## ALABAMA BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS MINUTES – OCTOBER 26, 2022 Montgomery, Alabama

The Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was established by legislative action in 1935. Its charter is to protect the public by helping to safeguard life, health, and property, and to promote the public welfare by providing for the licensing and regulation of persons in the practices of engineering and land surveying. This purpose is achieved through the establishment of minimum qualifications for entry into the professions of engineering and land surveying, through the adoption of rules defining and delineating unlawful or unethical conduct, and through swift and effective discipline for those individuals or entities who violate the applicable laws or rules.

Board meeting notices are posted on the Open Meetings area of the website of the Secretary of State, and the Board's website under Dates and Deadlines. The public can also attend the meeting virtually via the "Board Meeting" link on the website.

Chair Vaughn called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday October 26, 2022, at the Board Office in Montgomery, Alabama. Assistant Attorney General Benjamin Albritton advised in accordance with the revised "Open Meetings Act" a quorum of the Board could consist of three members in physical attendance and a minimum of an additional two members attending the meeting virtually.

Chair Vaughn noted there was a quorum present, and the meeting began with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance. The following Members and Staff were in attendance.

## **Officers and Members Physically Present:**

Donald W. Vaughn	Chair
Randall D. Whorton	Member
Gregory O. Robinson	Member
James C. Pegues	Member

#### **Officers and Members Attending Virtually:**

John E. Averrett	Vice Chair
Nathan Johnson	Member
Elaine B. Walton	Member
Joseph F. Breighner Jr.	Member

#### **Officers and Members Not Attending:**

Nanette T. Baldwin M

Member

## **Staff Present:**

William R. Huett	Executive Director
Benjamin H. Albritton	Assistant Attorney General

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Board discussed an Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) proposed emergency chapter related to its procurement process. ALDOT stated the following in its proposed rule change:

"This emergency new chapter implements the new Alabama procurement law, enacted Act 2021-296, which requires the Department to develop rules for the procurement of professional services consistent with principles that promote fairness, competition, transparency, integrity, and value in the procurement process. In addition, ALDOT has exemptions for various categories under the new Alabama procurement law, and these procedures are put in place as a structure for exempted procurements. The new Alabama procurement law goes into effect on October 1, 2022; therefore, this new emergency chapter is needed while the Department goes through the rule making process to adopt its permanent rules on this subject."

After its discussion, a consensus of the Board determined to send a letter to ALDOT outlining its concerns with the proposed rule. The Board also determined to send a letter to Senator Clyde Chambliss regarding the requirements of Act 2021-296.

# ADJOURN TIME

The Board adjourned at 10:05 am. The next scheduled meeting of the Board is November 15, 2022, at the Board office in Montgomery beginning at 8:00 am.

Donald W. Vaughn.

Chair

Nanette T. Baldwin Secretary

Nathan G. Johnson Member

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Submitted by: William R. Huett Executive Director