

1 STATE OF ALASKA

2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

4 ALASKA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR
5 ARCHITECTS, ENGINEEERS, AND LAND SURVEYORS

6 **CONDENSED ACTION MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING HELD JANUARY 29, 2026**

7 Location: Remote meeting held via ZOOM.

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9 **These DRAFT minutes have been prepared by staff of the Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional**
10 **Licensing. They have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.**

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12 The meeting was called to order by Chair Edward Leonetti at 1:30 PM.

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14 Board members present, constituting a quorum:

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- 16 Edward Leonetti, Landscape Architect (*Chair*)
- 17 Colin Maynard, Civil Engineer, Structural Engineer (*Secretary*)
- 18 Paul Baril, Architect
- 19 John Barry, Mining Engineer
- 20 Samson Shepherd, Mechanical Engineer
- 21 Jeffrey Garness, Environmental Engineer
- 22 Bradford Rinckey, Land Surveyor

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24 Board members absent:

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- 26 Sterling Strait, Civil Engineer, Structural Engineer (*Vice-Chair*)

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28 Attending from the Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing:

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- 30 Joseph Bonnell, Executive Administrator
- 31 Kelly Johnson, Licensing Examiner

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33 Members of the Public Attending:

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- 35 Melissa Cannata, Richard Carstens, Claire Castaneda

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37 **Agenda Item 2: Review/Approve Agenda**

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39 **On a Motion duly made by Colin Maynard, seconded by Paul Baril and approved unanimously, it was**
40 **RESOLVED to approve the agenda as presented.**

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42 **Agenda Item 3: Committee Reports**

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44 AO 360 Regulatory Reform Special Committee

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46 Ed Leonetti presented the report from the two committee meetings held in December and January. The
47 committee reviewed the list of regulations and discussed each one. All changes come with the caveat that the

1 public process for regulatory changes will still apply; with each one being discussed in a public board meeting,
 2 reviewed and posted for the public to comment.
 3 The board reviewed each proposed regulation change, with no proposed changes or objections to what was
 4 presented.

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 6 **On a Motion duly made by Colin Maynard, seconded by Jeff Garness and approved unanimously, it**
 7 **was RESOLVED to approve the AO 360 plan as presented.**
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Regulation Citation	Nature of the Regulation	Summary of the Intended Changes
12 AAC 36.500 thru 550, 170 and 36.115 (various)	Section 500 through 550 sets out Continuing Education Requirements. Section 170 refers to fees. Section 115 is in regards to Retired status.	Repeal Continuing Education Requirements, repeal late renewal fee and penalty. Make any necessary edits to the Retired status to allow for reinstatement without CEs.
12 AAC 36.100 (f), 103(a)(4), 104(a)(4), 105(a)(4), 109(a)(4)	Requires applicants to pass board jurisprudence exam.	Repeal Jurisprudence Exam
12 AAC 36.063 & 065	Regulations set out requirements that must be met to qualify to sit for the Professional Engineer and Professional Land Surveyor Exams.	To modify regulations allowing for applicants to sit for exams prior to graduation and prior to meeting work experience requirements.
12 AAC 36.135(a)(1)(D & E),(3)	Sets out requirements for applications for firms (business entities) to include shareholder, agent signatures and requirements of companies who are licensed.	Repeal listed sections. Most are redundant or impose requirements for applications that can be burdensome and offer no real advantage to the board.
12 AAC 36.165	Covers reinstatement of individual licenses and prohibits firms (businesses) from reinstating.	Repeal and reenact: bring lapsed and expire language more in line with standard division practices, bring firms in line with same.
12 AAC 36.066	Sets requirements for work verifications and the division records retention related to Land Surveyors	Repeal Section.
12 AAC 36.100(g)	Requires Structural Engineers to have passed a specific exam in another jurisdiction if applying by comity.	Repeal this section. Other sections of regulations address Structural Engineer applications by comity and offer more pathways.
12 AAC 36.050(a)(c)(d)(e)	Sets deadlines for applications and what is considered a complete application for a deadline.	Repeal sections on deadlines and what constitutes a complete application for a deadline.
12 AAC 36.105(c)(1 & 2)(g)	Requires an engineer providing a work verification to seal documents with their engineering seal.	Remove seal requirements for work verifications.
12 AAC 36.180 (c) (d) (e)	Covers use of seals.	Repeal sections as they are redundant.
12 AAC 36.090 (a)	Section allows for a waiver to the requirement of the Fundamental of Engineering Exam for those who have 20 or more years of licensure in another jurisdiction.	Change the threshold for the waiver from 20 yrs to 15 to be more in line with other states.

12 AAC 36.145 (c) (1 & 2)	Provides definitions for "regularly employed" and "entity".	Repeal both definitions.
12 AAC 36.110	Cold Regions Course requirement.	Remove phrase "university-level"

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Before closing the meeting, the Board Chair addressed the actions of some board members who had publicly opposed the board’s decision to support SB54. Noting that they engaged in activities after the board had made its decision including contacting various legislators to express their personal opposition. It was brought to the attention of the chair by some that even though the members involved had expressed that they were not speaking on behalf of the board, their actions create opposition to the decisions of the board on which they are serving. The Chair requested that moving forward board members, if they oppose an action, may express it during the board’ discussion, however once a decision has been made, asks them to act in unison with the board’s decision.

Meeting adjourned at 1:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph Bonnell, Executive Administrator

Approved:

Edward Leonetti, PLA, Chair
Alaska Board of Registration for Architects,
Engineers, and Land Surveyors

Date:_____