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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Minutes of Meeting
August 30, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

President Tappert called the teleconference to order at 9:08 a.m. via teleconference from the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (OSBEELS) office at 670 Hawthorne Avenue, SE Suite 220, Salem, Oregon 97301.

Members Present:

Carl Tappert
William Boyd
Steven Burger
James Doane
Ron Singh
Tom Van Liew

Members Excused:

Anne Hillyer
Ken Hoffine
Sue Newstetter

Others Present:

Mari Lopez, OSBEELS Executive Secretary
Jenn Gilbert, OSBEELS Executive Assistant
Katharine Lozano, Assistant Attorney General
Matt Bryan, OSBEELS Administrative Specialist
Joy Pariante, OSBEELS Social and Communications Media Specialist
Brianna Weekly, OSBEELS Administrative Specialist

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Burger/Van Liew) to approve the agenda. Examinations and Qualifications Committee (EQC) minutes were amended and added to the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

EXAMINATIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE

Approval of the Consent Agenda

It was moved and seconded (Burger/Doane) to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following items:

- Approve a reference waiver for Christopher Barnobi
- Approve a reference waiver for Zachary Dunn
- Approve a reference waiver for Thomas Rollman
- Approve Brian K. Duvall's reapplication
- Approve Michael R. Larkin's reapplication
- Approve Ernie L. Martinez's reapplication
- Approve Erik J. Mepham's reapplication
- Approve BJ Morgan's reapplication
- Approve Andrew M. Poe's reapplication
- Approve Andreea L. Simescu's reapplication
- Approve Philip W, Walker's reapplication
- Approve Thareth Yin's reapplication
- Approve EQC minutes

The motion passed unanimously.

There was additional discussion on the following Consent Agenda items:

Approve a reference waiver for Olivia Luke

Mr. Doane asked to pull Ms. Luke's waiver request from the Consent Agenda to allow for additional discussion. Mr. Doane said Ms. Luke's situation brought up a number of statutory issues. He said he disagreed with the Board lacking the authority to require that only registered professionals can serve as references when validating time claimed as engineering experience. President Tappert asked for AAG Lozano's opinion on the situation. AAG Lozano said the Board has previously waived the requirement for references to be registered if all experience can still be verified. Ms. Lopez noted that this is usually an issue with applicants who have worked in fields with industrial exemptions. AAG Lozano said this situation has an industrial and a military exemption and the Board can't require that a federal entity only employ registered professionals. Mr. Burger said he found it commendable that Ms. Luke was seeking registration when it isn't required for her field. It was moved and seconded (Van Liew/Boyd) to approve Ms. Luke's reference waiver. The motion passed. Mr. Doane voted in opposition.

Approve Adrian Gordon II's reapplication

President Tappert asked to pull Mr. Gordon's reapplication from the Consent Agenda to allow for additional discussion. President Tappert asked Registration Department Staff why Mr. Gordon was absent from 10 examination administrations for which he was already registered and approved. Mr. Bryan said there was no communication from Mr. Gordon to explain his absences and the data from the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) doesn't specify information regarding attendance other than present or not present. Ms. Gilbert pointed out that the EQC had discussed to possibility of Mr. Gordon's reapplication being denied in the future if he failed to register or sit for this examination. Mr. Van Liew suggested developing a system to determine reapplication limits in situations where applicants aren't registering or sitting for the exam. AAG Lozano said there are the options of creating a point system via matrix or establish a cutoff amount for attempts. She suggested developing a policy and matrix and testing it prior to implementing it as a rule. Ms. Lopez said past AAG's have had

concerns regarding the impact a policy such as this would have on comity applications. If there was a cutoff amount of attempts, then any comity applicant who had attempted the examination in excess of that cutoff would not be eligible for comity in Oregon. AAG Lozano said some of these concerns may be alleviated with the introduction of computer-based testing and the changes accompanying it. Mr. Boyd asked if a system like this would be necessary based on frequency of applicants with multiple reapplications. Mr. Burger requested that Staff provide statistics from NCEES regarding the frequency of these occurrences among Oregon applicants. It was moved and seconded (Doane/Boyd) to approve Mr. Gordon's reapplication. The Board determined to add language to Mr. Gordon's approval letter informing him that if he failed to register for or attend this examination, his future reapplication would be denied. It was moved and seconded (Doane/Boyd) to accept the amended motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.