

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL PROFESSIONS
PE/PS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
LARRY GRAHAM, CHAIR**

JULY 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair Graham.

Members present were:

Larry Graham, P.E., P.S.

Maurice Bowersox, P.E.

Steve Brosemer, P.S.

Forrest Erickson, P.E.

Edward Halloran, Public Member

William Haverkamp, P.S.

Richard Hayter, Ph.D., P.E.

Others present were:

Mark Bennett, Litigation Counsel for the Board

Tom Luedke, Attorney with Bennett & Hendrix

Shelby Lopez, Executive Director

Jessica Pierce, Public Service Administrator

Brian Sevy, Administrative Specialist

I. MINUTES

By motion of Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Bowersox, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2017 meeting.

II. APPLICATIONS

A. Discussion of applications not approved by letter ballot.

1. Ballot 16-115 EIT Certificate Foreign Degree – Erickson

a. Shivraj Patil – Education

By motion of Mr. Erickson, seconded by Dr. Hayter, the Committee voted to approve the application for Intern Engineer Certificate.

2. Ballot 17-149 PE by Comity – Bowersox

a. Mohamed Elzefraney – Education

By motion of Mr. Bowersox, seconded by Mr. Erickson, the Committee voted to approve the application for PE by Comity.

3. Ballot 17-154 Intern Engineer – Erickson

- a. Amirali Pourzand – Education

By motion of Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Bowersox, the Committee voted to deny the application for Intern Engineer Certificate. Mr. Pourzand needs to submit an experience record and references from three licensed PEs.

4. Ballot 17-159 PE by Exam – Graham

- a. Duane Flug – Discipline

By motion of Mr. Brosemer, seconded by Mr. Bowersox, the Committee voted to approve the application for PE by Exam.

5. Ballot 17-166 PE by Exam – Erickson

- a. Kent Gunderson – Experience

By motion of Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Bowersox, the Committee voted to approve the application for PE by Exam.

- b. Ravi Balpalli – Education

By motion of Mr. Erickson, seconded by Dr. Hayter, the Committee voted to deny the application for PE by Exam. Mr. Balpalli's work experience lacks design work and does not meet the engineering experience requirement. Mr. Balaplli may reapply once he has obtained additional work experience.

6. Ballot 17-167 PE by Exam – Graham

- a. Woldu Tuku – Education

By motion of Mr. Bowersox, seconded by Dr. Hayter, the Committee voted to approve the application for PE by Exam.

7. Ballot 17-170 PE by Comity – Graham

- a. Ronald Keller – Discipline

By motion of Mr. Bowersox, seconded by Dr. Hayter, the Committee voted to approve the application for PE by Comity.

8. Ballot 17-176 PE by Exam – Bowersox

- a. Brian Lines – Experience

By motion of Mr. Bowersox, seconded by Mr. Brosemer, the Committee voted to approve the application for PE by Exam.

9. Ballot 17-177 PE by Exam – Erickson

- a. Toby Williams – Education

By motion of Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Bowersox, the Committee voted to deny the application for PE by Exam until the applicant has completed four years of experience following the completion of his Masters Degree.

10. Ballot 17-180 PE by Exam – Erickson

- a. Andrew Poole – Education

By motion of Mr. Bowersox, seconded by Mr. Brosemer, the Committee voted to approve the application for PE by Exam.

11. Ballot 17-181 PE by Exam – Bowersox

- a. Hemalatha Marada – Education

By motion of Dr. Hayter, seconded by Mr. Bowersox, the Committee voted to approve the application for PE by Exam.

- b. Justin Strelow - Experience

By motion of Mr. Erickson, seconded by Dr. Hayter, the Committee voted to deny the application for PE by Exam due to lack of experience.

B. Approval for exam retakes

- 1. Scott Snyder – PE Exam, 5th Attempt

By motion of Mr. Bowersox, seconded by Dr. Hayter, the Committee voted to approve the request for exam retake.

- 2. Mitchell O’Laughlin – PE Exam, 6th Attempt

By motion of Mr. Bowersox, seconded by Dr. Hayter, the Committee voted to approve the request for exam retake.

- 3. Keith Schmidtberger – PE Exam, 4th Attempt

By motion of Dr. Hayter, seconded by Mr. Erickson, the Committee voted to approve the request for exam retake.

- 4. Michelle Burnett – PE Exam, 4th Attempt

By motion of Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Bowersox, the Committee voted to approve the request for exam retake.

C. Discussion of audits not approved by letter ballot

1. Ballot 17-182 – Graham

a. Travis Smith

By motion of Mr. Bowersox, seconded by Mr. Erickson, the Committee voted to direct Ms. Lopez to send a letter to Mr. Smith advising him that he has 120 days from the date of the letter to obtain two additional hours to meet continuing education requirements.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Mark Thomey – Request for Consideration Regarding Continuing Education Audit

The Committee directed Ms. Lopez to send Mr. Thomey a letter advising him that he must re-submit his continuing education audit form substantiating 30 PDHS acquired during the renewal period of 5/1/15 – 4/30/2017.

B. Matthew Mellor – Regarding Denial of Application for FS Exam

By motion of Mr. Brosemer, seconded by Mr. Haverkamp, the Committee voted to direct Ms. Lopez to send a letter to Mr. Mellor advising him that he does not meet the requirements for the Fundamentals of Surveying examination.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. K.A.R. 66-12-1 Minimum standards for the practice of land surveying

By motion of Dr. Hayter, seconded by Mr. Bowersox, the Committee voted to direct Ms. Lopez to send the Minimum Standards For Boundary Surveys and Minimum Standards for Mortgagee Title Inspections Standards of Practice 2017 to the Department of Administration's office for review and approval as to organization, style, spelling, and grammar requirements.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. PLSS Module Supplement to PS exam

The Committee reviewed the letter sent to NCEES CEO Jerry Carter regarding the development of a Public Land Survey System (PLSS) module supplemental to a PS exam. No action was taken.

B. Procedures for SE Applications

The Committee discussed the process for approval of applicants to sit for the SE exam. Applicants may request to sit for the SE in Kansas by submitting a letter to the Board. They are not required to be a PE in KS or any other jurisdiction prior to approval. Once scores are received by the Board staff will send a letter indicating pass or fail. If an applicant passes the SE and wishes to be licensed as a PE in KS they will be required to submit an Application for Exam or Comity.

C. PE Chemical – transition from paper to CBT

The PE Chemical exam will transition to Computer Based Testing in January. As such the Board needs to revise policies and procedures related to the application process and due dates to accommodate for a year-round exam schedule. Mr. Erickson and Dr. Hayter will serve on a committee to assist in developing policies and procedures related to the application process and due dates for applicants for the PE Chemical exam.

VI. ADJOURN

By motion of Mr. Brosemer seconded by Mr. Erickson, the Committee adjourned at 9:57.