

Minutes

State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

Regular Meeting – May 13, 2010

Call to Order and Sign-In

A regular meeting of the State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals (“the Board”) was called to order on Thursday, May 13, 2010, at 9:05 a.m. in the Russell Room, 3rd Floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, by Chair D. Ruzicka. Board Members J. Adams, D. Askew, C. Buchholz, S. Holtman, J. Loureiro, K. Meloy, A. Phillips-Griggs, R. Slayback and C. Violette were present. Also present were DEP staff members K. Maiorano, Assistant Attorney General J. Looney, and Nelson Walter of EPOC. Also present in the audience were DEP staff members Lee Suarez and Ryan Santor.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The draft minutes of the Board conference call meeting of March 18, 2010, were read and approved as written; motion: Adams; second: Askew; passed unanimously.

Public Participation

None

Unfinished Business and General Orders

Update on complaint 09-100

Loureiro and AAG Looney reported that the LEP had signed a consent order on April 25, 2010, which order, if approved by the Board and issued by the Commissioner, would suspend the LEP’s license for a period of two years, and require continued annual license renewal fees and continued compliance with the continuing education requirements. Upon a motion by Adams; second: Slayback; passed unanimously; the Board recommended to the Commissioner that the Consent Order be issued as written and signed by the LEP.

Update on Complaint 10-100

Having been aware through personal communication with the LEP in question as the result of being a co-worker, Slayback recused himself from the discussion of this complaint. The anonymous complaint from a member of the public alleged that the LEP falsified the Engaged In and Responsible Charge experience requirements in applying to take the LEP examination. Violette investigated the complaint by requesting additional documentation from the LEP and the immediate supervisor on numerous

projects. She reported that the LEP responded with “amazing detail” on the LEP’s experience record, which was verified by the immediate supervisor. Violette found that there was no basis for the complaint, and that no negative connotation should be assigned to this LEP as the result of this anonymous complaint. Upon a motion by Buchholz; second: Holtman; passed unanimously; the Board approved Violette’s recommendation to drop all charges against the LEP.

The Board had a brief discussion about whether it should dignify anonymous complaints with such investigations. With guidance from Looney and Ruzicka, the Board came to understand that as a public agency the Board is required to investigate such complaints, as even anonymous complaints may be true and may represent significant threats to human health and the environment.

J. Looney left the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

Update on regs

Chair Ruzicka reported that the pending regulations changes had been presented to a special meeting of EPOC, with Slayback making the presentation from Ruzicka’s power point slides, while Ruzicka was dealing with the widespread flooding at the time, and subsequently Ruzicka made a similar presentation to the Remediation Division staff. The draft notice of the Public Hearing and to the Connecticut Law Review has been prepared. Rob Bell will be the Hearing Officer, with Jan Czczotka as the backup. There still remain some 22 or 23 steps in the approval process.

New Business

Course Approval Request from LEP for course titled “*Soil Engineering for Non-Soils Engineers and Technicians*” for 14.0 CECs

Upon a motion by Meloy; second: Askew: passed by a 5 to 3 vote, with Philliips-Griggs abstaining; the course was denied approval, as not being sufficiently applicable to the duties of an LEP.

Agenda Expansion

Maiorano requested an agenda expansion to provide an update on the Item Development Workshop, as well as an update of the Website. Upon a motion by Adams; second: Loureiro; passed unanimously; the agenda was so expanded.

Maiorano reported that a grueling Item Development Workshop on May 6, produced 41 new examination questions. Participants included Maurice Hamel, Evan Glass, Andy Zlotnick, David Fiereck, Gary Cluen and Mike Susca.

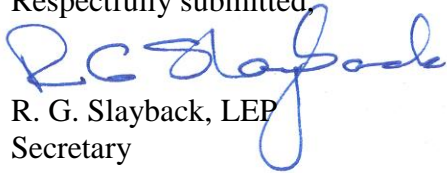
The Website now features Board Agendas and Minutes as soon as they are available.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Phillips-Griggs; second: Violette; approved unanimously; Chair Ruzicka declared the meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Minutes approved on June 10, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. G. Slayback". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

R. G. Slayback, LEP
Secretary