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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

DATE: 15 June 2016

**PLACE: Department of Business Regulation
1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 68, Conference Room 68-1 Cranston,
RI 02920**

TIME: 9:00 AM

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chairman Paul B. Aldinger, PE, PhD,
Secretary Christopher A. Duhamel, PE, PLS, Ms. Patricia K. Walker,
PE Board Member and Ms. Patricia D. Steere, PE**

MEMBER ABSENT: Chairman Wayne D. Moore, PE

OTHERS PRESENT: Lois Marshall, Administrative Assistant

CALLED TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Aldinger, PE, PhD called the

meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. to commence Board business

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Acceptance of the 20 April 2016 minutes of the meetings.

Secretary Duhamel made a motion to approve the 20 April 2016 minutes. Member Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed; four (4) in favor, one (1) absent. Voting in favor were; Vice Chair Aldinger, Secretary Duhamel, Member Walker and Member Steere. Chair Moore was absent.

(2) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Secretary Duhamel made a motion to convene into executive session at 9:26 a.m. pursuant to RI General Laws, Section §42-46(5)(a)(2) for sessions or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation and §42-46-(5)(a)(4) for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Ms. Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed four in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were Vice Chairman Aldinger Secretary Duhamel, Ms. Walker and Ms. Steere. Chairman Moore was absent.

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(3) 2017 Legislation

Attorney Algee updated the Board on the pending legislation regarding Certificate of Authorizations (COA). Subsection A leaves the COAs in place keeps however all renewals must be filed online. If a paper renewal is request the applicant will have to write to the

director for an exception. The Board asked Attorney Algee for a discussion on the clarification of technology degrees.

(4) NCEES Exam Changes

The Board reviewed the exam changes received from NCEES and instructed Ms.

Marshall to contact NCEES to retrieve the Civil and Structural exam changes.

(5) Correspondence from Christopher Warfel, PE 7012

Mr. Warfel was requesting to change his add the civil discipline to his registration. Secretary Duhamel made a motion to have Attorney Algee prepare a response to Mr. Warfel's request. Ms. Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed four in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were Vice Chairman Aldinger Secretary Duhamel, Ms. Walker and Ms. Steere. Chairman Moore was absent.

(6) Correspondence from Dean Plowman of New England Institute of Technology

Dean Plowman of NEIT is questioning whether or not his students will be able to sit for the NCEES Fundamental of Engineering (FE) or NCEES Principles and Practice PE examinations in Rhode Island. Secretary Duhamel made a motion to send a letter to Dean Plowman referencing Rhode Island Rules & Regulations for Licensure for Engineer 140.2.1.2 and 140.2.1.4. Member Walker seconded. The motion passed four in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were

Vice Chairman Aldinger Secretary Duhamel, Ms. Walker and Ms. Steere. Chairman Moore was absent.

(7) Correspondence from Richard Gordon, PE

Secretary Duhamel made a motion to send a letter to Mr. Gordon stating that the

Rhode Island Board of Professional Engineers licenses by discipline.

Mr. Gordon's

Degree was in Mechanical Engineering and he took the NCEES Mechanical exam,

therefore his discipline is Mechanical. If he wishes to become registered in the

Structural and Electrical disciplines he must take both the NCEES 16 Hour Structural

and Electrical exams. Ms. Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed four in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were Vice

Chairman Aldinger Secretary Duhamel, Ms. Walker and Ms. Steere.

Chairman Moore was absent.

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(8) Correspondence from Brett Schneider

Mr. Schneider is requesting to waive the NCEES FE examination.

Secretary Duhamel made a motion to have Mr. Schneider submit an application for Board review. Member Walker seconded. The motion passed four in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were Vice Chairman Aldinger Secretary Duhamel, Ms. Walker and Ms. Steere. Chairman Moore was absent.

(9) Correspondence from John Stegall

Mr. Stegall is questioning the procedure and a time line for executing the NCEES Principle and Practice examination process. Secretary Duhamel made a motion to send a letter to Mr. Stegall outlining the Principle and Practice process. Member Walker seconded. The motion passed four in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were Vice Chairman Aldinger Secretary Duhamel, Ms. Walker and Ms. Steere. Chairman Moore was absent.

APPLICATIONS:

P.E. COMITY:

Member Walker made a motion to approve the following comity applications as noted. Secretary Duhamel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, four (4) in favor, and one (1) absent. Voting in favor were Vice Chair Aldinger, Secretary Duhamel, Members Walker and Steere. Chair Moore was absent.

Gilewicz, John MI Civil

Hamilton, Jacob NV Elec.

Hemphill, Michael CA Civil

Kassabian, Paul MA Struc.

Koehler, Christopher MA Civil

Nourmohammadi, Khosrow CA Mech, Elec. Civil

Raihl, Thomas NY Mech.

Saneekhatam, Ramtin DE Civil

Ventrelli, Mark IL Mech.

P.E. COMITY DENIED:

Secretary Duhamel made a motion to deny the following comity applications due to the fact that did not meet the educational requirement of a 4 year EAC/ABET engineering Bachelor's degree.

Ms. Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed; four in favor.

Voting in favor were; Vice Chairman Aldinger, Secretary Duhamel, Members Walker and Steere. Chair Moore was absent.

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Parent, Peter M.

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E.I.T. Certificate

Member Walker made a motion to approve the following E.I.T. application. Secretary Duhamel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, four in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were Vice Chairman Aldinger, Secretary Duhamel, Member. Walker and Member Steere. Chairman Moore was absent.

C.O.A. APPLICATIONS:

Secretary Duhamel made a motion to approve the application for Certificates of Authorization listed on the 15 June 2016 list for Corporations as noted in the specific discipline mentioned. Ms. Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, four in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were Vice Chairman Aldinger, Secretary Duhamel, Member. Walker and Member Steere. Chairman Moore was absent from this vote.

CORPORATION

The Vertex Companies, Inc.

Secretary Duhamel made a motion to approve the Certificate of Authorization for the Vertex Companies, Inc. Member Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, four in favor and one absent. Voting in favor were Vice Chairman Aldinger, Secretary Duhamel, Member. Walker and Member Steere. Chairman Moore was absent.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 13 July 2016 at 9:00 AM. Secretary Member Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m. Secretary Duhamel seconded the motion. The motion passed; four (4) in favor, one (1) absent. Voting in favor were; Vice Chair Aldinger, Secretary Duhamel, Members Steere and Walker. Chair Moore was absent.

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website. Pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, R.I. Gen. Laws Sec. 42-46-6(b), business not included in this notice may be considered with the consent of the majority of the members, and/or may convene into Executive (closed) Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Sec. 42-46-5.

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