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# MICHIGAN BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS MEETING

# APPROVED MINUTES SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Professional Engineers met on September 11, 2019, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

# CALL TO ORDER

Kelly Fedele, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

# **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Kelly Fedele, Professional Engineer, Chairperson Michael Drewyor, Professional Surveyor, Vice Chairperson Daniel Acciavatti, Public Member Patrick Barry, Architect Lori Fobes, Professional Engineer Charles Hookham, Professional Engineer Brett Karl, Public Member Deveron Q. Sanders, Professional Engineer (arrived 11:24 a.m.) James Stevens, Professional Engineer

### Members Absent: None

Staff:Jenna Kiter, Departmental Technician, Enforcement Division<br/>Weston MacIntosh, Analyst, Boards and Committees Section<br/>Kiran Parag, Analyst, Compliance Section<br/>Cheryl Pezon, Director, Bureau of Professional Licensing<br/>Inna Volkova, Manager, Enforcement Division<br/>Stephanie Wysack, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

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# APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Stevens, seconded by Drewyor, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Stevens, seconded by Drewyor, to approve the minutes from May 8, 2019, as written.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

#### **MIPLUS DISCUSSION**

Pezon introduced herself to the Board. She informed the Board that the Department will be switching to a new licensing platform called MiPLUS. The new platform will process license applications and update the online license verification system. Pezon provided an overview of MiPLUS and discussed what to expect during and after the transition.

### MISS DIG PRESENTATION

Colleen Goddard and Paul Harding from MISS DIG 811 gave a presentation titled "MISSDIG811 Educational Opportunities."

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **Reinstatement**

#### Paulin Modi

MOTION by Drewyor, seconded by Hookham, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Hookham, seconded by Drewyor, to deny the Application for Reinstatement.

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Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was held:

Yeas: Acciavatti, Barry, Fobes, Hookham, Karl, Sanders, Drewyor, Fedele Nays: None Recuse: Stevens

MOTION PREVAILED

## Hearing Reports

MOTION by Acciavatti, seconded by Fobes, to receive the Hearing Reports.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

### Karl E. Billisits

MOTION by Drewyor, seconded by Fobes, to place the Respondent on probation for a minimum of one day not to exceed one year. During the probationary period, Respondent shall complete and submit proof to the Department of successful completion of the deficient 30 hours of continuing education. Responded is fined \$1,750.00 which must be paid within 60 days. Failure to comply with terms shall result in license suspension.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Acciavatti, Barry, Fobes, Hookham, Karl, Sanders, Stevens, Drewyor, Fedele Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### William J. Glass

MOTION by Acciavatti, seconded by Fobes, to place the Respondent on probation for a minimum of one day not to exceed one year. During the probationary period, Respondent shall complete and submit proof to the Department of successful completion of the deficient 30 hours of continuing education. Responded is fined \$1,750.00 which must be paid within 60 days. Failure to comply with terms shall result in license suspension.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Acciavatti, Barry, Fobes, Hookham, Karl, Sanders, Stevens, Drewyor, Fedele Nays: None

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# H. Andrew Holtom

MOTION by Drewyor, seconded by Stevens, to place the Respondent on probation for a minimum of one day not to exceed one year. During the probationary, period Respondent shall complete and submit proof to the Department of successful completion of the deficient 30 hours of continuing education. Responded is fined \$1,750.00 which must be paid within 60 days. Failure to comply with terms shall result in license suspension.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Acciavatti, Barry, Fobes, Hookham, Karl, Sanders, Stevens, Drewyor, Fedele Nays: None

### MOTION PREVAILED

### Mike M. Jaber

MOTION by Stevens, seconded by Sanders, to place the Respondent on probation for a minimum of one day not to exceed one year. During the probationary period, Respondent shall complete and submit proof to the Department of successful completion of the deficient 15 hours of continuing education. Responded is fined \$1,000.00 which must be paid within 60 days. Failure to comply with terms shall result in license suspension.

A roll call vote was held:	Yeas: Acciavatti, Barry, Fobes, Hookham, Karl, Sanders,
	Stevens, Drewyor, Fedele
	Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### William E. Kallman

MOTION by Acciavatti, seconded by Barry, to place the Respondent on probation for a minimum of one day not to exceed one year. During the probationary period, Respondent shall complete and submit proof to the Department of successful completion of the deficient 30 hours of continuing education. Responded is fined \$1,750.00 which must be paid within 60 days. Failure to comply with terms shall result in license suspension.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Acciavatti, Barry, Fobes, Hookham, Karl, Sanders, Stevens, Drewyor, Fedele Nays: None

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# Simon Kopyrin

MOTION by Drewyor, seconded by Hookham, to place the Respondent on probation for a minimum of one day not to exceed one year. During the probationary period, Respondent shall complete and submit proof to the Department of successful completion of the deficient 13 hours of continuing education. Responded fined is \$900.00 which must be paid within 60 days. Failure to comply with terms shall result in license suspension.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Acciavatti, Barry, Fobes, Hookham, Karl, Sanders, Stevens, Drewyor, Fedele Navs: None

### MOTION PREVAILED

## Frederick C. Levantrosser

MOTION by Stevens, seconded by Fobes, to place the Respondent on probation for a minimum of one day not to exceed one year. During the probationary period, Respondent shall complete and submit proof to the Department of successful completion of the deficient 30 hours of continuing education. Responded is fined \$1,750.00 which must be paid within 60 days. Failure to comply with terms shall result in license suspension.

A roll call vote was held:	Yeas: Acciavatti, Barry, Fobes, Hookham, Karl, Sanders,
	Stevens, Drewyor, Fedele
	Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### Colin C. McCarthy

MOTION by Barry, seconded by Fobes, to place the Respondent on probation for a minimum of one day not to exceed one year. During the probationary period, Respondent shall complete and submit proof to the Department of successful completion of the deficient 30 hours of continuing education. Responded is fined \$1,750.00 which must be paid within 60 days. Failure to comply with terms shall result in license suspension.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Acciavatti, Barry, Fobes, Hookham, Karl, Sanders, Stevens, Drewyor, Fedele Nays: None

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# Madhan Kumar Kantha Samy

MOTION by Drewyor, seconded by Karl, to place the Respondent on probation for a minimum of one day not to exceed one year. During the probationary period, Respondent shall complete and submit proof to the Department of successful completion of the deficient 30 hours of continuing education. Responded is fined \$1,750.00 which must be paid within 60 days. Failure to comply with terms shall result in license suspension.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Acciavatti, Barry, Fobes, Hookham, Karl, Sanders, Stevens, Drewyor, Fedele Navs: None

### MOTION PREVAILED

## Eric J. Sheffer

MOTION by Fobes, seconded by Hookham, to place the Respondent on probation for a minimum of one day not to exceed one year. During the probationary period, Respondent shall complete and submit proof to the Department of successful completion of the deficient 30 hours of continuing education. Responded is fined \$1,750.00 which must be paid within 60 days. Failure to comply with terms shall result in license suspension.

A roll call vote was held:	Yeas: Acciavatti, Barry, Fobes, Hookham, Karl, Sanders,
	Stevens, Drewyor, Fedele
	Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Consent Orders and Stipulations**

MOTION by Drewyor, seconded by Stevens, to accept the Consent Orders and Stipulations as presented for the following:

Naum I. Alper Michael Joseph Dessureault Kuldeep Kumar Gupta, PE Ali A. Hamidi James H. Hanna Stanley Kupisz Theodore L. Loudon Robert J. Patterson Louis Charles Regenmorter, PE Norbert Y. Zucker, PE Michigan Board of Professional Engineers Meeting Minutes September 11, 2019 Page 7 of 10

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Acciavatti, Barry, Fobes, Hookham, Karl, Sanders, Stevens, Drewyor, Fedele Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

## **Kevin John Grimm**

MOTION by Drewyor, seconded by Sanders, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Acciavatti, seconded by Drewyor, to reject the Consent Order and Stipulation as presented.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Acciavatti, Barry, Fobes, Hookham, Karl, Sanders, Stevens, Drewyor, Fedele Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### 2020 Public Notice

Fedele presented the 2020 Public Notice.

### Elections

MacIntosh ran the election for Chairperson.

MOTION by Acciavatti, seconded by Stevens, to nominate Fedele for Chairperson.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Acciavatti, Barry, Fobes, Hookham, Karl, Sanders, Stevens, Drewyor, Fedele Nays: None Michigan Board of Professional Engineers Meeting Minutes September 11, 2019 Page 8 of 10

MOTION PREVAILED

MacIntosh ran the election for Vice Chairperson.

MOTION by Drewyor, seconded by Fedele, to nominate Hookham for Vice Chairperson.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Acciavatti, Barry, Fobes, Hookham, Karl, Sanders, Stevens, Drewyor, Fedele Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Committee Assignments**

Fedele made no changes to the Rules Committee.

#### Audit Team Discussion

Volkova provided an overview of the continuing education audit process and gave statistics from the last audit.

#### NCEES Annual Meeting

Drewyor indicated that he attended the NCEES Annual Meeting held in August along with Hookham. He reported that a major topic of discussion was recognizing technical degrees. The vote was split and did not pass. There was also discussion of funding for Engineers Without Borders.

Drewyor indicated that the NCEES Spring Zone Meeting, in April 2020, will be held in Houston, Texas. The NCEES Central Zone Meeting will be held in Michigan in 2021.

Hookham stated that NCEES has created a group focusing on protecting the engineering profession.

#### **Rules Discussion**

MacIntosh explained that the window when public comment can be submitted is from when the first notice is published up until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the public hearing.

MacIntosh announced that the Public Hearing on the rules will be held on October 4, 2019 in the G. Mennen Williams Building. Public comments from the Public Hearing will be summarized for the Rules Committee before a final draft is presented to the full board for a vote.

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# Chair Report

Fedele thanked everyone for their help with complaints, for their work on the Rules Committee, and the professionalism that they have shown through the process.

## Department Update

Wysack explained that Board members will be receiving state issued email addresses. To move forward, she needed them to sign a Board or Commission Member Security Agreement and return it to the Department.

Wysack stated that she had created a permanent folder in Egress entitled Department Resources. She gave a brief overview of the content.

MacIntosh gave a brief overview of the Nondisclosure of Confidential Personal Information Acknowledgement form regarding Egress. He asked that the form be signed and returned to the Department.

MacIntosh announced that the next Board Member Training will be held in February 2020. An invitation will be sent in January.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

James McLaughlin, from Kettering University, stated that academics and researchers are underserved in the engineering community and it is difficult to find continuing education for those who are more specialized. He would like the Rules Committee to take that into consideration in the future when working on the rules.

Dr. Craig J. Aoff, from Kettering University, reiterated what McLaughlin stated. He stated that he would like to see what he does in his profession reflected in the continuing education rules.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held January 8, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Stevens, seconded by Drewyor, to adjourn the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

A voice vote was held.

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Minutes approved by the Board on January 8, 2020.

Prepared by: Stephanie Wysack, Board Support Bureau of Professional Licensing

September 17, 2019