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EXAMINATIONS & QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
August 14, 2015

Members present:

Shelly Duquette, Chair
Chris Aldridge
Bill Boyd
Oscar Zuinga

Staff present:

Mari Lopez, Board Administrator
Jennifer O'Neill, Registration Specialist
Brianna Weekly, Registration Specialist

Others present:

Katharine Lozano, Assistant Attorney General
Robert Neathamer (observer)

The meeting of the Examinations and Qualifications Committee was called to order at 11:54 p.m. in the OSBEELS Conference Room at 670 Hawthorne Avenue SE, Suite 220, Salem, OR 97301.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Unfinished Business

Bias, Allan

During the June 12, 2015 meeting, the Committee considered Mr. Bias' electrical PE application for registration by comity. Staff reported that the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration (AZ Board) did not have any professional exam information on file for Mr. Bias and that information regarding the issuance of his Arizona registration was contained in the meeting minutes of their July 15, 1987 Board meeting. The Committee directed staff to send Mr. Bias correspondence similar to past comity applicants considered by the Committee where the applicant was informed of pending SB297.

As an update, staff reported that a revised verification was received from the AZ Board verifying Mr. Bias' examinations taken and successfully passed meet the minimum requirements for registration in Oregon. As a result, it was moved and seconded (Boyd/Aldridge) to accept Mr.

Bias' application for an electrical PE registration by comity. The motion passed unanimously. There was no further discussion.

Bumstead, Thomas

During the April 10, 2015 meeting, staff was directed to contact Mr. Bumstead and request an official transcript documenting the completion of the courses as stipulated in an agreed order. Staff reported that after communicating with Mr. Bumstead via telephone and email, he stated that the coursework requirement outlined in the Stipulation and Agreed Order with the State of Washington Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (WA Board) was a condition to remove the restriction on his license to offer and provide "any engineering services which include any design, restoration, reconstruction, renovation or use of an earthen structure, such as a dike, dam or levee, if said structure is intended to impound, retain or route any existing or proposed water body. Said restriction included the design of stormwater/flood control structures or devices that are a component of an earthen structure." Mr. Bumstead further informed staff that he has not and does not offer/provide any of these engineering services and has therefore not completed the ordered courses. As a result, staff requested that Mr. Bumstead provide official correspondence from the WA Board to clarify the information provided in correspondence dated October 7, 1998 regarding his Washington registration.

Staff reported that Mr. Bumstead was issued a letter and given until August 12, 2015 to provide the requested documentation. The documentation was not submitted by the given deadline and as a result, Mr. Bumstead's application is incomplete and will not be considered further. There was no additional discussion.

Christensen, Kevin

During the June 12, 2015 meeting, the Committee considered Mr. Christensen's application to take the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) examination based on education. However, he selected "Yes" on the application when answering "Are you currently practicing or offering to provide engineering, land surveying, or photogrammetric mapping services for projects in Oregon?" Mr. Christensen's written explanation indicated that he works as an electrical engineer for Warn Industries. Staff was directed to contact Mr. Christensen and request further clarification.

The Committee reviewed Mr. Christensen's response submitted. After a brief discussion, the Committee determined to issue Mr. Christensen a letter of concern regarding his use of the title "engineer." There was no further discussion.

Exam Scores Vacated

During the June 12, 2015 meeting, staff provided the Committee with a list of applicants who were approved to take the FE exam pursuant to OAR 820-010-0225(7) or the Fundamentals of Land Surveying (FLS) exam pursuant to OAR 820-010-0226(8). The Committee was informed that these individuals did not provide the Board with an official transcript showing that the degree for which they were approved to sit for the fundamental exam had been conferred on the applicant. Staff was directed to send each examinee correspondence giving them two options to complete by the August meeting. The same correspondence was to be issued to any additional examinees found in this situation until the August meeting.

The Committee was provided with the following list of examinees who did not respond to the correspondence provided:

- Baba, Marcus
- Brooks, Tyler
- Cutler, James
- Heleva-Ponaski, Emily
- Huynh, Vu
- Lasher, Erik
- Pearson, Brian
- Scarbrough, Cooper
- Steinhauff, Will
- Xie, Canghao
- Zebarth, Brandon
- Wilson, Nicolas

Since posting the August Committee agenda, staff reported that examinees Daniel Cowan, Steven Haga, and Kristina Milaj have all withdrawn their applications by the given deadline and as a result, removed from the list of individuals provided.

After a brief discussion, it was moved and seconded (Zuniga/Boyd) to vacate the passing scores for the 12 applicants. There was no further discussion.

Review of Exam Applications

Comity

Bath, Roopinderjit – Mr. Bath submitted an application for a mechanical PE registration by comity. Staff reported that Mr. Bath provided five (5) registered professional references who verify having knowledge of four (4) years and eight (8) months of his engineering experiences gained while working for Intel Corp. Zero (0) of these references verify having supervised Mr. Bath's experience. However, one (1) year and seven (7) months of Mr. Bath's experience is verified by a non-licensed supervisory reference. It was moved and seconded (Boyd/Aldridge) to consider Mr. Bath's experience gained at Intel Corp. as qualifying. The motion passed unanimously. There was no further discussion.

Dobson-Totten, Brian – Mr. Dobson-Totten submitted an application for an environmental PE registration by comity. Staff reported that Mr. Dobson-Totten provided five (5) registered professional references who verify having knowledge of 13 years and five (5) months of his engineering experience. Three (3) years and three (3) months of that experience has been verified as having been supervised by a registered professional. Additionally, Mr. Dobson-Totten has been a registered PE for five (5) years and seven (7) months by the Minnesota State Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design (Minnesota Board). Mr. Dobson-Totten submitted a request for a waiver of supervisory PE references and did not wish to have his Bachelor of Science in Biosystems Engineering degree from University of Manitoba evaluated by National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Credentials Evaluators. It was moved and seconded (Zuniga/Aldridge) to recommend the Board deny Mr. Dobson-Totten's request for a waiver of references and that Mr. Dobson-Totten provide an NCEES Credentials Evaluation of his B.S. Biosystems Engineering degree from University of Manitoba. Additionally, the Committee requested that Mr. Dobson-Totten also provide a more detailed description of at least 12 years of his engineering work and not his technician work. The motion passed unanimously. There was no further discussion.

Harraz, Hatem – Mr. Harraz’s application for registration as a chemical PE by comity was found complete because his education meets the minimum requirements. It was moved and seconded (Boyd/Zuniga) to accept Mr. Harraz’s application for a chemical PE registration by comity. There was no further discussion.

Lambert, Michael – Mr. Lambert submitted an application for an agricultural PE registration by comity. Staff reported that Mr. Lambert was granted his agricultural registration in the state of California in 1977 per their grandfather clause and did not take the NCEES agricultural examination that Oregon required at that time. It was moved and seconded (Duquette/Zuniga) to recommend the Board deny Mr. Lambert’s application for registration as an agricultural PE by comity. The motion passed unanimously. There was no further discussion.

Shack, Pete – Mr. Shack submitted an application for a civil PE registration by comity. Mr. Shack was disciplined in 2010 by the Maryland State Board for Professional Engineers (Maryland Board) for practicing engineering while his license was lapsed. It was moved and seconded (Duquette/Aldridge) to accept Mr. Shack’s application for a civil PE registration by comity. The motion passed unanimously. There was no further discussion.

1st Registration

Hong, Suk Hwan – Mr. Hong submitted an application for a civil PE registration by 1st registration. Staff reported that Mr. Hong’s registered PE references verify having supervised six (6) years and 11 months of his engineering experience. Staff also reported that Mr. Hong’s NCEES Credentials Evaluation indicates that he is deficient in two (2) semester credit hours in math/basic sciences. Using the education/experience matrix, it was moved and seconded (Duquette/Zuniga) to accept Mr. Hong’s application for a civil PE registration by 1st registration. The motion passed unanimously. There was no further discussion.

Kim, Bongrae – Mr. Kim submitted an application for a civil PE registration by 1st registration. Staff reported that Mr. Kim’s registered PE references verify having supervised four (4) years and three (3) months of Mr. Kim’s engineering experience. Staff also reported that Mr. Kim’s NCEES Credentials Evaluation indicates that he is deficient in an academic program in math/basic sciences, specifically general chemistry. Using the education/experience matrix, the Committee requested that Mr. Kim provide a registered PE reference who can verify having supervised an additional one (1) month of his engineering experience. It was moved and seconded (Duquette/Boyd) that if Mr. Kim provided the information/documentation requested before the September 8, 2015 Board meeting, to accept Mr. Kim’s application for a civil registration by 1st registration. The motion passed unanimously. There was no further discussion.

Staff Update – Mr. Kim provided the information/documentation requested by the Committee.

Lee, Sunki – Mr. Lee submitted an application for a civil PE registration by 1st registration. Staff reported that Mr. Lee’s registered PE references verify having supervised four (4) years and seven (7) months of Mr. Lee’s engineering experience. Staff also reported that Mr. Lee’s NCEES Credentials Evaluation indicates that he is deficient in two (2) semester credit hours in math/basic science. Using the education/experience matrix, it was moved and seconded

(Duquette/Zuniga) to accept Mr. Lee's application for a civil PE registration by 1st Registration. The motion passed unanimously. There was no further discussion.

Oh, Joon Tae – Mr. Oh submitted an electrical PE application for registration by 1st registration. Staff reported that Mr. Oh's references verify having knowledge of 11 years and four (4) months of his engineering experience. Staff also reported that none of Mr. Oh's engineering experience is verified by a supervisory PE reference. Additionally, Mr. Oh submitted an NCEES Credentials Evaluation that indicates that he is deficient in one (1) semester credit hour in math/basic sciences, specifically general chemistry. The Committee expressed concern with the uniformity of the comments provided on each reference form. It was moved and seconded (Duquette/Aldridge) that all five (5) of Mr. Oh's references be resubmitted, handwritten and accompanied by official translations in english. Additionally, the Committee directed staff to request Mr. Oh submit a more detailed description demonstrating his engineering work. The motion passed unanimously. There was no further discussion.

Contested Case Status and Files Subject to Monitoring

The Registration Department staff provided a list of files currently being monitored, which also included a list of hearings requested and the status of each.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.