

MINUTES OF THE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND GEOLOGISTS

Teleconference

Thursday, April 1, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:	President Alireza Asgari; Vice-President Natalie Alavi; Fel Amistad; Rossana D’Antonio; Duane Friel; Michael Hartley; Kathy Jones Irish; Coby King; Betsy Mathieson; Paul Novak; Mohammad Qureshi; and Frank Ruffino
Board Members Absent:	Eric Johnson; Asha Lang; and Wilfredo Sanchez
Board Staff Present:	Ric Moore (Executive Officer); Nancy Eissler (Assistant Executive Officer); Tiffany Criswell (Enforcement Manager); Larry Kereszt (Examinations Manager); Natalie King (Senior Civil Engineer Registrar); Celina Calderone (Board Liaison); and Joseph Chin (Legal Counsel)

I. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

President Asgari called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., and a quorum was established.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Ruffino led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

During public comment, David Woolley, PLS, referenced correspondence he had previously addressed to the Board regarding legislative agenda item, SB 407. According to Mr. Woolley, this bill is sponsored by the Operating Engineers and they are offering a modification to a professional practice act and they only represent less than 2% of licensees. He finds that they do not recognize the Professional Land Surveyors’ Act, and they will dispatch land surveyors to contractors. They are facilitating unlicensed practice. He believes that professional associations and the Board fully understand the importance of a practice act. Operating Engineers has two unions, Local 3 and Local 12. Local 3 has taken a stance against unlicensed practice. They contract with the employers that recognize licensees, and they are making an effort to help out as a professional community. Mr. Woolley’s allotted time was reached, and his public comment was closed.

IV. Administration

A. Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget Report

Mr. Moore reviewed the current budget report which included numbers as of Fiscal Month 7. He referenced that there was an increase in salary and wages due to salary adjustments occurring in the next few months. There is also an increase in printing that is due to the Employment Development Department (EDD) production costs from January through June. Currently, EDD is the State department that processes DCA's renewal notices, including those which are printed and mailed out to all the Board's licensees. They will cease printing services at the end of this fiscal year, and DCA will assume those responsibilities as of July, resulting in an increase in cost. There is also a decrease in travel reflected in the numbers, and he does not foresee any travel-related expenses occurring for the rest of this fiscal year. There is an increase in facilities operations, which includes \$300,000 from the Architectural Revolving Fund (ARF) deposit, as well as a COVID-19 sanitation which took place in the office and the DoubleTree site rental for the ASBOG exams. He noted that generally, revenue is lower than originally anticipated. This is Fiscal Month 7, so very little of the new license fees are reflected at this time. The reporting received through Fi\$Cal and DCA's internal reporting system lags in terms of revenue and expenditures. April through June of 2020 were the lowest in revenues for the previous fiscal year due to the cancellations of the State exams, and this is reflected in the revenues and a possible lag in reporting those figures carrying over into this fiscal year.

Mr. King was alarmed by the report and questioned why the renewal fees are down. He wondered if people are renewing at a lower rate than expected during the pandemic. Mr. Moore speculated that there may be some effect on licensees that resulted in an increase above normal delinquencies. He expects that as more information comes to light later in the year, we will have a clearer picture on the impact that the pandemic has had on our licensees. Also, the new fees went into effect January 1, 2021, with approximately 200 Geologists and Geophysicist renewals whose renewal fees actually decreased with the new fee schedule. There is a larger population of renewals that occurs in March, and it is too soon for those figures to be represented. He anticipates that these numbers will trend back towards the positive.

The current fund condition is expected to change again once we move further ahead in the fiscal year.

V. Legislation

A. 2021 Legislative Calendar

Ms. Eissler reviewed the Legislative Calendar. The committee hearings will commence next week.

B. Discussion of Legislation for 2020

1. **AB 29** State bodies: meetings.
Set for hearing April 8, 2021. Letters will be sent to the Committee to address concerns.

2. **AB 54** COVID-19 emergency order violation: license revocation

MOTION:	Mr. King and Ms. Mathieson moved to take a position of “watch” on AB 54.
VOTE:	12-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Alireza Asgari	X				
Natalie Alavi	X				
Fel Amistad	X				
Rossana D’Antonio	X				
Duane Friel	X				
Michael Hartley	X				
Kathy Jones Irish	X				
Eric Johnson				X	
Coby King	X				
Asha Lang				X	
Betsy Mathieson	X				
Paul Novak	X				
Mohammad Qureshi	X				
Frank Ruffino	X				
Wilfredo Sanchez				X	

3. **AB 107** Licensure: veterans and military spouses.

MOTION:	Ms. Mathieson and Mr. King moved to take a position of “oppose unless amended” on AB 107 and request that language be added to clarify that applicants for a license issued by this Board must pass the appropriate state-specific licensure examinations prior to the issuance of the temporary license.
VOTE:	12-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Alireza Asgari	X				
Natalie Alavi	X				
Fel Amistad	X				
Rossana D’Antonio	X				
Duane Friel	X				
Michael Hartley	X				
Kathy Jones Irish	X				
Eric Johnson				X	
Coby King	X				
Asha Lang				X	
Betsy Mathieson	X				

Paul Novak	X				
Mohammad Qureshi	X				
Frank Ruffino	X				
Wilfredo Sanchez				X	

4. **AB 225** Department of Consumer Affairs: boards: veterans: military spouses: licenses.

MOTION:	Vice-President Alavi and Mr. Ruffino moved to take a position of “watch” on AB 225.
VOTE:	12-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Alireza Asgari	X				
Natalie Alavi	X				
Fel Amistad	X				
Rossana D’Antonio	X				
Duane Friel	X				
Michael Hartley	X				
Kathy Jones Irish	X				
Eric Johnson				X	
Coby King	X				
Asha Lang				X	
Betsy Mathieson	X				
Paul Novak	X				
Mohammad Qureshi	X				
Frank Ruffino	X				
Wilfredo Sanchez				X	

5. **AB 339** State and local government: open meetings.

MOTION:	Mr. Amistad and Mr. Novak moved to take a position of “watch” on AB 339.
VOTE:	12-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Alireza Asgari	X				
Natalie Alavi	X				
Fel Amistad	X				
Rossana D’Antonio	X				
Duane Friel	X				
Michael Hartley	X				
Kathy Jones Irish	X				
Eric Johnson				X	
Coby King	X				

Asha Lang				X	
Betsy Mathieson	X				
Paul Novak	X				
Mohammad Qureshi	X				
Frank Ruffino	X				
Wilfredo Sanchez				X	

7. **AB 885** Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing.

MOTION:	Mr. King and Ms. Mathieson moved to take a position of “support” on AB 885.
VOTE:	12-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Alireza Asgari	X				
Natalie Alavi	X				
Fel Amistad	X				
Rossana D’Antonio	X				
Duane Friel	X				
Michael Hartley	X				
Kathy Jones Irish	X				
Eric Johnson				X	
Coby King	X				
Asha Lang				X	
Betsy Mathieson	X				
Paul Novak	X				
Mohammad Qureshi	X				
Frank Ruffino	X				
Wilfredo Sanchez				X	

6. **AB 646** Department of Consumer Affairs: boards: expunged convictions.

MOTION:	Ms. Alavi and Ms. Irish moved to take a position of “watch” on AB 646.
VOTE:	12-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Alireza Asgari	X				
Natalie Alavi	X				
Fel Amistad	X				
Rossana D’Antonio	X				
Duane Friel	X				
Michael Hartley	X				
Kathy Jones Irish	X				

Eric Johnson				X	
Coby King	X				
Asha Lang				X	
Betsy Mathieson	X				
Paul Novak	X				
Mohammad Qureshi	X				
Frank Ruffino	X				
Wilfredo Sanchez				X	

8. **AB 1030** Professional Land Surveyors' Act and Professional Engineers Act.

During Public Comment, Mr. Woolley wanted to bring attention to Exhibit D of his letter to the Board which includes a letter from a political group which represents United Contractors. They are in opposition to AB1030. His concern is that the activities normally carried out by construction contractors using mathematics and geometric measurements determining the configuration or contour of the earth, etc. This language is almost directly out of the Professional Land Surveyors' Act or the Professional Engineers Act where they discuss ground penetrating radar. He suggested the Board should look at the opposition to this and how it relates to the PE or PLS Act. His interpretation is that it is unlicensed practice is the reason they are opposed to it.

MOTION:	Mr. Novak and Mr. King moved to take a position of "oppose unless amended" on AB 1030 and request that the term "remote sensing" and the definition of "remote sensing" be removed from subdivision (f) of Section 8726.
VOTE:	11-0-1, Motion Carried; Mr. Friel abstained.

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Alireza Asgari	X				
Natalie Alavi	X				
Fel Amistad	X				
Rossana D'Antonio	X				
Duane Friel			X		
Michael Hartley	X				
Kathy Jones Irish	X				
Eric Johnson				X	
Coby King	X				
Asha Lang				X	
Betsy Mathieson	X				
Paul Novak	X				
Mohammad Qureshi	X				
Frank Ruffino	X				

Wilfredo Sanchez				X	
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9. **AB 1129** Home Inspectors License Law.
No action taken.

10. **AB 1291** State bodies: open meetings.

During Public Comment, Alan Escarda representing Professional Engineers of California Government stated that he encourages the Board to support any bill that makes it easier for the public to participate in meetings. He understands there may be technological challenges. He stated that the Board recently increased fees to cover the operating expenses and any minimal fee increases to enhance public meetings remotely, he does not believe it is something that should prevent the Board from supporting making it easier to attend public meetings remotely. He believes from the public's perspective, any reduction in travel, energy savings, public convenience, and safety from reduced travel is aligned with the Board's Mission Statement pertaining to public safety. He thanked the Board for their time.

MOTION:	Mr. Novak and Vice-President Alavi moved to take a position of "watch" on AB 1291.
VOTE:	12-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Alireza Asgari	X				
Natalie Alavi	X				
Fel Amistad	X				
Rossana D'Antonio	X				
Duane Friel	X				
Michael Hartley	X				
Kathy Jones Irish	X				
Eric Johnson				X	
Coby King	X				
Asha Lang				X	
Betsy Mathieson	X				
Paul Novak	X				
Mohammad Qureshi	X				
Frank Ruffino	X				
Wilfredo Sanchez				X	

11. **AB 1386** License fees: military partners and spouses.

MOTION:	Vice-President Alavi and Mr. King moved to take a position of “watch” on AB 1386 and also authorize a change in its position to “oppose unless amended” if the bill is amended to require the Board to waive “any and all fees associated with obtaining a license” because the Board is concerned with who would be responsible for paying pass-through fees, such as those owed to the Department of Justice to conduct criminal background checks or ASBOG for the national geology examinations.
VOTE:	12-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Alireza Asgari	X				
Natalie Alavi	X				
Fel Amistad	X				
Rossana D’Antonio	X				
Duane Friel	X				
Michael Hartley	X				
Kathy Jones Irish	X				
Eric Johnson				X	
Coby King	X				
Asha Lang				X	
Betsy Mathieson	X				
Paul Novak	X				
Mohammad Qureshi	X				
Frank Ruffino	X				
Wilfredo Sanchez				X	

12. SB 102 COVID-19 emergency order violation: license revocation.

MOTION:	Mr. King and Ms. Alavi moved to take a position of “watch” on SB 102.
VOTE:	12-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Alireza Asgari	X				
Natalie Alavi	X				
Fel Amistad	X				
Rossana D’Antonio	X				
Duane Friel	X				
Michael Hartley	X				
Kathy Jones Irish	X				
Eric Johnson				X	
Coby King	X				
Asha Lang				X	

Betsy Mathieson	X				
Paul Novak	X				
Mohammad Qureshi	X				
Frank Ruffino	X				
Wilfredo Sanchez				X	

10:48 a.m. Ms. D’Antonio left the meeting.

13. SB 407 Professional Land Surveyors’ Act.

During Public Comment David Woolley congratulated Board staff for recognizing this bill and finds it concerning that none of the professional associations were notified. He believes there is an opportunity in the future to work with Operating Engineers to stop unlicensed practice. He also added that land surveyors are currently under threat of becoming deregulated. All 50 states require licensed land surveyors but there was a bill as recent as January 2021 in Montana to deregulate land surveying. He thanked the Board for their time.

Alan Escarda, representing PECG, indicated that they share concerns raised by staff. Their position is that anytime there is proposed changes in wording to the PLS Act you must have a very good reason. At this point, their organization is willing to support this language.

Bob DeWitt representing ACEC added that they are monitoring this bill as well.

MOTION:	Mr. Hartley and Ms. Alavi moved to take a position of “oppose” on SB 407.
VOTE:	10-0-1, Motion Carried; Mr. Friel abstained.

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Alireza Asgari	X				
Natalie Alavi	X				
Fel Amistad	X				
Rossana D’Antonio				X	
Duane Friel			X		
Michael Hartley	X				
Kathy Jones Irish	X				
Eric Johnson				X	
Coby King	X				
Asha Lang				X	
Betsy Mathieson	X				
Paul Novak	X				
Mohammad Qureshi	X				
Frank Ruffino	X				

Wilfredo Sanchez				X	
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14. **SB 414** Land.

MOTION:	Mr. Hartley and Mr. Amistad moved to take a position of “oppose unless amended” on SB 414 and request that the bill be amended to use the recommended language shown in the staff analysis as the definition of “cadastral surveying.”
VOTE:	11-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Alireza Asgari	X				
Natalie Alavi	X				
Fel Amistad	X				
Rossana D’Antonio				X	
Duane Friel	X				
Michael Hartley	X				
Kathy Jones Irish	X				
Eric Johnson				X	
Coby King	X				
Asha Lang				X	
Betsy Mathieson	X				
Paul Novak	X				
Mohammad Qureshi	X				
Frank Ruffino	X				
Wilfredo Sanchez				X	

15. **SB 772** Professions and vocations: citations: minor violations

MOTION:	Vice-President Alavi and Mr. Amistad moved to take a position of “oppose” on SB 772.
VOTE:	11-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Alireza Asgari	X				
Natalie Alavi	X				
Fel Amistad	X				
Rossana D’Antonio				X	
Duane Friel	X				
Michael Hartley	X				
Kathy Jones Irish	X				
Eric Johnson				X	
Coby King	X				
Asha Lang				X	
Betsy Mathieson	X				

Paul Novak	X				
Mohammad Qureshi	X				
Frank Ruffino	X				
Wilfredo Sanchez				X	

VI. Enforcement

A. Enforcement Statistical Reports

1. Fiscal Year 2020/21 Update

Ms. Criswell reviewed the Enforcement statistics.

VII. Exams/Licensing

A. 2021 Examinations Update

Mr. Kereszt provided updates from the first quarter of 2021. The March 19, 2021, paper and pencil ASBOG examinations included the Fundamentals of Geology and the Practice of Geology. The examinations were administered to 161 Fundamental of Geology candidates and 95 Practice of Geology candidates. The exams were held at the DoubleTree in Sacramento that encompassed three ballrooms in order to provide the social distancing and safety protocols. The exam results should be available mid-May. The state specific professional geology computer-based exam was administered March 9, 2021, and those results are also expected in May.

There have been challenges with the NCEES examinations as well during the first quarter. Due to various COVID-19 vaccine locations, two of the typically utilized NCEES testing locations, Pomona Fairplex and Sacramento’s CalExpo Fairgrounds, were not available for April’s examination. NCEES turned to the Board for assistance in identifying potential locations for the April exam administration. The Board reached out to some of the professional societies for sites that could accommodate the number of examinees for the civil and structural national examinations. As a result, NCEES was ultimately able to secure testing locations for April’s exams. They secured sufficient space in San Diego to accommodate all displaced Pomona candidates. As for Sacramento, NCEES was able to accommodate the candidates at the DoubleTree, which is only approximately a half mile from Cal Expo. Mr. Kereszt thanked the professional societies that offered exam location ideas.

The first quarter of 2021 has been challenging. There were several technical issues with the state-specific civil engineering examinations that ranged from pages not loading to graphics not appearing, which resulted in candidates not being able to complete their exams. Because of the instability and the stress on the examinees and to give time to Prometric to resolve the issues, the Board chose to not administer the state civil examinations from March 2 to March 31, 2021. The affected candidates were individually contacted by staff to explain the situation and to provide assistance. The candidates were given the opportunity to re-take the exam in Quarter 2. Staff has been working diligently with Prometric on a daily basis to resolve the issues and have been notified by

Prometric that the issue has been resolved and they are able to continue to administer the exams starting April 1, 2021.

During Public Comment, Alan Escarda asked Mr. Kereszt to clarify which examinations were affected during the March 2 to March 31 period. Mr. Kereszt indicated that they were the Civil-Seismic Principles and the Civil-Engineering Surveying exams.

B. Presentation from Prometric, Inc. Regarding 2021 Civil Engineer Examinations Technical Issues

Mr. Kereszt introduced Patrick Cheicante, Prometric's Account Director for the Board. Mr. Cheicante reviewed the issues that impacted those candidates taking the Civil exams. Issues began surfacing January 8, 2021, and within Prometric they began working with the technology and software development team to isolate and identify what the issues were. A solution was identified toward the end of January. In early February they were able to resume testing, but the issue resurfaced around February 22. Working directly with Mr. Kereszt and Board staff, the decision was made to suspend testing so that Prometric could look closely into each of the items to determine what was causing the problems. At Prometric, there is a Production Readiness Team that investigates each of the exam items and the technical aspects to try to determine the root cause. They were able to identify what the problem was in early March which allowed Prometric to quickly add software development releases. They underwent code review and they determined that the problem was solved. It was determined that it would be a good course of action to open the exams for delivery April 1. Unfortunately, the cause of the problem was an authoring item which is utilized by Prometric in building the exams which was preventing the PDFs from loading. Prometric is feeling very optimistic and have a command center set up for the testing which began April 1, and they are monitoring the exam performance and so far, they have not experienced any issues for candidates taking the exams. Going forward, they have implemented a service that will monitor the performance of the PDFs that are utilized in each of the exams. If any issues arise, it will alert the Production Readiness Team, and they will quickly be able to pull those items from being presented to candidates for testing. They feel very badly at how this has impacted the program; however, they are confident that the problem has been resolved and will continue to keep in communication with Board staff to provide a status throughout the upcoming weekend as testing resumed today.

Ms. King reported that staff members Christina Trujillo and Susan Baker have done a great job communicating with the examination candidates that have been affected. Ms. King was on a call with Prometric during the break earlier in the day, and they notified her that there are five candidates scheduled to take the exams today, three of which have already taken their exams, and there were no issues that were reported; so it looks as if the fix that Prometric put in place is working.

VIII. Executive Officer's Report

A. Rulemaking Status Report

Mr. Moore reported that the Repeal of the Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor Appeals rulemaking proposal was noticed for a 45-day public comment period on February 26, 2021.

B. Update on Board's Business Modernization Project

Mr. Moore reported that the Board is currently in Product Increment 3. The focus on this is the addition of professional-level applications and process refinements to the Board's online complaint submittal and the development of the investigation processes and procedures within the new Connect system. This phase of the project was initiated January 13, 2021, and is expected to go through later this month, when User Acceptance Testing (UAT) will begin. Sprints 9 and 10 were completed and are in the midst of Sprint 11 and planning on Sprint 12. There have been a few issues in the method in which data was previously stored in the prior system in CAS for renewals but nothing that staff has not been able to resolve for the licensees. Mr. King commended staff and noted that it is rare that the state manages to do IT projects such as this so well.

During Public Comment, Alan Escarda reported that he was able to register with no issues and appreciates all the communication during the process.

C. Discuss Dates for Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Moore recalled that there were plans to revisit the Strategic Plan last year, but it was postponed due to the pandemic. He recommends that the Board make plans to proceed. Mr. Moore has been working with Sarah Irani from DCA's SOLID, as they have assisted us in the past. We need to consider if there are any changes to the current Strategic Plan, develop an online stakeholders' survey, distribute the survey link, conduct individual phone interviews with each of the Board members, compile draft results of the survey, and discuss at a future Board meeting. The Strategic Planning session will take place concurrent with one of the scheduled Board meetings, and then the Board will adopt the plan and develop an action plan. The Board needs to decide on a date for the Strategic Planning session to coincide with either the September 16-17 or November 4-5 Board meeting. As a first step, the Board will discuss and decide whether to make any revisions to the Board's Mission and Vision Statements during the May 27-28, 2021, Board meeting. He added that DCA has informed the Board that at a minimum, the May and June meetings will continue to be held virtually until the Executive Order is lifted. DCA is monitoring very closely to keep all boards and bureaus updated. There is a possibility that we may be able to meet in person for the September meeting, but this has not been determined at this point. After some discussion, it was determined that the Strategic Planning session would take place during the November 4-5, 2021, Board meeting.

D. Personnel

Mr. Moore reported that interviews for the Administrative Manager position took place and a conditional offer was made to a candidate. He will provide an update at the next meeting. Susan Baker, who worked in the Examination Unit, has retired after 15 years of service with the Board. Mr. Moore expressed his gratitude for her efforts with the Examination Unit. The Licensing Unit continues to look to fill their vacant positions.

E. ABET

No report given.

F. Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG)

1. Spring 2021 Council of Examiners (COE) Workshop – April 9-10, 2021

Mr. Moore was notified by ASBOG that after careful consideration, they decided to move forward with their Council of Examiners workshop to be held in person. This workshop consists of exam development and grading the exams that were recently administered. Mr. Moore advised ASBOG that due to current pandemic related restrictions on travel, and the very short notice to obtain out of state travel approval, the Board would not be represented, nor would there be anyone in attendance that could officially speak for California.

Mr. Moore responded recently to an online survey provided by ASBOG related to their planning for the Computer Based Testing (CBT) transition. It appears that ASBOG is targeting to transition the FG and PG exams to CBT beginning Spring of 2022 or Fall of 2022.

G. National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES)

1. 2021 Western Zone Interim Meeting – May 13, 2021 – Voting Delegate

In an effort to make the upcoming Zone meeting efficient, NCEES sent out invites to the State of the Council virtual events. Every Board member should have received invitations, including associate and emeritus members. The dates are April 7, 2021, and May 5, 2021.

As for the Western Zone Interim meeting, there are several activities over the course of two separate weeks to limit the time individuals are on a virtual meeting. The new member orientation will be held on May 6, 2021. For any Board or Associate members who have never been to an NCEES event, the new member orientation is a great way to understand how NCEES functions.

On May 7, 2021, there is a breakout discussion regarding structural exam and licensing. Both President Asgari and Mr. Moore attended a phone call with several other boards, including Washington, Guam, Hawaii, and Oregon, where the structural exams and licensing and the upcoming

transition to CBT were discussed. The discussion needed to be continued, and the Zone leadership was able to arrange for something to be held at the Zone meeting so that all the members of the Western Zone could participate.

On May 12, 2021, the night before the Wester Zone interim meeting, there will be a Fun Night. This was arranged by Dr. Qureshi, and he reviewed the various activities that will take place.

Mr. Moore reported that there will be an election held for the Western Zone Secretary-Treasurer, and the Board would need to select a representative to vote. Under normal circumstances, there would be three to four members in attendance and collectively they would select how to vote. Since this is a virtual session, the decision of who will be allowed to vote must be made so Mr. Moore can inform NCEES so they can provide an invitation. Since Dr. Qureshi is the current Assistant Vice President of the NCEES Western Zone and Mr. Moore is the Secretary-Treasurer, he would highly suggest someone other than them to be in that role. Mr. King volunteered.

MOTION:	Mr. King and Mr. Amistad moved to select Mr. King as voting delegate.
VOTE:	11-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Alireza Asgari	X				
Natalie Alavi	X				
Fel Amistad	X				
Rossana D'Antonio				X	
Duane Friel	X				
Michael Hartley	X				
Kathy Jones Irish	X				
Eric Johnson				X	
Coby King	X				
Asha Lang				X	
Betsy Mathieson	X				
Paul Novak	X				
Mohammad Qureshi	X				
Frank Ruffino	X				
Wilfredo Sanchez				X	

2. 2021 Annual Meeting Update – August 18-21, 2021

Mr. Moore reported that after deliberation by the NCEES Board of Directors, they will cautiously proceed with a conditional in-person event. Currently, there are no plans to conduct the meeting virtually. Working with the local

authorities in New Orleans, they are limiting participation to only two in-person representatives from each member board. The Board needs to decide who those representatives will be, if we receive authorization to travel out of state. Mr. Moore has reservations on whether we will receive approval, but we need to be prepared just in case. DCA provided notification regarding needing to submit the blanket request for any out of state travel for Fiscal Year 2021-22 which is due within the week.

Mr. King and Mr. Hartley volunteered to participate.

MOTION:	President Asgari and Ms. Mathieson moved to select Mr. King and Mr. Hartley as representatives.
VOTE:	11-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Alireza Asgari	X				
Natalie Alavi	X				
Fel Amistad	X				
Rossana D'Antonio				X	
Duane Friel	X				
Michael Hartley	X				
Kathy Jones Irish	X				
Eric Johnson				X	
Coby King	X				
Asha Lang				X	
Betsy Mathieson	X				
Paul Novak	X				
Mohammad Qureshi	X				
Frank Ruffino	X				
Wilfredo Sanchez				X	

VIII. Executive Officer's Report (Cont.)

B. Update on Board's Business Modernization Project

Mr. Moore provided an update on numbers as of last Friday for the Connect system. As of September 16, 2020, there have been almost 1,500 EIT applications submitted, approved, and certified, and 49 LSIT applications for the same period through the new Connect system. Renewals opened in January 2021, and as of Friday, there have been over 5,200 license renewals processed in the Connect system.

H. Update on Outreach Efforts

Mr. Moore reviewed the outreach report.

IX. Technical Advisory Committees (TACs)

A. Assignment of Items to TACs
No report given.

B. Appointment of TAC Members
No report given.

C. Reports from the TACs
No report given.

X. President’s Report/Board Member Activities

President Asgari announced that Dr. Qureshi and Mr. Amistad will be on the presidential nominating committee and instructed those interested in becoming the next President or Vice President to contact Dr. Qureshi or Dr. Amistad. The elections will be held at the May meeting.

XI. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. Approval of the Minutes of the February 4, 2021, Board Meeting

MOTION:	Mr. King and Dr. Amistad moved to approve the minutes, as amended.
VOTE:	10-1-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Alireza Asgari	X				
Natalie Alavi	X				
Fel Amistad	X				
Rossana D’Antonio				X	
Duane Friel	X				
Michael Hartley	X				
Kathy Jones Irish			X		
Eric Johnson				X	
Coby King	X				
Asha Lang				X	
Betsy Mathieson	X				
Paul Novak	X				
Mohammad Qureshi	X				
Frank Ruffino	X				
Wilfredo Sanchez				X	

XII. Discussion Regarding Proposed Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting

Ms. Irish suggested opening the May meeting with a moment of silence to honor Bob Stockton.

XIII. Closed Session – The Board met in Closed Session to discuss, as needed:

A. Personnel Matters [Pursuant to Government Code sections 11126(a) and (b)]

- B. Examination Procedures and Results [Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(1)]
- C. Administrative Adjudication [Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3)]
- D. Pending Litigation [Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e)]

XIV. Adjournment

Due to technological limitations, adjournment was not be broadcast. Adjournment immediately followed Closed Session, and there was no other items of business discussed.

PUBLIC PRESENT

David Woolley
Alan Escarda