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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD
9643 BROOKLINE AVENUE, SUITE 121
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1433
October 11, 2021

At 9:00 a.m. on October 11, 2021, Jeffrey A. Pike, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Board's office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the following members present:

11 Jeffrey A. Pike, P.E. Chairman
12 Christopher K. Richard, P.E. Vice Chairman
13 Chad C. Vosburg, P.E. Treasurer
14 Edgar P. Benoit, P.E. Secretary (*via Zoom*
15 *video conferencing*)

17 Wilfred J. Fontenot, P.L.S.
18 Linda H. Bergeron, P.E.
19 Byron D. Racca, P.E.
20 Connie P. Betts, P.E.
21 Reginald L. Jeter, P.E.
22 James H. Chustz, Jr., P.L.S.
23 Janice P. Williams, P.E.

25 Also present:

26 Donna D. Sentell, Executive Director
27 Cheron Seaman, Deputy Executive Director
28 Bill Tripoli, IT Director
29 D. Scott Landry, Board Attorney
30 Joe Harman, P.E., Technical Advisor
31 Janet Lindsey, Application Manager (*via Zoom*
32 *video conferencing*)
33 LaTasha Andrews, Board Investigator (*via Zoom*
34 *video conferencing*)
35 Chris Aaron, Board Investigator (*via Zoom*
36 *video conferencing*)
37 William Hyatt, Board Investigator (*via Zoom*
38 *video conferencing*)

39 The invocation was led by Mr. Vosburg and the pledge was led by Ms. Betts.

40 Public comment time was recognized by Chairman Pike.

41 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Chustz, seconded by Mr.
42 Jeter, to accept the October 11, 2021 proposed Call and Agenda for the meeting.

43 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Vosburg, seconded by Mr.
44 Fontenot, to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2021 Board meeting.

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49 **Compliance and Enforcement**

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51 **Case # 2021-33** – Ms. Andrews reported on an unlicensed firm (that subsequently
52 became licensed as a professional engineering firm) which practiced and/or offered to
53 practice engineering without proper licensure. The respondent has signed and
54 returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee.
55 The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 56 1. Fine of \$3,000
57 2. Costs of \$360.88
58 3. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
59 4. Report to NCEES with name

60 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
61 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Benoit, Ms. Betts and Mr. Jeter, to approve the
62 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **21 Design Group, Inc.**

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64 **Case # 2021-46** – Ms. Andrews reported on a professional engineer who aided or
65 assisted another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The
66 respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the

1 Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following
2 sanctions:

- 3 1. Fine of \$500
- 4 2. Costs of \$360.88
- 5 3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
- 6 4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
- 7 5. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 8 6. Report to NCEES with name

9 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
10 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Benoit, Ms. Betts and Mr. Jeter, to approve the
11 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Benjamin J. Kuenzel, P.E.**

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13 **Case # 2020-99** – Mr. Aaron reported on a professional land surveyor who practiced
14 and/or offered to practice land surveying with an expired license. The respondent
15 has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review
16 Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 17 1. Fine of \$1,000
- 18 2. Costs of \$589.07
- 19 3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
- 20 4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
- 21 5. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 22 6. Report to NCEES with name

23 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
24 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Richard, Mr. Benoit and Ms. Betts, to approve the
25 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Timothy L. Collins, P.L.S.**

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27 **Case # 2020-100** – Mr. Aaron reported on a professional engineering and
28 professional land surveying firm whose representative practiced and/or offered to
29 practice land surveying with an expired license. The respondent has signed and
30 returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee.
31 The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 32 1. Fine of \$1,000
- 33 2. Costs of \$589.07
- 34 3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz by each land surveying supervising professional
- 35 4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz by each land surveying supervising
36 professional
- 37 5. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 38 6. Report to NCEES with name

39 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
40 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Richard, Mr. Benoit and Ms. Betts, to approve the
41 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **C. P. S. Engineering and Land
42 Surveying, Inc.**

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44 **Case # 2021-14** – Mr. Aaron reported on an unlicensed firm (that subsequently
45 became licensed as a professional engineering firm) which engaged in fraud, deceit,
46 material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of any false or forged evidence, in
47 applying for a license with the Board. The respondent has signed and returned the
48 proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed
49 consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 50 1. Fine of \$750
- 51 2. Costs of \$498.95
- 52 3. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 53 4. Report to NCEES with name

54 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
55 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Benoit, Ms. Betts and Mr. Jeter, to approve the
56 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Structure Sight LLC.**

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58 **Case # 2021-19** – Mr. Aaron reported on a professional engineer who engaged in
59 fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of any false or forged
60 evidence, in applying for a license with the Board. The respondent has signed and
61 returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee.
62 The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 63 1. Fine of \$1,000
- 64 2. Costs of \$498.95
- 65 3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz

4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
5. Immediate suspension of license if the respondent fails to comply with any part of the consent order, with said suspension continuing until the respondent so complies
6. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
7. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Benoit, Ms. Betts and Mr. Jeter, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Tommy E. Nicholson III, P.E.**

Case # 2021-37 – Mr. Aaron reported on an unlicensed firm (that subsequently became licensed as a professional engineering firm) which practiced and/or offered to practice engineering and used the words “engineer”, “engineering” or any modifications or derivatives thereof in a person's name or form of business or activity without proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Fine of \$3,000
2. Costs of \$278.43
3. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
4. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Benoit, Ms. Betts and Mr. Jeter, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Ulteig Engineers, Inc.**

Case # 2020-35 – Mr. Hyatt reported on an unlicensed firm (that subsequently became licensed as a professional engineering firm) which practiced and/or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana without proper licensure. The Respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Fine of \$3,000
2. Costs of \$166.91
3. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
4. Report to NCEES with name.

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Benoit, Ms. Betts and Mr. Jeter, to approve the signed consent order. The Respondent is **Hardy Engineering, Inc.**

2020-105 – Mr. Hyatt reported on a professional engineer who aided or assisted another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The Respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Fine of \$500
2. Costs of \$211.28
3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
5. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
6. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Benoit, Ms. Betts and Mr. Jeter, to approve the signed consent order. The Respondent is **Timothy L. Hardy, P.E.**

Case # 2021-4 – Mr. Hyatt reported on a professional engineering firm which practiced and/or offered to practice engineering with an expired license. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Fine of \$5,000
2. Costs of \$465.56
3. Past unpaid renewal fees of \$240
4. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz by each supervising professional
5. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz by each supervising professional
6. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
7. Report to NCEES with name

1 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
2 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Benoit, Ms. Betts and Mr. Jeter, to approve the
3 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Engineers-Northwest, Inc., P.S.**

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5 **Case # 2020-36** – Mr. Hyatt reported on a professional engineer who engaged in
6 fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of any false or forged
7 evidence, in applying for a renewal license with the Board. The respondent has signed
8 and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review
9 Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 10 1. Fine of \$1,000
- 11 2. Costs of \$1,149.87
- 12 3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
- 13 4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
- 14 5. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 15 6. Report to NCEES with name

16 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
17 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Benoit, Ms. Betts and Mr. Jeter, to approve the
18 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Robert V. Nangia, P.E.**

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20 **Case # 2020-44** – Mr. Hyatt reported on a professional engineer who (a) prior to
21 licensure practiced and/or offered to practice engineering and used the words
22 “engineer”, “engineering” or any modifications or derivatives thereof in a person’s
23 name or form of business or activity without proper licensure, (b) was rendered
24 ineligible for renewal of licensure as a professional engineer based on not being, in the
25 opinion of the Board, of good character and reputation, (c) aided or assisted another
26 person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board, (d) presented or attempted to
27 use as one’s own the license, certificate, seal or stamp of another person and (e)
28 falsely impersonated a licensee or certificate holder of a like or different name. The
29 respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the
30 Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following
31 sanctions:

- 32 1. Costs of \$3,730.64
- 33 2. Expired license permanently ineligible for renewal
- 34 3. License to be immediately revoked if respondent fails to comply with any
35 portion of the consent order
- 36 4. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 37 5. Report to NCEES with name

38 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
39 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Richard, Mr. Benoit and Ms. Betts, to approve the
40 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Daniel R. Roseman, P.E.**
41 **(expired).**

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43 **Case # 2020-45** – Mr. Hyatt reported on an unlicensed firm which (a) practiced
44 and/or offered to practice engineering and used the words “engineer”, “engineering”
45 or any modifications or derivatives thereof in a person’s name or form of business or
46 activity without proper licensure, (b) had a representative who presented or
47 attempted to use as one’s own the license, certificate, seal or stamp of another person
48 and (c) had a representative who falsely impersonated a licensee or certificate holder
49 of a like or different name. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed
50 consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent
51 order contained the following sanctions:

- 52 1. Costs of \$3,730.64
- 53 2. Cease and desist
- 54 3. Ensure that its employees, owners, officers and representatives cease and
55 desist
- 56 4. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
- 57 5. Report to NCEES with name

58 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint
59 Review Committee, consisting of Mr. Richard, Mr. Benoit and Ms. Betts, to approve the
60 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **U.S. Aquatics, Inc.**

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62 The Board recessed at 10:20 a.m. and resumed at 10:30 a.m.

1 **Committee Reports**

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3 **Firm Licensure Committee**

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5 Mr. Racca presented the report for the Firm Licensure Committee.

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7 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Firm Licensure Committee
8 to affirm the reviewing committee's decision to *disapprove* the application of
9 **Engineered Comfort Services, Inc.** for licensure as a professional engineering firm
10 based on not designating a supervising professional.

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12 Mr. Landry exited the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

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14 **Applications**

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16 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr.
17 Chustz, to deny the request of **Anthony R. Venson** for reinstatement of his revoked
18 professional engineer license.

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20 **Committee Reports (continued)**

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22 **Finance Committee**

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24 Mr. Vosburg presented the report for the Finance Committee.

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26 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to
27 accept the finance report for FY 21-22 as presented.

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29 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to add
30 Cheron Seaman, Deputy Executive Director, as an authorized signatory on all existing
31 certificates of deposits.

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33 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to
34 authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with **D'Pat, L.L.C.**, to serve as
35 technical advisor to the Board. The term of the contract will be for 32 months
36 beginning November 2021 and ending June 30, 2024, in the annual amount not to
37 exceed \$30,000.

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39 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to
40 authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the **Louisiana Society**
41 **of Professional Surveyors (LSPS)** to assist in the development of the Louisiana Laws
42 of Land Surveying Examination. The term of the contract will be for three years
43 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024, in the annual amount not to exceed
44 \$5,600.

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46 Chairman Pike charged the Finance Committee with reviewing the Board's current fee
47 structure for all applications and renewals and making a recommendation at the next
48 Board meeting.

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50 **Nominations and Awards Committee**

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52 Chairman Pike, on behalf of the Nominations and Awards Committee, presented the
53 following nominations for election of Board officers for 2022-23, to be voted on at the
54 February 2022 Board meeting:

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56 Christopher K. Richard, P.E. – Chairman
57 Chad C. Vosburg, P.E. – Vice Chairman
58 Edgar P. Benoit, P.E. – Secretary
59 Wilfred J. Fontenot, P.L.S. - Treasurer

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61 The Board recessed for lunch at 11:53 a.m. and resumed at 12:10 p.m.

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63 **Old/New Business**

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65 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr.
66 Racca, to schedule the next Board meeting for Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

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The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Jeter, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, to schedule the Board's Alumni Reunion meeting for April 3-4, 2022.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Vosburg, seconded by Ms. Bergeron, to schedule the additional 2022-23 Board meetings on the following dates:

- Sunday/Monday - April 3-4, 2022 - Alumni Reunion meeting
- Monday - May 23, 2022
- Monday - July 25, 2022
- Monday - October 10, 2022

Chairman Pike appointed an ad hoc committee, comprised of Board emeritus members Alan D. Krouse, P.E. and Thomas R. Carroll, III, P.E., P.L.S. and current Board members Ms. Betts and Mr. Chustz, to assist the Executive Director with the plans for the Alumni Reunion meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Ms. Betts, seconded by Ms. Williams, to allocate \$25,000 for the Alumni Reunion meeting.

Closing Business


The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Ms. Betts, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, to approve all committee recommendations and actions.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Jeter, seconded by Ms. Bergeron, to acknowledge and confirm all licenses and certificates issued and renewed since the last Board meeting.


The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Vosburg, seconded by Ms. Betts, to approve all Board expenses.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Jeter, seconded by Mr. Racca, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m. on October 11, 2021.



Jeffrey A. Pike, P.E.
Chairman



Edgar P. Benoit, P.E.
Secretary