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MICHIGAN BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2021

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Professional Engineers met on January 13, 2021. The meeting was held via Zoom, pursuant to MCL 15.263 and MCL 15.263a.

CALL TO ORDER

Charles Hookham, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: **Charles Hookham, Professional Engineer, Chairperson**
Attended remotely from the city of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

Deveron Q. Sanders, Professional Engineer, Vice Chairperson
Attended remotely from the city of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.

Patrick Barry, Architect
Attended remotely from the city of New Hudson, Oakland County, Michigan.

Brett Dodge, Professional Surveyor
Attended remotely from the city of Dewitt, Clinton County, Michigan.

Kelly Fedele, Professional Engineer
Attended remotely from the city of Southgate, Wayne County, Michigan.

Lori Fobes, Professional Engineer
Attended remotely from the city of Jackson, Jackson County, Michigan.

Steven Warren, Professional Engineer

Attended remotely from the city of Midland, Midland County,
Michigan.

Members Absent: Daniel Acciavatti, Public Member
Brett Karl, Public Member

Staff: Weston MacIntosh, Senior Policy Analyst, Boards and Committees Section
Kiran Parag, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Fedele, seconded by Sanders, to approve the agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Barry, Dodge, Fedele, Fobes, Warren, Sanders, Hookham
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Fobes, seconded by Warren, to approve the minutes from September 9, 2020,
as written.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Barry, Dodge, Fedele, Fobes, Warren, Sanders, Hookham
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Petition for Reinstatement

Kevin John Grimm

MOTION by Sanders, seconded by Fedele, to discuss.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Barry, Dodge, Fedele, Fobes, Warren, Sanders, Hookham
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Sanders, seconded by Fedele, to accept the Petition for Reinstatement and grant the Petitioner reinstatement of the license to practice as a professional engineer.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Barry, Dodge, Fedele, Fobes, Warren, Sanders, Hookham
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Consent Order and Stipulation

Richard M. Smith

MOTION by Fobes, seconded by Warren, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Barry, Dodge, Fedele, Fobes, Warren, Sanders, Hookham
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Hearing Reports

Amin Hasanzadeh

MOTION by Sanders, seconded by Fobes, to receive the Hearing Report.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Barry, Dodge, Fedele, Fobes, Warren, Sanders, Hookham
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Dodge, seconded by Fobes, to discuss.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Barry, Dodge, Fedele, Fobes, Warren, Sanders, Hookham
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Warren, seconded by Fobes, to revoke the Respondent's license for 3 years.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Barry, Dodge, Fedele, Fobes, Warren, Hookham
Nays: Sanders

MOTION PREVAILED

Craig Werner Storch

MOTION by Fedele, seconded by Fobes, to receive the Hearing Report.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Barry, Dodge, Fedele, Fobes, Warren, Sanders, Hookham
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Sanders, seconded by Warren, to place the Respondent on probation for a minimum of one day, not to exceed one year. During the probationary period, the Respondent shall complete and submit proof to the Department of successful completion of the deficient 30 hours of continuing education. The Respondent is fined \$1,750.00 to be paid within 180 days. Failure to comply with terms shall result in license suspension.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Barry, Dodge, Fedele, Fobes, Warren, Sanders, Hookham
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Parag announced that he was retiring and that today is his last meeting with the Board. He stated that it had been a pleasure working with them.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Presentation

Hookham presented resolutions for Acciavatti, Barry, Fedele, and Fobes, honoring them for their service on the Board of Professional Engineers.

Committee Assignments

Hookham made the following assignment to the Rules Committee: Hookham, Sanders, Warren.

Continuing Education Waiver Requests

Manasi Gadre, PE

MOTION by Sanders, seconded by Fobes, to discuss.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Barry, Dodge, Fedele, Fobes, Warren, Sanders, Hookham
 Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Sanders, seconded by Dodge, to deny the Continuing Education Waiver Request.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Barry, Dodge, Fedele, Fobes, Warren, Sanders, Hookham
 Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Roberto Gois, PE

MOTION by Dodge, seconded by Fobes, to deny the Continuing Education Waiver Request.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Barry, Dodge, Fedele, Fobes, Warren, Sanders, Hookham
 Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

John Stieber, PE

MOTION by Sanders, seconded by Fedele, to deny the Continuing Education Waiver Request.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Barry, Dodge, Fedele, Fobes, Warren, Sanders, Hookham
 Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Rules Discussion

MacIntosh stated that the last draft of the rules was promulgated on December 10, 2020.

MOTION by Warren, seconded by Fedele, to open the rules.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Barry, Dodge, Fedele, Fobes, Warren, Sanders, Hookham
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Chair Report

None.

Department Update

Wysack reminded the Board Members to check their state email address regularly as it is now the source of communication with the Department. She stated that the state email address will soon be used as the User ID for Egress, so it is important to get in the habit of checking the email on a regular basis. She asked that the Board add her work cell number to their phones to assist with easier communication.

MacIntosh stated that the Bureau will hold the next new Board Member Training on February 18, 2021. All Board members are welcome to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James McLaughlin with Kettering University asked the board to enhance the continuing education rules to include non-traditional engineers. He stated that there is an increased cost of completing continuing education.

Christoph Lor with the American Society of Plumbing Engineers stated that he was looking for the Board to endorse a plumbing examination option as part of the mechanical engineering examination with NCEES. MacIntosh stated that the Board could not supply support for or against this policy decision, as it lacks the authority to do so, since it is not an entity that is separate and autonomous from the Department, unlike other states. Lor asked if the request could go to the Department for consideration. MacIntosh stated that he would pass along the request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held May 12, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Dodge, seconded by Fobes, to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Barry, Dodge, Fedele, Fobes, Warren, Sanders, Hookham
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on May 12, 2021.

Prepared by:

Stephanie Wysack, Board Support
Bureau of Professional Licensing

January 13, 2021