MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS TUESDAY JULY 16, 2024 9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Jason Durr, Chair Greg Morical, Vice Chair Steve Gillman Sam Reed Susan Zellers

Members Absent:

Opal Kuhl Tim Jensen

Attending Administrative Staff:

Amy Hall - Board Director Chris Shea-Russell - Assistant Board Director Donald 'Ned' Hannah - Board Counsel Lindy Murray, Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER - Jason Durr called to order the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – The Board reviewed the draft agenda. Motion made by Steve Gillman and seconded by Greg Morical to approve the agenda.

Motion carries 5/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Greg Morical	Aye
Steve Gillman	Aye
Sam Reed	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2024, BOARD MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft minutes. Motion made by Greg Morical and seconded by Susan Zellers to approve the May 21, 2024, meeting minutes.

Motion carries 4/0/1

Jason Durr	Abstain
Greg Morical	Aye
Steve Gillman	Aye
Sam Reed	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Ian Mathew provided a report from the attorney general's office of current complaints. There is one litigation file open. There are four investigative cases open.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A. Brian Koebel - 2022SBRPE0002 - Petition to Withdraw from Probation

Brian Koebel appeared personally before the Board due to his Petition to Withdraw from Probation. He has completed his probation and submitted all required documentation proving such.

Motion made by Greg Morical and seconded by Sam Reed to approve the Petition to Withdraw from Probation.

Motion carries 5/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Greg Morical	Aye
Steve Gillman	Aye
Sam Reed	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Michael Lahey - Positive Response - Initial Application

Michael Lahey appeared virtually before the board regarding the positive response on his application. His criminal charges are pending and will be dismissed in January 2025, due to his outstanding participation in a mental health therapy program sponsored by the county if he completes the mental health program successfully.

Motion made by Greg Morical and seconded by Steve Gillman to approve on probation until the Court ordered program has been successfully completed and the incident has been dismissed.

Motion carries 5/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Greg Morical	Aye
Steve Gillman	Aye
Sam Reed	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

B. David Borcherding - Positive Response - Initial Application

David Borcherding appeared virtually before the board regarding the positive response on his application. Felony charge of operating while intoxicated. He has completed the Court ordered related treatment though he is still on criminal probation which he can petition to be removed from probation as soon as September 2024.

Motion made by Greg Morical and seconded by Steve Gillman to approve indefinite probation until the completion of his criminal probation.

Motion carries 5/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Greg Morical	Aye
Steve Gillman	Aye
Sam Reed	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

C. Jacob Schlotterer - Positive Response - Renewal

Jacob Schlotterer appeared virtually before the board regarding the positive response on his renewal application. He received a driving under the influence conviction due to his actions in January 2024, on his birthday. He is currently on criminal probation. If he maintains his good behavior, he may petition the Court to be removed from criminal probation.

Motion made by Steve Gillman and seconded by Greg Morical to approve indefinite probation until the completion of his criminal probation.

Motion carries 5/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Greg Morical	Aye
Steve Gillman	Aye
Sam Reed	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

D. Jason Hickle - Positive Response - Renewal

Jason Hickle appeared before the board regarding the positive response on his renewal application. One positive response was a license denial in Illinois. The second positive response is due to driving under the influence. He will be on criminal probation until April 2025, pending approval of the criminal court.

Motion made by Greg Morical and seconded by Susan Zellers to approve indefinite probation until the proof completion of his criminal probation.

Motion carries 5/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Greg Morical	Aye
Steve Gillman	Aye
Sam Reed	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

E. Kylie Bright-Schuler - Exam Approval

Kylie Bright-Schuler appeared to request to take the exam early. She still needs to complete 2 years of the required experience. She may take the exam in another state, but currently does not meet the experience requirement to take the exam in Indiana or to be licensed prematurely.

Motion made by Greg Morical and seconded by Sam Reed to deny the request to take the exam early.

Motion carries 5/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Greg Morical	Aye
Steve Gillman	Aye
Sam Reed	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Alternative Pathways to Licensure

Sam Reed reported that it's still a work in progress. Working with educators and professionals to establish a connection and to start conversations with both arenas.

2. NCEES Annual Meeting Resolutions

A concern to discuss with NCEES for students to have training with ethical related items. Ethics is not being taught in undergraduate programs.

3. Rule Change Discussion/Review

Audrea Racine met with the Board to review the rules in progress. Some minor changes we made to the proposed draft rules. Susan Zellers has volunteered to assist with any questions associated with these changes.

Motion made by Greg Morical and seconded by Susan Zellers to approve new proposed draft rules as presented and written.

Motion carries 5/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Greg Morical	Aye
Steve Gillman	Aye
Sam Reed	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

AJOURNMENT 10:47

Jason Durr, Chair

Date

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