# MICHIGAN BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS MEETING

## APPROVED MINUTES
## SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Professional Engineers met on September 9, 2020. The meeting was held via Zoom, pursuant to Executive Order 154.

### CALL TO ORDER

Kelly Fedele, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:** Kelly Fedele, Professional Engineer, Chairperson
Charles Hookham, Professional Engineer, Vice Chairperson
Patrick Barry, Architect
Brett Dodge, Professional Surveyor
Lori Fobes, Professional Engineer
Brett Karl, Public Member
Deveron Q. Sanders, Professional Engineer
Steven Warren, Professional Engineer

**Members Absent:** Daniel Acciavatti, 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 Fobes, seconded by Dodge, to approve the agenda as presented.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Fobes, seconded by Barry, to approve the minutes from January 8, 2020, as written.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

## REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

### Petition for Reinstatement

### Paulin Modi, PE

MOTION by Dodge, seconded by Fobes, to accept the Petition for Reinstatement and grant the Petitioner reinstatement of the license to practice as a professional engineer. The Petitioner is placed on probation for two years and/or until the Petitioner provides satisfactory evidence that he has fully complied with all terms of his criminal sentence and has been successfully discharged. During the probationary period, the Petitioner shall on a quarterly basis, provide satisfactory evidence to the Department of compliance with his criminal sentence, supervision and other conditions imposed by the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, in case number 17-20363-1. Failure to comply with the above shall result in license suspension.

Discussion was held.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

### 2021 Public Notice

Wysack presented the 2021 Public Notice to the Board. She asked that they mark their calendars for the next year and make sure to notify her if they cannot attend a meeting.

Wysack let them know that it has also been placed in the Department Resources folder in Egress.

**Elections**

MacIntosh ran the election for Chairperson.

MOTION by Fedele, seconded by Fobes, to elect Hookham as Chairperson.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

MacIntosh ran the election for Vice Chairperson.

MOTION by Fedele, seconded by Hookham, to elect Sanders as Vice Chairperson.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

**Continuing Education Waiver Request – Kurt Maiberger, PE**

MOTION by Fobes, seconded by Hookham, to discuss.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Hookham, seconded by Warren, to deny the Continuing Education Waiver Request.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

## Chair Report

Fedele congratulated Hookham and Sanders on being elected Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. She stated that the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) 2020 Annual meeting was held virtually, but she was unable to attend. Wysack stated that a recording of the meeting was available to watch through the NCEES website.

## 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.

MacIntosh stated that the rules came back from the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) with 2 issues about continuing education. The Department reviewed the requests and made the needed changes. The rules have now gone back to JCAR for the next step in the promulgation process. He stated that he hoped they can be approved by the end of the year.

MacIntosh stated that the Bureau will hold the next new Board Member Training on February 18, 2021. All Board members are welcome to attend. He stated that the training has been split into two parts, Health and Occupational boards.

## 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. He also encouraged the continued use of in-person and online courses as it applies to continuing education.

Christoph Lor with the American Society of Plumbing Engineers stated that he was looking for Michigan to endorse a plumbing exam option as part of the mechanical engineering exam. This is not legislative, as he is not asking for the creation of a new discipline.

Jay Hall and Kenneth Alfano, biomedical engineers, supported McLaughlin that non-traditional engineers existed.

Molham Al Hossami stated that he earned his engineering degree outside of the United States and has been found to be deficient in biology. He wanted to know if the Board could waive the requirement. Wysack referred him to the Licensing Division.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held January 13, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Fobes, seconded by Dodge, to adjourn the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on January 13, 2021.

Prepared by:
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support September 9, 2020
Bureau of Professional Licensing