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

Caltrans District 11 Building 4050 Taylor Street, Garcia Room San Diego, CA 92110

Thursday, May 29, 2025

<b>Board Members</b>	President Christina Wong; Vice-President Guillermo Martinez;				
Present:	Fel Amistad; Alireza Asgari; Rossana D'Antonio; Coby King;				
	Betsy Mathieson; Frank Ruffino; Wilfredo Sanchez; Fermin				
	Villegas; and Cliff Waldeck				
<b>Board Members</b>	Khaesha Brooks; Desirea Haggard; and Michael Hartley				
Absent:					
<b>Board Staff Present:</b>	Ric Moore (Executive Officer); Tiffany Criswell (Assistant				
	Executive Officer); Dawn Hall (Administrative Manager); Brook				
	Grabowski (Enforcement Manager); Celina Calderone (Board				
	Liaison); Natalie King (Senior Registrar Civil Engineer); and				
	Christopher Pirrone (Legal Counsel)				

## I. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

President Wong called the meeting to order at 9:00 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

Michael Hanks representing Caltrans District 11 welcomed the Board and offered their continued support. President Wong thanked him for their hospitality.

A member of the public by the name of Saeed Jorat expressed his frustration with the state-specific Seismic Principles and Engineering Surveying exam requirements for individuals seeking their civil engineering licensure. He believes there is a disconnect between the licensing requirements and the actual practice that discourages capable candidates from licensure in California. To his knowledge, California is the only state in the country that imposes these additional requirements for civil engineers. Removing them would align the process with the rest of the country and eliminate unnecessary barriers. He respectfully requests that the board eliminate these components of California's civil engineering licensing process and thanked the Board for their consideration.

#### IV. Administration

A. Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget Report
Dawn Hall, Administrative Manager, reported that this report does not include
the figures for the May revise of the Governor's budget. She noted that

delinquency fees are down by 50% as compared to Fiscal Month 9 for the comparable fiscal year of 2022/23, but only represents a \$70,000 change in revenues of \$11m, less than 1% of total revenues. There was a significant increase in delinquency fee revenue starting in Fiscal Year 2020/21 which peaked in Fiscal Year 2022/23.

Although delinquency fees are down and not expected to reach projections, we are not reducing the total revenue projections. Preliminary Fiscal Month 10 revenue results report renewal revenues at \$9,215,756 (99% of projected full year revenue) and due to increased interest rates, other revenue is \$232,710, well above the full year projection.

We have revised our total projected expenses down from what was presented at the April meeting which reflected Fiscal Month 8. A reduction of approximately \$74,000, primarily attributed to salaries. It was noted at the last Board meeting that there was an increase in facilities costs. This is due to direct billed fees from the Department of General Services (DGS) related to managing the facilities contracts. There are rate increases built into the facilities contract and DGS fees are a percentage of the rate; as the lease rate increases, so does the DGS management fee.

Due to slight reduction in projected expenses, the Months in Reserve increased from 1.6 to 1.7.

Ms. Hall reminded the Board that the Budget Year and Budget Year +1 reflect projected full year budget and not Board projections.

B. Status Update to Fee Change Rulemaking Proposal, Title 16, California Code of Regulations sections 407 and 3005 (Possible Action)

Ms. Hall reported that last August the 2024 Fee Analysis was included in the Board materials and there was discussion which led to approval to seek a fee increase effective as early as January 1, 2026. Since that time Board staff has worked with DCA budgets and regulations counsel to prepare the regulations package to submit to Agency and Office of Administrative Law (OAL). Over the last few Board meetings, we have presented various supporting documents, including updated and/or revised workload cost tables for review.

We are proposing to increase the fee for retired licenses from \$75 to \$100. It needs to be demonstrated that we are not charging more than actual costs for these fees. The actual costs are closer to \$130 per retired application fee.

Historically, to keep initial application and examination fees low, the Board has used renewal fee revenue to offset costs associated with application review and examination development. It is estimated that the renewal fees contribute almost \$1.7 million to subsidize expenses related to examination development

and administration costs. The actual cost per exam delivered is approximately \$539 and the Board is seeking to keep the fee as low as \$250 per exam. Renewal revenues also subsidize expenses. The actual cost for reviewing and approving in-training certificates is estimated at \$160 and renewal fees subsidize about \$155k per year. We are requesting to set the fee for in-training certificates at \$100.

Finally, the approximate cost for reviewing and approving the professional level applications is \$374 per application and the renewal fees subsidize about \$440k. We are requesting to set the fees for initial applications at \$250 per application.

During Public Comment Rob McMillan, representing CLSA, explained that the LSIT and EIT examination is considered the first division for the Land Surveyor exam or the Professional Engineer exam as defined in the Business Professions code.

Alan Escarda, representing PECG, stated that he just renewed his license for the second time via the Connect system and found it to be a very easy process. He noted that the Board has vacancies and is aware that the governor has demanded a reduction in personal services. As a customer we are being charged fees based on the revenues. If you reduce your personal service dollars that should theoretically reduce the fee that is incurred. He is aware that it is most likely less than one or two percent. It seems like if you reduce personal service dollars, that it should impact the fees as well. He does not expect a reduction; actually, PECG supports the fee increase and sees it as a vital function with public safety and regulating the profession. He disagrees with the Governor's approach to personal services.

MOTION:	Mr. Ruffino and Dr. Amistad moved to approve the prior proposed regulatory text for Title 16, CCR section 407 and 3005 in accordance with the revised Fee Study Fiscal Impacts (workload costs) for Retired License and Fiscal Impact (workload costs) that were previously approved at the February 2025 Board meeting, direct staff to submit the text to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for review, and if no adverse comments are received, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any nonsubstantive changes to the package, and set the matter for a hearing if requested. If no adverse comments are received during the 45-day comment period and no hearing is requested, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations at Sections 407 and 3005 as noticed.
VOTE:	11-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
President Wong	Χ				
Vice-President Martinez	Χ				
Fel Amistad	Χ				
Alireza Asgari	Χ				
Khaesha Brooks				Χ	
Rossana D'Antonio	X				
Desirea Haggard				Χ	
Michael Hartley				Χ	
Coby King	Χ				
Betsy Mathieson	Χ				
Frank Ruffino	Χ				
Wilfredo Sanchez	Χ				
Fermin Villegas	X				
Cliff Waldeck	Χ				

#### V. Enforcement

- A. Enforcement Statistical Reports
  - Fiscal Year 2024/25 Update
     Brook Grabowski reviewed the Enforcement statistics. Board members recognized staff for their ongoing efforts to effectively manage enforcement workload.

## VI. Exams/Licensing

- A. Examination/Licensing Updates No report given.
- B. Adoption of Test Plan Specifications
  - 1. Geotechnical Engineer Examination Revision of approved 2025 Test Plan Natalie King, Senior Registrar Civil Engineer, presented the revised 2025 Geotechnical Engineer Examination Test Plan that was previously approved at a prior Board meeting, but during some of the exam workshops, it was realized that one of the test plan areas was inadvertently omitted, Knowledge Statement V. E, Components of Geotechnical Guidelines Specifications. When the test plan was compiled, the row in Excel was hidden and did not make it on the previously approved test plan. In addition, there were also a few spelling mistakes there were discovered in reviewing the material

MOTION:	Ms. D'Antonio and Ms. Mathieson moved to approve the
	Geotechnical Engineer Test Plan as amended.
VOTE:	11-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
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President Wong	X			
Vice-President Martinez	Х			
Fel Amistad	Х			
Alireza Asgari	Χ			
Khaesha Brooks			Χ	
Rossana D'Antonio	Χ			
Desirea Haggard			Χ	
Michael Hartley			Χ	
Coby King	Χ			
Betsy Mathieson	Χ			
Frank Ruffino	Χ			
Wilfredo Sanchez	Χ			
Fermin Villegas	Χ			
Cliff Waldeck	Χ			

C. Waiver of First Division and a Portion of Second Division Engineering Examinations Rulemaking Proposal, Title 16, California Code of Regulations, pursuant to section 438 and section 438.5 (**Possible Action**)

Mr. Moore provided some background that in March of 2024, the Board voted to participate in the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) that was established between NCEES and the Engineering Council of United Kingdom (ECUK). As a result, at the December 2024 Board meeting, the Board took two separate actions. One was to establish the framework to be able to participate in the MRA related to the waiver of examinations to decide on whether to allow for a waiver of the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam and the Professional Engineer (PE) exam. He presented the table that the Board took action on in December 2024. He reported that the Board took action to waive the FE exam. They also took action to waive the national portion of the PE exams shown in the middle column of that table. Now that the framework has been set in place, he is presenting to the Board the Rulemaking language that staff would begin to work on to establish new rules to implement the Board's requests.

During Public Comment an individual by the name of Dr. Singh noted that a licensed engineer in any state, including PhDs, can already apply for licensure in the United Kingdom.

Alan Escarda asked if there were any ongoing negotiations with Mexico. Mr. Moore indicated that there are none currently that he is aware of.

10:17 a.m. Ms. Mathieson stepped away.

MOTION:	Mr. Sanchez and Ms. D'Antonio moved to approve the proposed
	regulatory text for Section 438(a), direct staff to submit the text
	to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the
	Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for review,

	and if no adverse comments are received, authorize the
	Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any non-substantive changes to the
	package, and set the matter for a hearing if requested. If no
	adverse comments are received during the 45-day comment
	period and no hearing is requested, authorize the Executive
	Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking
	and adopt the proposed regulations at Section 438(a) as
	noticed, with the authority to make any technical or
	nonsubstantive changes.
VOTE:	10-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
President Wong	Χ				
Vice-President Martinez	Х				
Fel Amistad	Χ				
Alireza Asgari	Χ				
Khaesha Brooks				Χ	
Rossana D'Antonio	Χ				
Desirea Haggard				Χ	
Michael Hartley				Χ	
Coby King	Χ				
Betsy Mathieson				Χ	
Frank Ruffino	Χ				
Wilfredo Sanchez	Χ				
Fermin Villegas	Χ				
Cliff Waldeck	Χ				

# 10:19 a.m. Ms. Mathieson returned.

MOTION:	Ms. D'Antonio and Ms. Mathieson moved to approve the proposed regulatory text for Section 438.5, direct staff to submit the text to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for review, and if no adverse comments are received, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any non-substantive changes to the package, and set the matter for a hearing if requested. If no adverse comments are received during the 45-day comment period and no hearing is requested, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations at Section 438.5 as noticed, with the authority to make any technical or nonsubstantive changes.
VOTE:	11-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
President Wong	Χ				
Vice-President Martinez	Χ				
Fel Amistad	Χ				
Alireza Asgari	Χ				
Khaesha Brooks				Χ	
Rossana D'Antonio	X				
Desirea Haggard				Χ	
Michael Hartley				Χ	
Coby King	Χ				
Betsy Mathieson	Χ				
Frank Ruffino	Χ				
Wilfredo Sanchez	Χ				
Fermin Villegas	X				
Cliff Waldeck	Χ				

## VII. Legislation

## A. 2025 Legislative Calendar

Mr. Moore reviewed the legislative calendar, noting the legislature's high activity, particularly on the 23rd and 27th, driven by decisions on various bills. The current fluidity is largely due to fiscal committees addressing this year's budget concerns.

## B. Discussion of Legislation for 2025 (Possible Action)

1. **Assembly Bill (AB) 667** – Professions and vocations: license examinations; interpreters

Mr. Moore noted that based on his knowledge, the Board has never received a request for an interpreter, perhaps due to the exams not being offered in any other language. The manner in which the bill is written, the Board would have to absorb the cost of the interpreter which could exceed \$500/hour for an exam that can range from 3 to 8 hours. The Board's examination vendor has advised the staff that when there is use of an interpreter, they must meet certain criteria, and it would be imperative that they close down the testing center for the individual to all other users as it would be disruptive to other test takers. DCA has estimated a one-time IT cost of \$360,000 to implement these requirements as they would have to change application processes and to track requests for reporting.

During public comment Carl Josephson representing Structural Engineer Association of California (SEAOC) supports the oppose decision.

Craig Copelan representing Professional Engineers of California Government (PECG) asked if interpreters, extended time, or special accommodations are given to ESL candidates that take the architecture exam. Mr. Moore responded that this question would need to be posed to the Architects' Board. Ms. Criswell responded that structural engineering is defined under civil engineering and that architects can practice that area of engineering in connection with their architecture, but not specifically civil and structural engineering. Mr. Copelan noted this would be important for some of their members in advancing in their careers and perhaps this means a little bit more consideration by the board

MOTION:	Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Villegas moved to take an Oppose position on AB 667 as amended April 9, 2025, and further authorize staff to communicate the Board's concerns to the Author's office and Committees.
VOTE:	11-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
President Wong	Х				
Vice-President Martinez	Χ				
Fel Amistad	Χ				
Alireza Asgari	Χ				
Khaesha Brooks				Χ	
Rossana D'Antonio	Χ				
Desirea Haggard				Χ	
Michael Hartley				Χ	
Coby King	Χ				
Betsy Mathieson	Χ				
Frank Ruffino	Χ				
Wilfredo Sanchez	Χ				
Fermin Villegas	Χ				
Cliff Waldeck	Χ				

# 2. **AB 671** – Accelerated restaurant building plan approval

MOTION:	Ms. Mathieson and Mr. King moved to take a Watch position on AB 671 as amended April 24, 2025.
VOTE:	11-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
President Wong	Χ				
Vice-President Martinez	Χ				
Fel Amistad	Χ				
Alireza Asgari	Χ				
Khaesha Brooks				Χ	
Rossana D'Antonio	Χ				
Desirea Haggard				X	
Michael Hartley				Χ	

Coby King	Х		
Betsy Mathieson	Χ		
Frank Ruffino	Х		
Wilfredo Sanchez	Х		
Fermin Villegas	Х		
Cliff Waldeck	Х		

3. **AB 742** – Department of Consumer Affairs: licensing: applicants who are descendants of slaves

Mr. Moore reported that shortly after the last Board meeting, it passed out of committee and now on the assembly floor. No action was taken.

AB 1341 – Contractors: discipline: building law violations.
 During Public Comment, Rob McMillan representing CLSA expressed their support.

MOTION:	Mr. King and Mr. Sanchez moved to recommend the Board take
	a Support position on AB 1341 as amended May 7, 2025.
VOTE:	11-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
President Wong	Х				
Vice-President Martinez	Χ				
Fel Amistad	Χ				
Alireza Asgari	Χ				
Khaesha Brooks				Χ	
Rossana D'Antonio	Χ				
Desirea Haggard				Χ	
Michael Hartley				Χ	
Coby King	Χ				
Betsy Mathieson	Χ				
Frank Ruffino	Χ				
Wilfredo Sanchez	Χ				
Fermin Villegas	Χ				
Cliff Waldeck	Χ				

5. **SB 470** – Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing

	Mr. King and Mr. Ruffino moved to take a position of Support on SB 470 as amended April 10, 2025.
VOTE:	11-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
President Wong	Χ				
Vice-President Martinez	Χ				

Fel Amistad	X			
Alireza Asgari	Х			
Khaesha Brooks			Χ	
Rossana D'Antonio	Х			
Desirea Haggard			Χ	
Michael Hartley			Χ	
Coby King	Х			
Betsy Mathieson	Х			
Frank Ruffino	Х			
Wilfredo Sanchez	Х			
Fermin Villegas	Х			
Cliff Waldeck	Х			

6. **SB 518** – Descendants of enslaved persons; reparations

	Mr. King and Mr. Villegas moved to take a position of Watch on SB 518 as amended April 24, 2025.
VOTE:	11-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
President Wong	Χ				
Vice-President Martinez	Х				
Fel Amistad	Χ				
Alireza Asgari	Χ				
Khaesha Brooks				Χ	
Rossana D'Antonio	Χ				
Desirea Haggard				Χ	
Michael Hartley				Χ	
Coby King	Χ				
Betsy Mathieson	Χ				
Frank Ruffino	Χ				
Wilfredo Sanchez	Χ				
Fermin Villegas	Χ				
Cliff Waldeck	Χ				

7. **SB 641** – Department of Consumer Affairs and Department of Real Estate: states of emergency: waivers and exemptions

MOTION:	Mr. King and Dr. Amistad moved to take a position of Watch on
	SB 641 as amended April 9, 2025.
VOTE:	11-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
President Wong	Χ				
Vice-President Martinez	Χ				

Fel Amistad	Х			
Alireza Asgari	Х			
Khaesha Brooks			Χ	
Rossana D'Antonio	X			
Desirea Haggard			Χ	
Michael Hartley			Χ	
Coby King	Х			
Betsy Mathieson	X			
Frank Ruffino	Х			
Wilfredo Sanchez	Χ			
Fermin Villegas	Χ			
Cliff Waldeck	Χ			

Mr. Moore indicated that the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee recently informed them of potential changes to the Professional Land Surveyors Act. It is currently uncertain whether these proposed changes will be incorporated into the existing bill. Should these changes be adopted, a new bill addressing them might be introduced at the next meeting. We have discussed it with both the bill's sponsor and the committee staff, providing our feedback for their consideration. Overall, we view these potential changes as largely beneficial. The committee will ultimately decide whether to include these amendments in the Omnibus bill.

# VIII. Executive Officer's Report

## A. Rulemaking Status Report

Mr. Moore reviewed the Rulemaking Status report. The Fees rulemaking proposal is the top priority while #2 Experience requirements – Section 100 should be less complicated.

### B. Personnel

Mr. Moore reported that the two existing vacant positions will likely be eliminated as part of the new budget.

In addition, he and Ms. Criswell are working with DCA on the recruitment for the Senior Registrar position.

During Public Comment, Alan Escarda expressed his concern with the application lead time for civil applications now that the registrar position is vacant once again. Mr. Moore explained that staff is developing an exam to recruit for a new registrar. He noted that the lead time for application review dropped significantly from October through February when the position was filled, and all registrars have collectively contributed to maintain that pace now that it is vacant. The review time continues to drop especially for non-civil Professional Engineers.

# C. ABET

No report given.

- D. Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG)
  - 1. Report from April 2025 Council of Examiners (COE) meeting Board Member Betsy Mathieson and Senior Registrar Geologist Joshua Goodwin previously received approval to attend ASBOG's Council of Examiners. Mr. Goodwin is also currently the Examinations Chair for ASBOG. They made quite a bit of progress working on both the Fundamentals of Geology and the Practice of Geology exams. Ms. Mathieson further explained that the Council of Examiners meeting happens twice a year. The spring meeting is only the Council of Examiners, and Annual Meeting occurs in the fall, where member boards vote on policy decisions and bylaw changes. However, this meeting was only exam development with one group taking the Fundamentals of Geology exam and another group taking the Practice of Geology exam (both the exams that had just been administered and the exams that will be administered next) and discussing whether the right answer on the key is actually the right answer and looking for any outliers. There was a lot of discussion after each exam for the purpose of setting the passing scores of the exams that had just been given. She feels confident that the exams that are being administered will identify minimally competent candidates for licensure as geologists.
- E. National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES)
  - 1. May 15-17, 2025, Joint Central/Western Zone Interim Meeting, Albuquerque, NM Report from Meeting Mr. Moore provided feedback on his experience with the Joint Central/Western Zone Interim Meeting. He noted his appreciation for the Central Zone, particularly because their ideas and philosophies align closely with those of the Western Zone. The Northeast Zone and Southern Zone had previously met as independent groups.

This was the first opportunity to gain insight into the reports from the President, President-Elect, CEO, NCEES staff (regarding exams), and the various committees and task forces. It is insight as to what will be debated on at the Annual Meeting. Mr. Moore finds it imperative to attend the various zone meetings, especially in multiple capacities because it is very informative and educational.

The NCEES Board of Directors confirmed Mr. King's nomination as Emeritus member of this Board upon his current term on the California Board ending. Our Board's initial involvement was the Western Zone Secretary election. This happened in both Central and Western Zones. Perry Valdez, New Mexico Executive Director, nominated with assistance from the California Board, and David Peden, PE, SE, Washington State Board member and current Western Zone Secretary as nominated by his

Board, were up for election. Perry Valdez ended up winning the election by a very close vote and will begin his two-year term as Western Zone Secretary beginning this August. Both of them had some good speeches and we could not go wrong with either one of them.

Structural exam administration issues were a huge topic of discussion. In summary, the structural exam was converted from paper and pencil to Computer Based Testing (CBT) in April 2024. So far, there have been 3 administrations as of this meeting, spring 2024, fall 2024, and spring 2025. There have been concerns expressed by boards and candidates in reference to the examination environment and what they were having to do with the exam. Additionally, some boards were concerned with the low pass rates in comparison to pass rates from recent history prior to the transition. Candidates are accustomed to bringing a large set of reference materials into their exams and they immediately lost the ability to do so. Just prior to the Zone meeting, NCEES issued a memo to all member boards advising them that after seeing, hearing, and considering all of the concerns being expressed by the applicants and member boards, they met with exam committees, exam volunteers, and psychometricians and determined that the exam was "speeded". It was identified that regardless of whether the candidate was high or low performing, all candidates were experiencing a time issue. The recommendation is to add an additional one hour, for a total time of 6.5 hours, to the PE-Structural Depth sections beginning with the October 2025 exam. The Washington Board presented a motion that in lieu of adding an hour, simply drop the number of items. In order to do so, they had to make the motion to request the Board of Directors waive the requirement to notify boards one year in advance and make the change immediately which led to a lot of discussion and debate. The motion passed in both the Western and Central Zone sessions. Ultimately, the motion went before the NCEES Board of Directors which met immediately after the Zone meetings ended, and the motioned was denied.

Mr. Moore anticipates that there will be full reports and possible floor motions coming in between now and the Annual meeting. Expect that there may be items of consideration in July's materials.

# F. Update on Outreach Efforts

Mr. Moore reviewed the Board's outreach efforts.

## IX. President's Report/Board Member Activities

President Wong reported that she was the Chair of the NCEES Western Zone Nominating Committee and was very pleased to work with three other members representing boards from Guam, Nevada, and Wyoming. She also attended the NCEES Western Zone meeting and went to the engineering forum breakout session and participated in the structural engineering discussion.

Vice-President Martinez participated in the NCEES Western Zone second quarter virtual discussion

Mr. Ruffino serves on the Leadership Committee for NCEES Western Zone, and they established a schedule where they met virtually.

On her last meeting as Board President, Christina Wong received a Certificate of Recognition from the State Treasurer, presented by Mr. Ruffino.

Mr. Moore issued a Proclamation to Coby King, marking the conclusion of his service on the Board.

Mr. King expressed his appreciation to his fellow Board members and extended those sentiments to the staff, both past and present.

During Public Comment, both Alan Escarda and Rob McMillan congratulated Mr. King.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Mr. King and Ms. D'Antonio, presented a recommended slate consisting of Guillermo Martinez for President and Frank Ruffino for Vice-President. There were no nominations from the floor. Both nominees accepted their nominations.

# X. Election of 2025-26 President and Vice President (Possible Action)

MOTION:	Mr. King and Mr. Sanchez move to close the nominations
VOTE:	11-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
President Wong	Х				
Vice-President Martinez	Χ				
Fel Amistad	Χ				
Alireza Asgari	Χ				
Khaesha Brooks				Χ	
Rossana D'Antonio	Χ				
Desirea Haggard				Χ	
Michael Hartley				Χ	
Coby King	Χ				
Betsy Mathieson	Χ				
Frank Ruffino	Χ				
Wilfredo Sanchez	Χ				
Fermin Villegas	Χ				
Cliff Waldeck	Χ				

MOTION:	President Wong and Dr. Amistad moved to elect Guillermo
	Martinez as President and Frank Ruffino as Vice-President.
VOTE:	11-0, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
President Wong	Х				
Vice-President Martinez	Χ				
Fel Amistad	Χ				
Alireza Asgari	Χ				
Khaesha Brooks				Χ	
Rossana D'Antonio	Χ				
Desirea Haggard				Χ	
Michael Hartley				Χ	
Coby King	Χ				
Betsy Mathieson	Χ				
Frank Ruffino	Χ				
Wilfredo Sanchez	Χ				
Fermin Villegas	Χ				
Cliff Waldeck	Χ				

# XI. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Possible Action)

A. Approval of April 3, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

	Dr. Amistad and Mr. Villegas moved to approve the April 3, 2025 meeting minutes.
VOTE:	9-0-2, Motion Carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
President Wong	Χ				
Vice-President Martinez	Χ				
Fel Amistad	Χ				
Alireza Asgari			Χ		
Khaesha Brooks				Χ	
Rossana D'Antonio	Χ				
Desirea Haggard				Χ	
Michael Hartley				Χ	
Coby King	X				
Betsy Mathieson			Χ		
Frank Ruffino	Χ				
Wilfredo Sanchez	Χ				
Fermin Villegas	Χ				
Cliff Waldeck	Χ				

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

A. Deliberate on a Decision(s) to be Reached in a Proceeding(s) Required to be Conducted Pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500), as Authorized by Government Code Section 11126(c)(3).

- B. Confer with, or Receive Advice from, Its Legal Counsel Regarding Pending Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e)(1) and (2)(A), on the following matters:
  - 1. <u>Crownholm et al. v. Moore, et al.</u> No. 24-276, cert. pending (filed Sep. 9, 2024), Supreme Court of the United States, <u>Crownholm, et al.</u> v. <u>Moore, et al.</u> (No. 23-15138) (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. April 16, 2024)
  - 2. <u>Victor Rodriguez-Fernandez vs. California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists</u>, San Diego County Superior Court, Case No. 37-2023-00053465-CU-WM-CTL

## XIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

### **PUBLIC PRESENT**

Saeed Jorat Alan Escarda, PECG Craig Copelan, PECG Dr. Bishnujee Singh