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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

2525 North 7th Street

DOS Executive Board Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

May 15, 2025

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State Registration Board for Professional
Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists
May 15, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS:

- Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
- Robert P. Kudlawiec, PE-Mining, President
- G. Windsor Tracy Jr., PLS, Vice President,
- Martin F. Helmke, PG, Professional Member
- Lisa Peterson, PE-Electrical, Professional Member
- Jason Snyder, PE-Civil, Professional Member - Absent
- John J. Luciani, PE-Civil, PLS, Professional Member
- Scott Reeser, PLS Professional Member
- Carol D. Sides, Public Member - Absent

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

- Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel
- Ray J. Michalowski, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor and Board Prosecution Liaison
- Kristel Hennessy Hemler, Board Administrator
- Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of State
- Angela L. Solomon, Esquire, Board Prosecutor

ALSO PRESENT:

- John G. Fuehrer II, PE, PLS, Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors
- Alana Balez, Intern, Wanner Associates
- Ted Mowatt, CAE, Vice President, Wanner Associates, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers
- Valente Casciato Jr.
- Erin Badstuebner, Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.

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2 State Registration Board for Professional
3 Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists

4 May 15, 2025

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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, May
17 15, 2025. Robert P. Kudlawiec, PE-Mining, President,
18 called the meeting to order at 10:30 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 Approval of minutes of the March 27, 2025 meeting

10 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

11 Very good, thank you. Can we talk
12 about the approval of the previous
13 minutes from March 27?

14 MR. HELMKE:

15 So moved.

16 MS. PETERSON:

17 Second.

18 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

19 Any discussion? Okay, Kristel, can we
20 do a Roll call?

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22 Arion Claggett, aye; Robert Kudlawiec,
23 aye; Windsor Tracy, aye; Martin Helmke,
24 aye; Lisa Peterson, aye; John Luciani,
25 aye; Scott Reeser, aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 Report of Board President

4 [Robert P. Kudlawiec, PE-Mining, President, commented
5 on his trip to Cambridge, Boston in April for the
6 NCES Northeast Zone meeting. He described the
7 meeting as very enlightening, with several motions
8 and charges developed and addressed. He mentioned
9 that he, Ms. Peterson, and Mr. Reeser, attended
10 workshops for the engineer's Board sessions, while
11 Mr. Reeser also attended the surveyor meetings. He
12 emphasized that it was beneficial to meet all the
13 representatives from the northeast states and
14 Commonwealth.]

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16 Report of Board Members

17 [John J. Luciani, PE-Civil, PLS, Professional Member,
18 stated he was invited by the Pennsylvania State
19 Association of Township Supervisors to speak at their
20 convention in Hershey during the engineering meeting
21 for local municipal engineers. He delivered a
22 presentation on engineering ethics, a topic he
23 emphasized as important and previously discussed by
24 the Board. He shared a personal anecdote from
25 college involving a speaker who had lost their

1 license for unethical conduct related to wastewater
2 plant specifications, which left a lasting impression
3 on him. He reported that the presentation was well
4 received by PSATS and reiterated the importance of
5 engineering ethics, especially in the context of
6 continuing education units.]

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8 Report of BPOA Commissioner

9 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
10 Professional and Occupational Affairs, noted that
11 Joseph McNally has been submitted for a reappointment
12 to the Board. His name has been added to the
13 Executive Nomination Calendar.]

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15 Report of Board Administrator

16 [Kristel Hennessy Hemler, Board Administrator, stated
17 there had been confusion among surveyor candidates
18 regarding Act 32 of 2024, which went into effect on
19 August 26, 2024. The law permits work experience to
20 be counted both before and after the issue date of
21 the SIT certificate, aligning with the policy for
22 Engineering Training Certificates. However, she
23 clarified that while this offers flexibility in when
24 experience can be gained, it does not reduce the
25 overall experience requirement and prohibits reuse of

1 previously submitted experience. She explained that
2 surveyor candidates approved through experience to
3 sit for the Fundamentals of Surveying exam must have
4 six years of progressive surveying experience, while
5 engineer candidates must have eight years of
6 progressive experience to sit for the Fundamentals of
7 Engineering exam, followed by an additional four
8 years after certification. She emphasized that the
9 same experience cannot be submitted twice and that
10 two separate statutory laws must be followed.

11 Ms. Hemler also discussed geology exam results
12 received from ASBOG. She reported that, according to
13 Board member Mr. Helmke, the passing rates for Board
14 candidates were consistent with national averages.
15 The Fundamentals of Geology exam had a 66 percent
16 pass rate, while the Principles of Geology exam had a
17 70.8 percent pass rate. She noted that all
18 candidates who failed received their score sheets
19 outlining deficiencies, which were emailed to them
20 the same morning. These individuals were
21 automatically placed on the register for the next
22 exam scheduled for October.]

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24 Report of Prosecutorial Division

25 [Ray J. Michalowski, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor

1 and Board Prosecution Liaison, stated there were no
2 consent agreements to present at the meeting. He
3 mentioned that there was a case filed which would
4 proceed as a motion deemed facts admitted. He noted
5 that the caseload was currently light, although
6 several Orders to Show Cause were in process and
7 moving forward. He added that Ms. Solomon would be
8 conducting an application hearing and concluded by
9 inviting any questions or comments.]

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11 Regulatory Updates - Motion to Deem Facts Admitted

12 MS. GOSHERT:

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24 MR. HELMKE:

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I just have one agenda item, agenda Item
4, which is the Motion to Deem Facts
Admitted. Based on Executive Session
deliberations, I believe the Board Chair
would entertain a motion to grant the
Motion to Deem Facts Admitted in Case No.
24-47-004570 against Anthony Tarantino,
and to direct Board Counsel to prepare a
Final Adjudication and Order consistent
with the discussions held in Executive
Session.

So moved.

1 MS. PETERSON:

2 Second.

3 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

4 Any further discussion? Okay Kristel,
5 can we have the roll call vote?

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7 Arion Claggett, aye; Robert Kudlawiec,
8 aye; Windsor Tracy, aye; Martin Helmke,
9 aye; Lisa Peterson, aye; John Luciani,
10 aye; Scott Reeser, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 Regulatory Updates - 16A-4717 Engineer Interns;
14 Decoupling Experience Requirement with Intern
15 Certificates

16 MS. GOSHERT:

17 I believe the Board Chair entertain a
18 motion to approve the Final admitted
19 Annex regulation 16A-4717, the Engineer
20 Interns and Decoupling Experience
21 requirement with Intern Certificates and
22 authorize its submission through the
23 Regulatory Review process in accordance
24 with the applicable law.

25 MR. HELMKE:

1 So moved.

2 MS. PETERSON:

3 Second.

4 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

5 Any comments? Kristel, could we have a
6 roll call vote?

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8 Arion Claggett, aye; Robert Kudlawiec,
9 aye; Windsor Tracy, aye; Martin Helmke,
10 aye; Lisa Peterson, aye; John Luciani,
11 aye; Scott Reeser, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 Matters for Discussion - NCEES Annual 2025 Conference
15 August 19-22, 2025, New Orleans, Louisiana

16 MS. GOSHERT:

17 No. 7 on the Agenda is the NCEES Annual
18 Conference, and that will be held August
19 19th through the 22nd of 2025 in New
20 Orleans, Louisiana. And we will be
21 voting for three members to go; and I
22 understand that would be Robert
23 Kudlawiec, Lisa Peterson, and Windsor
24 Tracy.

25 MR. HELMKE:

1 So moved.

2 MS. PETERSON:

3 Second.

4 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

5 Any further discussion? Hearing none.

6 Kristel, could we have a roll call vote?

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8 Arion Claggett, aye; Robert Kudlawiec,
9 aye; Windsor Tracy, aye; Martin Helmke,
10 aye; Lisa Peterson, aye; John Luciani,
11 aye; Scott Reeser, aye,

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 Matters for Discussion - ASBOG Annual Conference -
15 October 14-18, 2025, Salt Lake City, Utah

16 MS. GOSHERT:

17 No. 8 on the list will be for the ASBOG
18 Annual Conference, which is the National
19 Geology Organization that's going to be
20 held October 14th through the 18th of
21 2025 in Salt Lake City, Utah. And I
22 understand that Martin Helmke is
23 interested and also, we have room for
24 another person who may be of interest,
25 may be interested at a later date. But

1 we will vote for Martin plus one more
2 Board Member to go to this meeting.

3 MR. HELMKE:

4 So moved.

5 MS. PETERSON:

6 Second.

7 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

8 Any discussions? Hearing none. Kristel,
9 can we have a roll call?

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11 Arion Claggett, aye; Robert Kudlawiec,
12 aye; Windsor Tracy, aye; Martin Helmke,
13 aye; Lisa Peterson, aye; John Luciani,
14 aye; Scott Reeser, aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 Matters for Discussion - NCEES Mutual Recognition
18 Agreement with UK

19 [Ms. Goshert stated the Board had been considering a
20 mutual recognition agreement with the United Kingdom
21 to expand licensure opportunities for both
22 Pennsylvania licensees and UK professionals. However,
23 the Board determined it currently lacked the legal
24 authority to enter into agreements with foreign
25 entities. She explained that the Board would explore

1 a legislative initiative to seek an amendment that
2 would permit future reciprocity agreements with
3 foreign countries.]

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5 Applications for Review

6 MS. HEMLER:

7 We have one Application Review for Josh
8 Delaney. I believe based on Executive
9 Session deliberations, the Board Chair
10 would entertain a motion to provisionally
11 deny the Application submitted by Mr.
12 Delaney.

13 MR. HELMKE:

14 So moved

15 MS. PETERSON:

16 Second

17 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

18 Any further discussion? Hearing none.
19 Kristel, could we have a roll call vote?

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21 Arion Claggett, aye; Robert Kudlawiec,
22 aye; Windsor Tracy, aye; Martin Helmke,
23 aye; Lisa Peterson, aye; John Luciani,
24 aye; Scott Reeser, aye.

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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2 Miscellaneous - NCEES Spring 2026 Exam Changes

3 [Kristel Hennessy Hemler, Board Administrator, stated
4 the Board received a memo from NCEES on April 23,
5 2025, regarding exam changes for spring 2026 and
6 reminders about changes for certain Fall 2025 exams.
7 She encouraged anyone interested to visit the NCEES
8 website at www.ncees.org and search for exam changes
9 to view detailed information. She noted that the PE
10 Electrical and Computer: Electronics, Controls, and
11 Communications exam would be administered with new
12 specifications in April, along with updates to other
13 exams. These included PE Environmental, PE
14 Structural Engineering depth sections, PE Electrical
15 and Computer: Power, PE Mechanical: HVAC and
16 Refrigeration, PE Mechanical: Machine Design and
17 Materials, PE Mechanical: Thermal and Fluid Systems,
18 PE Mining and Mineral Processing, and PE Naval
19 Architecture and Marine Engineering. She emphasized
20 the importance of reviewing the updated
21 specifications for those planning to sit for these
22 exams.]

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24 Miscellaneous - Ratifications

25 MS. GOSHERT:

1 Based on Executive Session deliberations,
2 I believe the Board Chair would entertain
3 a motion to ratify the approval of
4 Licensure under Endorsement pursuant to
5 Act 41 for applicant Francis Ortiz.

6 MR. HELMKE:

7 So moved.

8 MS. PETERSON:

9 Second.

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11 Arion Claggett, aye; Robert Kudlawiec,
12 aye; Windsor Tracy, aye; Martin Helmke,
13 aye; Lisa Peterson, aye; John Luciani,
14 aye; Scott Reeser, aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 Public Comments

18 [John G. Fuehrer II, PE, PLS, Pennsylvania Society of
19 Land Surveyors, requested that Ms. Hemler email him
20 the clarification regarding survey and engineering
21 exam experience so he could post it on the website
22 for better public understanding.

23 Ms. Hemler thanked Mr. Fuehrer and confirmed she
24 would send the information. She noted that Ashley
25 was preparing a version suitable for public posting,

1 which should be ready by the end of the day, and
2 confirmed she had his email address.

3 Mr. Fuehrer expressed appreciation and provided
4 an update that NCEES had received an application from
5 the Wilkes-Barre Survey Program. He noted they had
6 not yet received a response but were hopeful about
7 securing a grant to develop new online courses. He
8 thanked those who had contributed and welcomed any
9 additional support.

10 Scott Reeser, PLS Professional Member, revisited
11 the earlier discussion on surveyor experience
12 confusion, noting that some applicants believed
13 having ten years of experience automatically
14 qualified them to sit for the SIT and later the PLS
15 exams. He emphasized that applicants often did not
16 understand the distinction between the six years
17 required to sit for the Fundamentals of Surveying
18 exam and the additional four years needed for the PLS
19 exams, leading to repeated use of the same
20 experience.

21 Ms. Hemler agreed there was confusion and
22 explained that the Board had started proactively
23 reaching out to applicants who submitted all their
24 experience initially, clarifying whether they
25 intended to use only six years upfront and reserve

1 the rest for later. She stated while the new Act 32
2 of 2024 allowed flexibility in timing, it did not
3 reduce total experience requirements. Some
4 candidates mistakenly thought they only needed six
5 years in total due to the new law.

6 Ms. Goshert added that although the law changed
7 the timing, it did not alter the required number of
8 years, and the Board would try to clarify this within
9 legal boundaries. Mr. Reeser acknowledged the
10 outreach efforts by the staff and suggested
11 additional public communication to reduce their
12 workload.

13 Ms. Hemler confirmed that this clarification
14 would be included in information prepared by Ashley,
15 to be distributed to the Pennsylvania Land Surveying
16 Society and to John Fuehrer for public posting.

17 Mr. Helmke proposed adding clarification to the
18 PALS application process, noting its effectiveness in
19 the past. Ms. Hemler supported this, but Acting
20 Commissioner Claggett noted that changes to the PALS
21 application were currently limited due to an ongoing
22 system replacement. She confirmed that no changes
23 could be made to anything embedded in the system at
24 this time. Ms. Hemler added that discussions with
25 the new system team were ongoing to address these

1 needs.]

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3 [A Formal Hearing was held from 11:00 a.m. till 11:51
4 a.m. in the Matter of Francis Ortiz, PE097218 -
5 (Canada) Approved for Licensure Under Endorsement/Act
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8 [The Board re-entered into Executive Session from
9 11:53 a.m. until 12:05 p.m.]

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11 Hearings

12 MS. GOSHERT:

13 So, for the record, the Board did enter
14 back into Executive Session a little bit
15 before noon. And based on discussions in
16 that Executive Session, the Board Chair
17 would entertain a motion to direct Board
18 Counsel to draft an Adjudication
19 consistent with discussion in Executive
20 Session for the matter of application of
21 Valente Casciato Jr., Case No. 25-47-
22 002115.

23 MR. HELMKE:

24 So moved.

25 MS. PETERSON:

1 Second.

2 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

3 Any further discussion? Hearing none,
4 Kristel, could you have a roll call vote?

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6 Arion Claggett, aye; Robert Kudlawiec,
7 aye; Windsor Tracy, aye; Martin Helmke,
8 aye; Lisa Peterson, aye; John Luciani,
9 aye; Scott Reeser, aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 Adjournment

13 PRESIDENT KUDLAWIEC:

14 So now I think we're back down to the
15 adjournment.

16 MR. HELMKE:

17 So moved.

18 MS. PETERSON:

19 Second.

20 MS. HEMLER:

21 Thank you, everybody. The next Board
22 meeting will be held in person and
23 virtually on July 24, 2025, here at the
24 Harrisburg Uptown location.

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1 [There being no further business, the State Board of
2 Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and
3 Geologists Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.]

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6 CERTIFICATE

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

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18 Erin Badstuebner,

19 Minute Clerk

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STATE REGISTRATION BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND GEOLOGISTS
REFERENCE INDEX

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TIME	AGENDA
9:00	Executive Session
10:30	Return to Open Session
10:30	Official Call to Order
10:30	Roll Call
10:31	Introduction of Attendees
10:33	Approval of Minutes
10:34	Report of Board President
10:35	Report of Board Members
10:36	Report of BPOA Commissioner
10:36	Report of Board Administrator
10:39	Report of Prosecution
10:40	Report of Board Counsel
10:41	Report of Regulatory Counsel
10:48	Matters for Discussion
10:49	Applications for Review
10:51	Miscellaneous
10:51	Public Comments/Discussion
10:53	Report of Board Administrator (Cont.)
11:00	Hearing - In the matter of Valente Casciato Jr., Case No. 25-47-002115
11:53	Return to Executive Session
12:05	Return to Open Session
12:10	Adjournment