

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL PROFESSIONS
ACTION AGENDA
JOSEPH JOHNSON, CHAIR**

April 14, 2023

10:00 A.M.

Kansas Board of Technical Professions Board meetings follow the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA). The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Members present were:

Joseph Johnson, Arch.
William Haverkamp, P.S.
John Lilak, P.S.
Larry Graham, P.E., P.S.
Kimberly Kramer, P.E.
Wendy Ornelas, Arch.
Trudy Falkner, Arch.
Jennifer Taylor, P.E.
Carisa McMullen, L.A.
Bonnie Limbird, Public Member
Brenee King, Public Member

Not present:

Jack Poole, P.E.
Doug Louis, P.G.

Others present were:

Paul Keithly, Asst. Attorney General
Jessica Pierce, PSA
Larry Karns, Executive Director
Erin Thompson, Admin Specialist
Barb Jordan, Admin Specialist

I. MINUTES

A. Full Board

1. Approval of minutes from February 10, 2023 meeting, the March 20, 2023 Special Board Meeting and the March 27, 2023 Strategic Planning Taskforce meeting.
(previously distributed)

By motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Ms. McMullen, the Committee voted to approve the February 10, 2023 minutes as amended for the February 10, 2023 meeting. Ms. King abstained from the vote.

By motion of Ms. Ornelas, seconded by Mr. Haverkamp the Committee voted to approve the March 20, 2023 minutes as amended. Ms. King abstained from the vote. Ms. Limbird and Dr. Kramer abstained from the vote.

By motion of Mr. Haverkamp, seconded by Ms. King the Committee voted to approve the March 27, 2023 minutes as submitted.

2. Publish Minutes

By motion of Ms. Ornelas, seconded by Ms. Limbird, the Board voted to publish the minutes.

II. ADDITIONS OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Karns requested to add a discussion regarding updates to K.A.R. 66-14-1 as well as selecting the NCARB voting delegate for the June 2023 meeting under New Business.

Ms. Ornelas requested an update of payment rates for state investigators as mentioned during the February 2023 Board Meeting.

Ms. Kramer requested to add a discussion regarding office technology and the allowance of a TEAMS meeting.

By motion of Ms. Limbird, seconded by Mr. Haverkamp, the Board voted to approve the agenda with the noted additions.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Possible review of items removed from consent agenda

By motion of Ms. Limbird, seconded by Ms. McMullen, the committee voted to approve the agenda as presented. By motion of Ms. Ornelas, seconded by Ms. Limbird, the Board voted to send a final cancelation notice by email to licensees based on attorney guidance.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – 10:15 AM

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:05 a.m., by motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Ms. McMullen, the Board recessed into executive session for ten minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected individuals. The open meeting resumed at 11:15 a.m.

VI. STRATEGIC PLAN TASK FORCE REPORT

- A. The Board is spending more time on acting proactively versus reactively.
- B. Increased understanding and value of licensure and the board
- C. Identify opportunities to increased engagement with legislators

By motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Lilak, the Board voted to appoint Ms. Kramer (Chair,) Mr. Haverkamp, Ms. Faulkner, Ms. King, Mr. Louis to the Committee. The Board elected to have the Committee meet approximately quarterly. By motion of Ms. McMullen, seconded by Mr. Haverkamp, the Board directed staff to create procedural guidance regarding the Strategic Planning Committee to be brought back for review in July.

VII. REVIEW OF INQUIRIES/COMPLAINTS & ATTORNEY REPORTS

- A. Complaint Committee Report – Chair Ornelas
 - 1. Report of Case Files with Final Action Taken by the Committee
 - 2. Receipt of Complaint Committee Report

The Committee reviewed several cases. Three were closed with no action. Four cases an investigator should be appointed. Three hearings are currently pending. By motion of Ms. Limbird, seconded by Ms. Taylor, the Committee voted to receive the report.

- B. Attorney Report – Paul Keithly, General Counsel

Mr. Keithly reported that litigation counsel has been appointed. He is transferring from the Board of Nursing with five years of experience. Mr. Hutchison was promoted and will no longer be general counsel for KSBTP.

VIII. COMMITTEE AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. ARCH/LA/PG Committee – Chair Faulkner
 - 1. Report of Committee Actions
 - 2. Discussion of Committee Items
 - 3. Receipt of Committee Report

Ms. Faulkner reported the committee reviewed and marked one candidate as incomplete. The committee heard reports from each profession and respective association except for ASBOG as Mr. Louis was absent. By motion of Mr. Haverkamp, second by Mr. Lilak, the Board voted to receive the report.

- B. PE/PS Committee – Chair Taylor
 - 1. Report of Committee Actions
 - 2. Discussion of Committee Items
 - 3. Receipt of Committee Report

Ms. Taylor reported the committee reviewed multiple applications and unfinished business items. One application will be referred to the complaint committee for review. Most applicants were reviewed based on continuing education and experience. By motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Lilak, the Board voted to receive the report.

- C. Director's Report

Mr. Karns reported that Ms. Pierce and himself attended LABASH in Manhattan earlier this month as part of outreach planning. Ms. Taylor received an award for Professional Progress for Civil Engineering. The most active bill is currently HB 2388 amending HB2066 passed in 2021. The amended bill creates a central system for electronic credentialing. HB2449 will increase Board Member compensation from \$35 to \$88.66 a day. Two regulations are currently pending updates and approval. The Attorney General's opinion request was submitted; however, no response has

been received. Mr. Karns wrote an article for the NCEES Exchange magazine that was released in April 2023.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. I-Pad/technology Discussion

Ms. Atwood provided a presentation to the Board Members regarding the two devices available for use. By motion of Ms. Limbird, seconded by Mr. Graham, the Board voted to direct staff to acquire fourteen 2in1 devices.

B. Hearing Request

No action was needed.

C. K.A.R. 66-14-1

By motion of Ms. Ornelas, seconded by Mr. Haverkamp, the Board voted to approve the regulation as amended.

D. NCARB Voting Delegate

By motion of Mr. Haverkamp, seconded by Mr. Lilak, the Board voted to approve Mr. Johnson as the NCARB voting delegate.

E. Investigator Pay Discussion

Mr. Karns reported he has discussed this issue with several of his counterparts in other states. Many states have investigators on staff. Other states pay \$50-60 an hour up to \$80 an hour. Ms. Faulkner requested staff send letters requesting investigators to KSPE, KSLs, ACEC, etc. Mr. Johnson requested Mr. Keithly investigate the liability of an investigator for KSBTP.

F. Board Meeting Technology / TEAMS Meetings

The Board instructed staff to investigate further technology of Board Meetings. Mr. Johnson offered to send Ms. Pierce the technology information his office utilizes.

XII. APPROVAL FOR ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS

XII. ADJOURN

By motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Ms. Faulkner, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:49 p.m.