumol, seconded by Mr. Manzano, and unanimously carried to deny this CE waiver/modification request as the CE requirement has been in effect since the April 2008 renewal and to give a 3-month grace period to comply with the CE requirement as there are many CE providers available online:

- Thomas Posedly

g. Appearance of Shawn Clarke

Mr. Clarke is applying for a civil engineer license, but his application was deferred twice for clarification regarding his experience as it seemed to be more structural than civil and appeared to be short by 2 months.

Mr. Clarke went on to explain that his experience while at Bolton Engineering included reviewing geotechnical report studies and retaining walls, back drains and grading plans.

He believes the wrong verbiage was used by one of his supervisors which emphasized/implied more structural than civil work was performed.

It was also questioned whether a supervisor, Bill Corn, was licensed as a civil engineer as it was not indicated on the verification form. If Mr. Corn is shown to be a licensed as a civil engineer, the Board could also consider that experience as well.

Executive Session: At 10:15 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Lau, seconded by Mr. Murray, and unanimously carried to move into executive session pursuant to HRS §92-5 to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section HRS §26-9 or both, as provided in HRS §92-5(a)(1).

Mr. Clarke was excused from the meeting room.

At 10:26 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Lau, and unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

Mr. Clarke re-entered the meeting room.

It was moved by Mr. Lau, seconded by Mr. Murray, and unanimously carried to approve Mr. Clarke's application subject to verification of Mr. Corn's California engineer license.

Old Business: a. Rules Committee Report

Mr. Kobashigawa summarized the minutes of the April 12, 2012 Rules Committee Meeting.

Ms. Sakata updated the Committee regarding AIA's continuing education ("CE") requirements. Effective 2012, AIA will be requiring 18 hours of CE per calendar year, of which 12 hours shall be in Health, Safety, Welfare ("HSW") subjects, and of those 12 hours 4 shall be in sustainable design subjects. The additional 6 hours may be in non-HSW subjects.

Since AIA's requirements are in line with NCARB's requirements, the Committee recommends that the Board adopt NCARB's CE requirements.

Mr. Kobashigawa updated the members that although the Committee recommended that applicants be allowed to apply and register for examination directly through NCEES (without applying to the Board first), the Board at its April 12, 2012 meeting felt that more information would be needed and deferred the matter until the NCEES Zone and national meetings were concluded.

Mr. Kobashigawa added that CLARB is also advocating that applicants for the Landscape Architect Registration Examination ("L.A.R.E.") register directly with them. Therefore, CLARB, NCARB, and NCEES all have procedures in place for candidates to directly register for an examination.

Mr. Miura referenced the Board's discussion at its last meeting on March 8, 2012 regarding the legislature bills on military experience and requested clarification from Mr. Kobashigawa as to how the Board's pending rules address this issue.

Mr. Kobashigawa explained that previously the Board heard convincing presentation from an applicant regarding his qualifications despite not being supervised by a licensed supervisor. In addition, there have been many qualified applicants with military or federal government experience who were not supervised by a licensed person. As a result, the Board decided to amend its lawful experience provision in the rules to allow for acceptance of other experience satisfactory to the Board on a 2:1 basis.

It was moved by Mr. Yumol, seconded by Mr. Murray, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2012 Rules Committee meeting.

b. Legislative Update

- ACT 79 (S.B. 2167 – Relating to Professions and Vocations)

This Act clarifies the definition of landscape architect and replaces the existing definition of "surveyor" or "land surveyor" with "land surveying", "professional surveyor" "professional land surveyor", or "land surveyor".

- H.B. 2257 – Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing

This bill permits licensure by endorsement/reciprocity in certain situations for a nonresident military spouse. It also permits issuance of a temporary license if certain requirements are met and requires the licensing authority to expedite consideration of the application and issuance of a license by endorsement/reciprocity/temporary license to a qualified nonresident military spouse.

The bill is awaiting approval from the Governor.

- H.B. 2258 – Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing

This bill requires the professional and vocational licensing boards to consider relevant military education, training, and service as part of the evaluation process toward the qualifications of a license.

The bill is awaiting approval from the Governor.

- No word on replacements for Mr. Chu or Mr. Ventura who have fulfilled 2 terms on the Board. There has also been no word on whether Mr. Hirota, Mr. Okuda, or Mr. Yumol have been reappointed or held over for another year.

New Business:

a. NCEES Matters

- The Western Zone meeting will be held May 17–19, 2012 in Jackson Hole, Wyoming (with Central Zone). Mr. Pang will be attending as the Board's delegate.

- This year's Annual Meeting will be held August 22–25, 2012 in St. Louis, Missouri. There will be funding for one Board member as well as for a first-time attendee. The first-time attendee is open to any Board member who has been on the Board less than 18-months. Mr. Lau will be attending as the funded delegate.
- NCEES will be moving the administration of the PE industrial exam from October to April beginning April 2013. The industrial exam will also have new specifications, which indicate the knowledge areas to be tested and their relative weights of emphasis.
- NCEES will launch a new PE exam in software engineering with the April 2013 exam administration.
- With the Deepwater Horizon disaster, NCEES is committed to advancing licensure for engineers to better protect the public from incompetent or unethical practice and is advocating to eliminate industrial exemptions from licensure.
- Engineers Week for 2013 is scheduled for February 17-23.

b. NCARB Matters

- This year's Annual Meeting will be held June 20-23, 2012 in Minneapolis, MN. Mr. Yumol, Mr. Ventura and Mr. Kobashigawa will be attending.
- Starting May 1, 2012, NCARB is offering a special, one-time offer that waives any outstanding renewal fees from prior years. This means architects can renew and reactivate their NCARB Certificate during the month of May for only the cost of the current \$225 renewal fee plus \$250 reactivation fee.

After May, reactivating a Certificate that has lapsed will require a \$225 renewal fee for each year of inactivity, plus the reactivation fee, up to a cap of \$1,500. This change was made to encourage more inactive Certificate holders to renew their Certificate.

c. CLARB Matters

- CLARB's Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 6-8, 2012 in San Francisco, CA.
- Beginning in June, starting a Council Record will become part of the registration process for exam candidates.

Correspondence: a. E-mail from Peder Golberg

Mr. Golberg inquired whether a structural engineer can stamp the architectural cover sheet and architectural feature sheet for a concrete mausoleum.

Based upon the information and description on the scope of work provided, by consensus of the Board, a structural engineer can stamp the architectural cover sheet and feature sheet for a concrete mausoleum.

Announcements: a. Renewal Statistics

The following are renewal statistics as of May 1, 2012:

	<u>% of licensees who renewed:</u>	<u>% of licensees who renewed online:</u>
Architect	89.38%	94.76%
Landscape Architect	89.94%	95.10%
Land Surveyor	94.34%	96.50%
Professional Engineer	93.02%	95.96%

b. Results of April 2012 Landscape Architect – Hawaii Plant Materials State Exam

Number of Candidates: 2  
Number Passed: 1

c. Website Announcement Regarding Architect Applicants Who Are Graduates of Foreign Schools

Mr. Kobashigawa reported that a notice was posted to the Board's website informing that effective May 1, 2012, architect applicants with foreign education will need to have their architectural degrees evaluated through the Education Evaluation Services for Architects ("EESA") of the National Architectural Accrediting Board ("NAAB"). Their website address is Website: [www.eesa-naab.org](http://www.eesa-naab.org).

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9:00 a.m.  
King Kalakaua Room  
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335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Terry Akasaka-Toyama

Terry Akasaka-Toyama  
Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ James Kobashigawa

James Kobashigawa  
Executive Officer

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Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes \_\_\_\_\_.