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## **MICHIGAN BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS September 8, 2016 MEETING**

### **APPROVED MINUTES**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Professional Engineers met on September 8, 2016, at the Ottawa Building, Conference Room 3, 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Kelly Fedele, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Kelly Fedele, Chair, Professional Engineer  
Lori Fobes, Vice Chair, Professional Engineer  
Michael Drewyor, Professional Surveyor  
Charles Hookham, Professional Engineer  
Cary Junior, Public Member  
Troy Naperala, Professional Engineer  
Randall Sherman, Architect  
James Stevens, Professional Engineer

**Members Absent:** Daniel Acciavatti, Public Member

**Staff:** Belinda Wright, Manager, Licensing Division  
Janielle Houston, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section  
Karen Carpenter, Board Analyst, Boards and Committees Section  
Ron Hitzler, Board Analyst, Boards and Committees Section  
Patricia Leary, Board Analyst, Boards and Committees Section

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

A voice vote was taken.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Stevens, seconded by Drewyor, to approve the minutes from May 11, 2016 as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Suggested Sanctions Subcommittee Report**

Hookham stated he has been working with the Professional Surveyors and Architects boards to review their suggested sanctions to see how they compare with the Professional Engineers' suggested sanctions. He also wanted clarification as to what is the role of the Suggested Sanctions Subcommittee. Carpenter and Wright explained that the suggested sanctions are guidelines to help keep sanctioning consistent. Wright also explained that it also assists the Department when assessing disciplinary action sanctions when doing compliance conferences. Hookham also stated that he has checked the sanctions in other states to compare them to Michigan and he found that other states seem to be aligned to Michigan except in Florida. He is working with Gilbert Barish from the Professional Surveyor's board and will report the information to Hitzler for review and for the subcommittee for a vote.

### **CE Audit Status Update**

Wright indicated that the Department is preparing Continuing Education audit notices to be sent out to the Professional Engineer licensees who renewed in 2015. She explained that licensees that receive the notice are required to return documentation indicating their compliance to the CE requirement. She also mentioned the new requirement from the Department that online renewal is mandatory. Each licensee has received a postcard specifying that they had to renew online. Fedele asked if there was an appeal process for those who have complications with providing the correct information for the audit. Wright explained that there is an appeal process through the Department. Stevens requested that the board receive feedback about the audit process. Wright stated they will have feedback on the audit process for the next meeting. There are currently 60,604 licensed engineers in the State of Michigan. 10,365 licensees are scheduled to renew for the 10/31/2016 cycle. 6,619 renewals are still pending.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Elections**

Hitzler ran the election for Chairperson.

MOTION by Drewyor, seconded by Naperala, to elect Kelly Fedele as Chairperson.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas - Fobes, Drewyor, Hookham, Junior,  
Naperala, Sherman, Stevens  
Nays - None  
Abstain - Fedele

MOTION PREVAILED

Fedele ran the election for Vice Chairperson.

MOTION by Drewyor, seconded by Junior, to elect Lori Fobes as Vice Chairperson.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas - Fedele, Drewyor, Hookham, Junior,  
Naperala, Sherman, Stevens.  
Nays - None  
Abstain - Fobes

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Committee Assignments**

Hitzler wanted to know if the Board Chair wanted to keep the same members on the Minimum Sanctions and Rules Subcommittees. Fedele stated that the subcommittees will remain the same.

### **NCEES Annual Meeting**

Fedele spoke about Computer Based Testing for Professional Engineers and Surveyors and the fee for the current exam is being reduced to \$175. She also mentioned that their Policy Committee on Model Law motioned to define structural engineer but the motion failed.

Drewyor discussed the approval of 3 delegates, per board, are now funded by NCEES to attend the zone and annual meetings.

Fedele mentioned that another big topic at the meeting was about the \$50 exam cancellation fee.

Hookham spoke about the technology changes discussed at the meeting and how NCEES plans to work with states on how to deal with the technological changes in the profession.

### **Department Update**

Hitzler spoke about the hearing on Senate Bill 954 in the House's Regulatory Reform committee. There was no opposition to the bill. There also were no changes made to the bill and no vote was taken.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Casha feels that the crisis with the water in Flint is an engineering failure. He would like the state's engineers criminally charged and those who are responsible for making engineering decisions without being licensed, also charged. He would like to see more professional engineers in the decision making process.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held January 12, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Fobes, seconded by Naperala to adjourn the meeting.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

Fedele adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Board on January 12, 2017.

Janielle Houston, Board Support

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