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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  
November 4, 2024

At 9:03 a.m. on November 4, 2024, Reginald L. Jeter, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Board's office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the following members present:

Reginald L. Jeter, P.E.	Chairman
Connie P. Betts, P.E.	Vice Chairman
Linda H. Bergeron, P.E.	Treasurer
Byron D. Racca, P.E.	Secretary

James H. Chustz, Jr., P.L.S.  
Janice P. Williams, P.E.  
Vijaya Gopu, Ph.D., P.E.  
Gordon E. Nelson, P.E.  
Susan H. Richard, P.E.  
Byron E. Trust, P.E.  
Robert L. Wolfe, P.E., P.L.S.

Also present: Donna D. Sentell, Executive Director  
Cheron Seaman, Deputy Executive Director  
Joe Harman, P.E., Technical Advisor  
David Patterson, P.L.S., Technical Advisor  
D. Scott Landry, Board Attorney  
Bill Tripoli, IT Director  
Carlos Morgan, Staff  
Rhett Rayburn, Staff  
Morgan Georgetown, Staff

The invocation was led by Mr. Chustz and the pledge was led by Ms. Richard.

Chairman Jeter recognized the newest Board members, Mr. Byron E. Trust P.E. and Mr. Robert L. Wolfe, P.E., P.L.S.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Ms. Bergeron, seconded by Dr. Gopu, to accept the November 4, 2024 proposed Call and Agenda for the meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Chustz, seconded by Mr. Racca, to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2024 Board meeting.

### **Compliance and Enforcement**

**Case # 2024-42** – Mr. Rayburn reported on an unlicensed firm which practiced and/or offered to practice engineering 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 \$380.27;
3. Publication on the Board's website and in the Board's official Journal identifying Respondent by name; and
4. Report to NCEES identifying Respondent by name.

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Ms. Williams, Dr. Gopu, and Mr. Nelson, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Water Technology, Inc. of Wisconsin**.

**Case # 2024-43** – Mr. Rayburn 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 \$380.27;
3. Completion of the Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz, with a score of 90% or higher;

4. Completion of the Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz, with a score of 90% or higher;
5. Publication on the Board's website and in the Board's official Journal identifying Respondent by name; and
6. Report to NCEES identifying Respondent by name.

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Ms. Williams, Dr. Gopu, and Mr. Nelson, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Brian W. Freber, P.E.**

**Case # 2024-45** – Mr. Rayburn reported on an unlicensed firm, which practiced and/or offered to practice engineering 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 \$380.27;
3. Publication on the Board's website and in the Board's official Journal identifying Respondent by name; and
4. Report to NCEES identifying Respondent by name.

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Ms. Williams, Dr. Gopu, and Mr. Nelson, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Kurzynske & Associates.**

## **Committee Reports**

### **Laws and Rules Committee**

The Board reviewed the September 27, 2024 letter from the Office of the Attorney General concerning the open enrollment period for the Louisiana Department of Justice's Occupational Licensing Review Program (OLRP). After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Dr. Gopu, to table the decision regarding enrolling in the OLRP until after the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature.

### **Applications**

The Board discussed the pending applications for licensure as a professional land surveyor by endorsement and the individuals who have recently passed the Louisiana Laws of Land Surveying Examination. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Chustz, seconded by Ms. Williams, to license the following individuals as professional land surveyors by endorsement: David D. **Campbell** Jr., Brandon C. **Herpin**, William F. **Offer**, III, Richard C. **Raley**, William D. **Gaston** and Michael D. **French**.

Mr. Landry exited the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

## **Committee Reports (continued)**

### **Continuing Professional Development Committee**

The Board reviewed the correspondence from Jacob Courville concerning his 2022-2023 CPD log and certificates. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Trust, seconded by Ms. Williams, to notify Mr. Courville to submit all required CPD documentation for review prior to January 28, 2025.

The Board recessed at 10:30 a.m. and resumed at 10:50 a.m.

### **Finance Committee**

Ms. Bergeron presented the financial report for FY 24-25. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Ms. Betts, seconded by Mr. Nelson, to accept the year-to-date budget for FY 24-25 as presented.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Ms. Betts, seconded by Mr. Racca, to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with **Gator T, Inc.** to provide maintenance and support of the LOLA information technology system. The

1 term of the contract will be for five months, **beginning February 1, 2025 and ending**  
2 **June 30, 2025**, in the total amount not to exceed **\$60,540**.

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4 **Building Committee**

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6 Dr. Gopu presented the report for the Building Committee, which included an updated  
7 timeline for the move of the Board's office to the United Plaza building and requests  
8 for funds for purchases and installations of electrical/internet outlets, monitor for the  
9 board room, lettering and seals for the exterior and board room doors, and the board  
10 room table. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by  
11 the Building Committee, comprised of Ms. Bergeron, Ms. Williams, and Dr. Gopu, to  
12 approve \$37,839 for purchases and installations of electrical/internet outlets,  
13 monitor for the board room, lettering and seals for the exterior and board room doors,  
14 and the board room table.

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16 **Nominations and Awards Committee**

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18 Chairman Jeter, on behalf of the Nominations and Awards Committee, presented the  
19 following nominations for election as Board officers for 2025-26, to be voted on at the  
20 February 4, 2025 Board meeting:

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22 Byron D. Racca, P.E. – Chairman/Vice Chairman  
23 Linda H. Bergeron, P.E. – Chairman/Vice Chairman  
24 James H. Chustz, Jr., P.L.S. – Secretary  
25 Janice P. Williams, P.E. – Treasurer

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27 The Board recessed at 11:15 a.m. to take pictures and for lunch and resumed at 12:15  
28 p.m. Mr. Patterson was not in attendance.

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30 **Old Business/New Business**

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32 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Chairman Jeter, seconded by  
33 Mr. Racca, to request NCEES emeritus status for Wilfred J. Fontenot, P.L.S.

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35 **Closing Business**

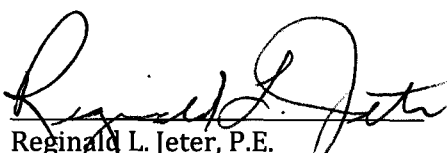
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37 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Chustz, seconded by Ms.  
38 Betts, to approve all committee recommendations and actions.


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

43 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr.  
44 Racca, to approve all Board expenses.

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46 The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Chairman Jeter, seconded by  
47 Ms. Betts, to adjourn.

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49 The meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m. on November 4, 2024.

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53 Reginald L. Jeter, P.E.  
54 Chairman

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56 Byron D. Racca, P.E.  
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