

## MINUTES

### UTAH PROFESSION ENGINEER AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR LICENSING BOARD MEETING

March 18, 2009

Room 474 09:00 A.M.  
Heber Wells Building  
160 East 300 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah

<b>CONVENED</b>	09:05 A.M.
<b>ADJOURNED:</b>	11: 55P.M.
<b>DOPL STAFF</b>	Ross Ford, <i>Associate Director</i> Wayne Holman, <i>Chief Investigator</i> Dennis Meservy, <i>Bureau Manager</i> Yvonne King, <i>Board Secretary</i> Susan Higgs, <i>Compliance</i> Wayne Jeppson, <i>Investigations</i> Kent Barnes, <i>Compliance</i>
<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Jonathon Richards, <i>Chair</i> Norman Bennion Gary Knighton Kim Harris Von Hill
<b>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Charles Powell David Wesemann
<b>VISITORS</b>	Ruben Martinez
<b>MINUTES</b>	Von Hill made a motion to approve the January 2009 board minutes as amended. Kim Harris seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.
<b>COMPLIANCE SUSAN HIGGS</b>	Susan Higgs went through the compliance report of all probationers who were on probation. Steven L. Mortensen who is a probationer residing in Arizona was due to go off probation in April. Higgs asked whether to terminate the probation now or have the individual come before the board in May. It was confirmed by Higgs that all issues concerning Mr. Mortensen's license in Arizona were taken care of.

Norm Bennion made a motion to end Mr. Mortensen's probation. Hill seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

## **RUBEN MARTINEZ**

Ruben Martinez came before the board requesting licensure as a Land Surveyor. Mr. Martinez's Oregon license is revoked, but he had an active license without restrictions in the state of Washington. Von Hill made a motion to deny Mr. Martinez for licensure as a Land surveyor due to a problem with his application that indicated he had been surveying in Utah without a license and the revocation of his license in Oregon. Kim Harris seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

The board requested an investigation of Martinez and his Utah employer.

## **INVESTIGATIONS WAYNE JEPPSON**

Wayne Jeppson submitted an investigative report from January 2009 to the present on cases opened and closed along with the method of closure and case summary of the cases under investigation. There are 24 open cases under investigation at this time.

## **ENFORCEMENT FUND**

The education and enforcement fund was reviewed.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

The board reviewed proposed rule changes that included clean up, updates and incidental practice. It was indicated that Jonathan Richards would get together with Dennis Meservy and Jeannie Jackson, chair of the Architects Board, to work on changes pertaining to incidental practice.

The board discussed the rule change that was presented in the public hearing prior to the board meeting that defined the practice of structural engineering in Utah Administrative Code R156-22-102 (6) to exclude the design and oversight of the construction and installation of highway, utility, or pedestrian bridges. The board agreed to look at this rule change down the road to see how it was working.

## **2010 WESTERN ZONE CONFERENCE**

Hill stated that from the information received from prior meetings, the budget for the conference would run about \$30,000. Hill will request information from those responsible for this year's Central Zone Conference in Banff, Canada. The dates for the Salt Lake Western Zone Conference in 2010 is May 13, 14 and 15<sup>th</sup>. The dates for this conference that were given previously in an earlier board meeting were incorrect. Bennion, and Richards said they at their own expense would be

attending the conference in Banff, Canada..

**STRUCTURAL ENGINEER EXAM**

It was indicated by the board that there would be a change in the NCEES structural engineering exams. The structural I and II exams would be combined into a single structural examination.

**All business concluded meeting adjourned.**

*Note: This report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript, but is intended to record the significant features of what was discussed in the meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily arranged in chronological order.*

(SS) Jonathon Richards Date 05/20/2009  
Jonathon Richards, Chair

(SS) Dennis Meservy Date: 05/20/2009  
Dennis Meservy, Bureau Manager