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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

**STATE REGISTRATION BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND GEOLOGISTS**

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Eaton Conference Room

Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs

2525 North 7th Street

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

January 14, 2026

1 State Registration Board for Professional
2 Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists
3 January 14, 2026
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6 BOARD MEMBERS:
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8 Robert P. Kudlawiec, PE-Mining, President
9 Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau
10 of Professional and Occupational Affairs
11 G. Windsor Tracy Jr., PLS, Vice President
12 Lisa Peterson, PE-Electrical, Professional Member
13 Jason Snyder, PE-Civil, Professional Member
14 John J. Luciani, PE-Civil, PLS, Professional Member
15 Scott Reeser, PLS Professional Member - Absent
16 Joseph McNally, PG, Professional Member
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19 BUREAU PERSONNEL:
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21 Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel
22 Ray J. Michalowski, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
23 and Prosecution Liaison
24 Deena Parmelee, Legal Office Administrator,
25 Department of State
26 Angela L. Solomon, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
27 Lisa Houser, Engineer, Department of State
28 Kristel Hennessy Hemler, Board Administrator
29 Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, Office of
30 Chief Counsel, Department of State
31 Shana Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
32 Danie Bendesky, Special Assistant for Strategic
33 Initiatives, Department of State
34 Ronald Rouse, Esquire, PA Office of General Counsel
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37 ALSO PRESENT:
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39 Ted Mowatt, CAE, Vice President, Wanner Associates
40 Wanner Intern, Pennsylvania Society of Professional
41 Engineers
42 Josh Delaney, Precise Geospatial Solutions
43 Marcy - Pennsylvania Society of Professional
44 Engineers
45 Lehmon Dekle, Chief Officer of Examinations, National
46 Council of Examiners for Engineering and
47 Surveying (NCEES)
48 John Fuehrer II, PE, PLS, Pennsylvania Society of
49 Land Surveyors
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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

Caleb Liebig
Melissa Cannata, Career Certified
Jacob Hill, Sargent's Court Reporting
Services, Inc.

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6 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
7 at 9:00 a.m., the Board entered into Executive
8 Session with Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board
9 Counsel, for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
10 deliberations and to receive the advice of counsel on
11 matters currently pending before the Board. The
12 Board returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.]

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14 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
15 Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land
16 Surveyors, and Geologists was held on Thursday,
17 January 14, 2026. Robert P. Kudlawiec, PE-Mining,
18 President, called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m.

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20 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

21 [Kristel Hennessy Hemler, Board Administrator,
22 provided an introduction of Board members and
23 attendees. A quorum of Board members was present.]

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25 [Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, reminded

1 everyone that the meeting was being recorded and
2 voluntary participation constituted consent to be
3 recorded.

4 Ms. Goshert also noted the Board entered into
5 Executive Session with Board counsel for the purpose
6 of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations and to
7 receive the advice of counsel.]

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9 [President Kudlawiec welcomed new Board Prosecution
10 Liaison, Angela Solomon, Esquire. Ms. Solomon looked
11 forward to serving the board as their Prosecution
12 Liaison.]

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14 Approval of Minutes of the September 18, 2025
15 meeting.

16 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

17 We have two minutes to approve but
18 first we'll look at the September 18,
19 2025 meeting.

20 Are there any comments,
21 corrections, notes? Okay.

22 Hearing none, could I have a
23 motion to accept?

24 MR. TRACY:

25 So moved.

1 MS. PETERSON:

2 Second.

3 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

4 All in favor? Do the roll call,
5 please.

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7 Arion Claggett, aye; Robert Kudlawiec,
8 aye; Windsor Tracy, aye; Lisa Peterson,
9 aye; Jason Snyder, abstain; John
10 Luciani, aye; Joseph McNally, aye.

11 [The motion carried. Jason Snyder abstained from
12 voting on the motion.]

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14 Approval of Minutes of the November 13, 2025 meeting.

15 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

16 The second one we have is the meeting
17 minutes from November 13, 2025. Do we
18 have any comments, corrections,
19 McNally?

20 MR. MCNALLY:

21 Yes, I do. I have some edits to page
22 eight of the minutes dealing primarily
23 with the future meeting dates. The
24 first one is on line 13, which is the
25 year 2028 and should be changed to 2029

1 and also then starting on line 17 that
2 the next COE workshop will be held in
3 Branson, Missouri, April 9th through
4 11th, 2026, and that the next annual
5 meeting will be held in Hershey,
6 Pennsylvania, in late October 2026.

7 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

8 Any others? Okay. Pending those
9 corrections, can I have a motion to
10 accept?

11 MR. TRACY:

12 So moved.

13 MS. PETERSON:

14 Second. Roll call, please.

15
16 Arion Claggett, aye; Robert Kudlawiec,
17 aye; Windsor Tracy, aye; Lisa Peterson,
18 aye; Jason Snyder, abstain; John
19 Luciani, aye; Joseph McNally, aye.

20 [The motion carried. Jason Snyder abstained from
21 voting on the motion.]

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23 Report of Prosecutorial Division - No Report

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25 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Adjudication and

1 Order

2 MS. GOSHERT:

3 Based on Executive Session
4 deliberations, I believe the Board
5 would entertain a motion to adopt a
6 Proposed Adjudication and Order issued
7 at Case No. 24-47-012113 for Bishal
8 Thapalia.

9 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

10 Do I have a motion to accept?

11 MR. TRACY:

12 So moved.

13 MS. PETERSON:

14 Second.

15
16 Arion Claggett, aye; Robert Kudlawiec,
17 aye; Windsor Tracy, aye; Lisa Peterson,
18 aye; Jason Snyder, aye; John Luciani,
19 aye; Joseph McNally, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 Report of Board Counsel - Final Adjudication and
23 Order

24 MS. GOSHERT:

25 Based on Executive Session

1 deliberations, I believe the Board
2 would entertain a motion to approve and
3 issue the Final Adjudication and Order
4 drafted for Case No. 25-47-002115 for
5 Valente Casciato, Jr.

6 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

7 Motion to approve.

8 MR. TRACY:

9 So moved.

10 MS. PETERSON:

11 Second.

12
13 Arion Claggett, aye; Robert Kudlawiec,
14 aye; Windsor Tracy, aye; Lisa Peterson,
15 aye; Jason Snyder, aye; John Luciani,
16 aye; Joseph McNally, aye.

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 Regulatory Report

20 [Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, provided
21 the Board updates on its regulatory packages. Mr.
22 Farrell stated the first package, 16A-4717, is for
23 the engineer interns terminology and the decoupling
24 of the experience requirement. This regulation was
25 couched as a final omitted regulation. Ms. Goshert

1 and he would be going to the Independent Regulatory
2 Review Commission (IRRC) on January 15, 2026, and
3 this regulation would be considered for vote and then
4 published in the *PA Bulletin*.

5 Mr. Farrell then addressed the Board's ethics CE
6 package, 16A-4716, a proposed rulemaking. He stated
7 the staff was still in the process of drafting the
8 rulemaking. He remarked the package was on track to
9 be implemented in time for the renewal period. He
10 stated the Board would have to start collecting
11 ethics CE beginning October 2nd, 2027, from that
12 biennium prior to the September 30, 2029 deadline.]

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14 Report of Board President

15 [President Kudlawiec discussed attending the
16 Accreditation Board Engineering and Technology (ABET)
17 Review at Point Park University in October 2025 as an
18 observer. The individuals he followed included Mr.
19 Mansour Karkoub, Coordinator; John Segna; Vance
20 McCollough, the electrical reviewer; and Jeffrey
21 Mountain, a mechanical reviewer. He noted this Board
22 views their labs, curriculum and professors for
23 approval of their courses.

24 President Kudlawiec reported, in July, the Board
25 met with the Provost; Shari Payne and the Dean of the

1 Arts and Sciences; Becky Spritz. The meeting went
2 well.]

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4 Report of Board Members

5 [Lisa Peterson, Professional Member, reported she had
6 been asked to serve on the leadership Development
7 Committee for National Council of Examiners for
8 Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), and has accepted.
9 She is also on the site selection committee for
10 NCEES.

11 President Kudlawiec stated he was also on the
12 site selection committee.

13 Joseph McNally reported on attending a meeting of
14 the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Geologists
15 (PCPG) on December 10, 2025. He discussed the
16 pending ethics issues and some of the current
17 vacancies with regard to geologists on the Board.]

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19 Report of the Commissioner - No Report

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21 Report of Board Administrator

22 [Ms. Hennessy Hemler reported on updates to the CE
23 audits of the Board. Out of the 327 engineers, land
24 surveyors and geologists that were audited, 12 were
25 sent to the professional compliance office for

1 failing the audit.]

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3 Annual Report of the Prosecution Division

4 [Shana Walter, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,

5 referred to a PowerPoint presentation of the Annual

6 Report of the Prosecution Division for 2025.

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8 She commented the Bureau of Professional and
9 Occupational Affairs protects the health and safety
10 of the public as well as the integrity of the Office
11 of Chief Counsel. The Prosecution Division receives
12 complaints, investigates allegations, and enforces
13 compliance.

14 Ms. Walter outlined the process by which a
15 complaint is handled. If the division has
16 jurisdiction over the complaint, it will be
17 investigated and reviewed by a prosecuting attorney
18 who will look at the evidence and determine if it
19 warrants a hearing. Other than a hearing, there is
20 also the option of presenting a Consent Agreement to
21 the Board. A prosecutor may, additionally, initiate
22 actions, such as implementing an immediate temporary
23 suspension, implementing an automatic suspension in
24 order to obtain a mental and/or physical examination.

25 Ms. Walter stated, should discipline be necessary
after a violation has occurred, there are several

1 remedies that can be exercised, including but not
2 limited to, revocation, suspension, probation or
3 civil penalties.

4 She reported the Prosecution Division closed
5 19,131 cases. She further added, in 2025, 179 cases
6 were opened and 147 cases were closed. She declared
7 the Board currently had 57,689 active licenses and
8 108 open cases.]

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10 Correspondence

11 [Ms. Goshert noted receiving a letter from the
12 Pennsylvania Land Surveying Society. She read the
13 letter to Mr. Lehmon Dekle, Chief Officer of
14 Examinations at NCEES, which primarily relates to
15 NC's current work regarding the potential non-
16 boundary surveying examination. She requested Mr.
17 Diekel provide background on this issue.

18 Mr. Diekel explained that NCEES is a national
19 non-profit that is governed by state boards. It
20 takes its direction from the committees of the
21 council, task forces, and board directors.
22 Pennsylvania is one of many state boards belonging to
23 NCEES.

24 He stated, in 2025, a task force was created by
25 the NCEES president and was responsible for reviewing

1 the language of the current surveying licensure model
2 and studying the potential licensure of mapping
3 scientists. The task force recommended that a non-
4 boundary PS exam, Principles and Practices survey
5 exam, and anyone passing the exam be given the title
6 of Professional Surveyor. The approach has been
7 disputed and has also created questions about the
8 name of the exam, a title that might be confusing to
9 the public. That task force was recommended to this
10 year's EPS committee.

11 Mr. Diekel continued by stating this year's EPS
12 committee has been charged with the following, and he
13 quoted, review the findings of the 2025 surveying and
14 mapping Sciences Licensure Task Force. This year's
15 EPS committee is doing that.

16 He added the EPS Committee, the Examinations for
17 Professional Surveyors Committee of NCEES, is the one
18 who is charged with considering these matters. This
19 year's EPS committee is deliberating over the various
20 issues.

21 Mr. Diekel informed the Board there was no exam
22 at this point, and he strongly advised the PA Board
23 to be engaged with the survey board about its input
24 on this matter. He stated the staff will deal with
25 the issues that are brought to them, and the task

1 force believes that a separate license is needed.
2 They would say it is a PS license. Many states have
3 argued that implementation of this would be very
4 difficult, because of the many issues that would
5 confuse the public.]

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7 Matter for Discussion - ASBOG Conference

8 [Ms. Goshert stated, for Item No.7, the Association
9 of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG), conference will
10 be in Branson, Missouri, April 9th through 11th,
11 2026.]

12 MS. GOSHERT:

13 Based on Executive Session discussion,
14 the Board would entertain a motion to
15 approve travel and associated expenses
16 for Joseph McNally to attend the ASBOG
17 conference in Branson, Missouri, on
18 April 9th through 11th, 2026.

19 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

20 Do we have a motion?

21 MR. TRACY:

22 So moved.

23 MS. PETERSON:

24 Second.

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1 Arion Claggett, aye; Robert Kudlawiec,
2 aye; Windsor Tracy, aye; Lisa Peterson,
3 aye; Jason Snyder, aye; John Luciani,
4 aye; Joseph McNally, aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 [Ms. Goshert stated, for Item No. 8, NCEES will be
8 holding their Central and Northeast Zone interim
9 meeting in Columbus, Ohio, on May 14th through the
10 16th, 2026.]

11 MS. GOSHERT:

12 Would the Board entertain a motion to
13 approve travel and associated expenses
14 for Lisa Peterson, Robert Kudlawiec,
15 and Windsor Tracy to attend the NCEES
16 Central/Northeast Zone interim meeting
17 held in Columbus, Ohio, on May 14th
18 through May 16th of this year.

19 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

20 Do we have a motion?

21 MR. TRACY:

22 So moved.

23 MS. PETERSON:

24 Second.

25

1 Arion Claggett, aye; Robert Kudlawiec,
2 aye; Windsor Tracy, aye; Lisa Peterson,
3 aye; Jason Snyder, aye; John Luciani,
4 aye; Joseph McNally, aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 Applications for Review

8 MS. GOSHERT:

9 At Agenda Item No. 9, we have the
10 application submitted by Tanner Smith.
11 Based on Executive Session
12 deliberations, I believe the Board
13 would entertain a motion to approve
14 that application.

15 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

16 Do we have a motion?

17 MR. TRACY:

18 So moved.

19 MS. PETERSON:

20 Second.

21
22 Arion Claggett, aye; Robert Kudlawiec,
23 aye; Windsor Tracy, aye; Lisa Peterson,
24 aye; Jason Snyder, aye; John Luciani,
25 aye; Joseph McNally, aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 Miscellaneous - Review for Requests

4 MS. GOSHERT:

5 At Agenda Item No. 10, based on
6 Executive Session deliberations, I
7 believe the Board would approve the
8 request for CE extension submitted by
9 Robert Colosi and allow a two-month
10 extension from today's date and require
11 proof of completion at the expiration
12 of that two-month extension.

13 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

14 Do we have a motion?

15 MR. TRACY:

16 So moved.

17 MS. PETERSON:

18 Second.

19
20 Arion Claggett, aye; Robert Kudlawiec,
21 aye; Windsor Tracy, aye; Lisa Peterson,
22 aye; Jason Snyder, aye; John Luciani,
23 aye; Joseph McNally, aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 Ratifications

2 MS. GOSHERT:

3 Agenda Items 11-19, based on Executive
4 Session discussions, I believe the
5 Board would ratify the application
6 approvals for the following applicants:
7 Agenda Item No. 11, Muhammad Arshad;
8 Agenda Item No. 12, Cole Plese; Agenda
9 Item No. 13, Shane Moison; Agenda Item
10 No. 14, Avinash Kumar Giri; Agenda Item
11 No. 15, John Thomas Agnoli; Agenda Item
12 No. 16, Jairo Yepes-Heredia; Agenda
13 Item No. 17, Siavash Kazerani; Agenda
14 Item No. 18, Zdravko Giljen; Agenda
15 Item No. 19, Luke Mackenzie.

16 COMMISSION CLAGGETT:

17 Can I have a motion to approve?

18 MR. TRACY:

19 So moved.

20 MS. PETERSON:

21 Second.

22
23 Arion Claggett, aye; Robert Kudlawiec,
24 aye; Windsor Tracy, aye; Lisa Peterson,
25 aye; Jason Snyder, aye; John Luciani,

1 aye; Joseph McNally, aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 Public Comments for Discussion - None

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6 Adjournment

7 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

8 Looking for a motion to adjourn.

9 MR. TRACY:

10 So moved.

11 MS. PETERSON:

12 Second.

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14 [There being no further business, the State Board of
15 Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and
16 Geologists Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m. The next
17 meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2026.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists meeting.



Jacob Hill,
Minute Clerk
Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

STATE REGISTRATION BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL
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REFERENCE INDEX
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10:30	Return to Open Session
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10:56	Roll Call
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10:59	Approval of Minutes
11:02	Report of Regulatory Counsel
11:04	Report of Board Counsel
11:06	Report of Board Members
11:07	Report of Board Administrator
11:09	Annual Report of the Prosecution Division (Shana Walter, Esquire)
11:16	Correspondence (Lehmon Dekle)
11:22	Matters for Discussion
11:25	Applications for Review
11:27	Miscellaneous
11:30	Ratifications
11:32	Adjournment