



# Oregon

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## EXAMINATIONS & QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting  
October 9, 2015

### Members present:

Shelly Duquette, Chair  
Chris Aldridge  
Oscar Zuinga

### Members absent:

Bill Boyd (excused)

### Staff present:

Mari Lopez, Board Administrator  
Jenn Gilbert, Executive Assistant  
Jennifer O'Neill, Social and Communications Media Specialist  
Brianna Weekly, Registration Specialist

### Others present:

Katharine Lozano, Assistant Attorney General  
Logan Miles (observer)

The meeting of the Examinations and Qualifications Committee (EQC) was called to order at 9:12 a.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**

#### Oh, Joon Tae

AAG Lozano requested to table the review of Joon Tae Oh's application until the next EQC meeting. There was no further discussion.

### **New Business**

#### The Surveying Program of Distinction Award

The EQC reviewed an email from Donna Sentel at National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (NCEES). Chair Duquette noted that during the NCEES Annual meeting in August 2015, the Oregon Board supported the establishment of the NCEES

Professional Surveying Program of Distinction. Programs that meet the approved criteria would be recognized as an NCEES Professional Surveying Program of Distinction and receive a \$10,000 award. Up to 10 programs would be recognized annually. Ms. Lopez elaborated that the email received was requesting OSBEELS assistance with compiling a list of schools within its jurisdiction that are currently non-ABET accredited that could benefit from the financial assistance. Mr. Miles suggested Blue Mountain Community College and Umpqua Community College. He also suggested that staff contact the Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon (PLSO) Scholarship Committee for assistance. Mr. Aldridge also suggested contacting Tim Kent at Oregon Tech. There was no further discussion.

### **Review of Applications**

#### **Jones, James T.**

Mr. Jones submitted a Civil PE application for registration. Mr. Jones selected “Yes” when asked, “Have you ever have a professional engineering, land surveying or photogrammetric mapping registration denied, revoked, suspended, surrendered, stipulated, on probation, or been subject to any restriction or disciplinary action in any jurisdiction?” He explained that he inadvertently neglected to renew his engineering and surveying licenses with the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (CO Board) in 2009. Staff also provided the EQC with copies of the Stipulation and Final Agency Order from the CO Board. Chair Duquette noted that it was a period of two months that Mr. Jones was expired. Mr. Zuniga wondered how the EQC dealt with similar situations in the past. AAG Lozano explained that it would have depended on whether or not the individual was practicing with an expired license. Chair Duquette confirmed that Mr. Jones did practice while his license was expired; however, as soon as he realized his license was expired he contacted the CO Board. It was moved and second (Aldridge/Zuniga) that Mr. Jones’ name be placed on the registration list at the November 2015 Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. There was no further discussion.

#### **Kalas, Najib**

Mr. Kalas submitted an application for registration. He provided an NCEES Credentials Evaluation of his Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree in Civil Engineering from Al-Baath University. The NCEES Credentials Evaluation identifies that Mr. Kalas’ BS degree from Al-Baath University is deficient nine semester credit hours in mathematics and basic science according to the required curricular content of the EAC/ABET general and program criteria for an accredited program in Civil Engineering. Mr. Kalas demonstrated ten years and seven months of engineering experience that has been verified by a supervisory PE reference. Utilizing the education/experience matrix, staff recommended approving Mr. Kalas’ education and experience as qualifying for registration. After a brief discussion, it was moved and second (Duquette/Aldridge) to approve Mr. Kalas’ education and experience submitted as meeting the minimum qualifications for registration. The motion passed unanimously. There was no further discussion.

#### **Yang, Jon Chan**

AAG Lozano requested to table the review of Jon Chan Yang’s application until the next EQC meeting. There was no further discussion.

### **Contested Case Status**

#### **McKay, Mark**

Mr. McKay was issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to deny his application for registration by comity on February 19, 2015. The Board did not receive a request for hearing within 60-days from the date Mr. McKay was issued the NOI. As a result, staff provided the EQC with a draft Default Final Order (DFO) for review. After a brief discussion, it was moved and second (Duquette/Zuniga) to forward the DFO to the Board during its next meeting. The motion passed unanimously. There was no further discussion.

### **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 9:31 a.m.