

The Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects, and Land Surveyors

PEALS Board Regular Meeting

Thursday, July 10, 2025 GEDA Board Room Suite 511, Tamuning, Guam 2:22 PM– 3:18 PM

Members Present:

Cedric Q.T. Cruz RA, Board Chair	Vincent P. Arriola, DPW Director
Zenon E. Belanger PE, Vice Chair	Maria Elizabeth V. Cristi, PE
Cathyann C. Gogue, Public Member (Via Zoom/Guam)	
Paul L. Santos PLS, Sec. & Treas	

Staff Present: Catherine S. Gutierrez, Exec. Board Admin.

Nixon Isaac, Board Investigator	Marie Villanueva, Admin. Asst.
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Excused Absence:

AAG, Atty. Tom Keeler

Also Present: See [Appendix A. Guest List Sign-In Sheet]

Item 1, Call to Order

BC Cruz officially called the meeting to order at 2:22 p.m. Following this, a roll call was conducted, allowing each member and attendee to introduce themselves along with their respective organizations. With a quorum duly established, the meeting proceeded as outlined in the agenda.

Item 2, Certificate Presentation

- a. EIT 370 Michael Ngirutoi Murphy (FE - Electrical)
- b. EIT373 Peter Mesa Gervacio, Jr, (FE – Civil)

Item 3, Review / Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Review Draft PEALS Regular Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2025

CBT Exam and Fee Review:

The board reviewed the minutes from the May 2025 meeting, focusing on two main points. First, they discussed the ongoing concerns about the CBT NCEES Structural Exam, noting that they are waiting for information from an NCEES meeting before proceeding. EBA Gutierrez mentioned that potential changes to the exam are being considered but are not expected until 2027. Second, they

addressed the review of law and the rules and regulations, particularly the implementation of new fees, which EBA Gutierrez is set to advise on. The board plans to revisit these topics in future meetings.

Permit Review Fee Adjustment Discussion:

EBA Gutierrez discussed the possibility of adjusting permit review fees for the agency. She noted that while application fees are already high compared to other jurisdictions, permit review fees have not increased since 1998 and are currently \$15 per permit. EBA Gutierrez suggests that increasing these fees would be fair due to the time-consuming nature of staff work involved. The Board advised considering factors such as the number of permits processed, total revenues, project size, and time spent on reviews to determine an appropriate fee structure.

VC Belanger moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Sec & Treas. Santos and unanimously approved.

All in Favor: 5/5 Not In Favor: 0 Abstained: 0

Motion Passed

Item 4, Executive Board Administrator's Report

a. NCARB Annual Business

Dates: June 19 – 21, 2025

Location: Scottsdale, Arizona

Attendees:

- Paul Santos, PLS - Board Secretary & Treasurer
- Cathyann C. Gogue - Public Member
- Catherine S. Gutierrez, EBA

The 2025 NCARB Annual Business Meeting took place in Scottsdale, Arizona, from June 19-22. During the three-day event, delegates from the 55 U.S. architectural licensing boards gathered to discuss issues facing the regulation of the profession. They voted on proposed resolutions, elected the FY26 Board of Directors, and set the agenda for the Council's next fiscal year.

NCARB Annual Meeting Updates:

EBA Gutierrez provided an update on the recent NCARB annual meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona. Focusing on leadership transitions, discussions about new pathways to practice, and international reciprocity agreements. Five resolutions were voted on, including updates to the Canada Mutual Recognition Agreement.

Sec. & Treas. Santos emphasized the significance of exploring innovative pathways for future professionals in engineering and surveying. He highlighted the critical role that formative high school years play in shaping students' career trajectories in these fields.

Future Events:

****NCEES Annual Business Meeting****

Dates: August 19-21, 2025

Location: New Orleans, Louisiana

Attendees:

- Maria Elizabeth V. Cristi, PE
- Paul L. Santos, PLS - Board Secretary & Treasurer
- Vincent P. Arriola, DPW Director

b. Financial Statement Report

EBA Gutierrez presented the Board's financials, noting revenue tracking for May 2025 at \$53,865; with the PEALS Special Revenue Account; and an ending balance of \$11,928.82 with the PEALS Bank of Hawaii account.

Questions or concerns were welcomed; however, none were raised.

Item 5. Board Investigator's Report

a. PB2025-01 – Complainant: Michael Pritchard, PE ME1451 **vs.**

Respondent: William B.S.M. Flores, PE CE579

Accusation: Alleged Claim with Documents for Design not Meeting Code Requirement and Life Safety

The case pertains to a mechanical engineer and a civil engineer collaborating on the Medical Art Center project. There seems to have been ambiguity regarding the delineation of roles and responsibilities. BI Isaac announced that the PEALS Board has received this matter as a new case. Preliminary investigations suggest that miscommunication occurred among the parties involved. We are awaiting a letter from Mr. Pritchard, PE, to clarify and confirm in writing that the issue has been resolved before the complaint can be officially closed. BI Isaac has indicated that this case remains open and is still under investigation.

Item 6, Old Business

a. Law, Rules, and Regulations Review

EBA Gutierrez to circulate the latest version of the law, rules and regulations file to all Board members for review. Board members to review and mark up, in red ink, their respective sections of the law, rules and regulations document before the next R&R meeting. EBA Gutierrez to set up a workshop meeting in September for the board to discuss and finalize changes to the law, rules and regulations.

Item 7, Board Discussion

a. Plump, Richard A – Notice of Disciplinary Action Post renewal FY 2026

Engineer's Renewal With Disciplinary History:

The Board discussed the renewal application of Richard Plump, a civil engineer who has been registered with the Guam Board since January 2018, with no local disciplinary action reported.

Plump has reported disciplinary actions against him in other jurisdictions, including a recent settlement agreement in Wyoming for practicing without a firm license. The Board considers approving his renewal contingent on receiving a certificate of good standing from the Wyoming Board. They note that the complaints against Plump are related to licensing issues rather than his technical work.

BM Cristi moved, and was seconded by VC Belanger, to have Mr. Richard Plump, PE CE1986, provide a certificate of good standing from the Wyoming Board as a condition for license renewal.

All in favor: 5/5 Not In Favor: 0 Abstained: 0

Motion Passed

b. CalPac Advertisement for Architect

California Pacific Technical Services, LLC (CalPac) - Architect Ad Investigation:

The board discussed an advertisement by CalPac for an architect position, which has raised concerns as CalPac does not hold a certificate of authorization to offer architectural services. BI Isaac to investigate to clarify CalPac's intentions.

Item 8, Public Comment

a. During today's meeting, Mr. Brent L. Wiese, RA 319, posed a specific inquiry to DPW Director Arriola regarding court documents and an ongoing review related to the Medical Arts Building, which is adjacent to the Guam Regional Medical Hospital. Mr. Wiese's question centered on whether the Department of Public Works intended to file a complaint against a locally licensed engineer accused of falsifying inspection documents, noting that this is a complex situation. In response, Director Arriola chose not to provide any public commentary on the matter.

b. Fire Protection Engineer Licensing via Exam Decision:

The Board discussed an application from a civil engineer with more than six years of Civil experience, seeking to become licensed as a fire protection engineer. The applicant has three years of experience in fire protection, but lacks supervision by a licensed fire protection engineer. The Board grapples with how to handle this unusual case, as their current rules don't address this situation. They decided to table the decision, conduct more research on requirements in other jurisdictions, and clarify the applicant's supervision history before making a determination. Board recommends EBA Gutierrez to reach out to other jurisdictions via NCEES to inquire about requirements for engineers changing disciplines.

Item 9, DPW Permit and DLM Map Review

- a. Department of Land Management – Office of the Chief of Cadastre Report of Maps Submitted
- b. PEALS Building Permit Clearances

No comments were noted.

Item 10, Adjournment

With no additional business to address, BM Cristi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which VC Belanger seconded. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 PM.

All in Favor: 5/5 Not In Favor: 0 Abstained: 0

Motion Passed

Taken and recorded by:


Marie Villanueva
Administrative Assistant

Reviewed and Approved by:



Catherine S. Gutierrez
Executive Board Administrator

BOARD APPROVED:

Approved by:



Cedric Q.T. Cruz, RA
Board Chair

9/24/25
Date


Paul L. Santos, PLS
Board Secretary & Treasurer

10/1/2025
Date

Thursday, September 4, 2025

☒ Minutes approved as is

☐ Minutes approved with changes

Meeting Minutes reported today are a summary of discussion. Complete Audio file of today's meeting can be located at the Office of Accountability, Boards and Commissions website per **Public Law 31-233 added Section 8113.1, Reporting Requirements for Boards and Commissions, to Chapter 8 of Title 5 GCA. Section 8113.1.** And PEALS Website via Zoom Link. Government Meetings

[Appendix A. Guest List Sign-In Sheet]

PEALS BOARD REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10, 2025 - 2:00 PM
GEDA Board Room, Suite 515, South Marine Corps Drive
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GUEST(S) LIST

	<u>NAME (in Print)</u>	<u>BUSINESS or AFFILIATION</u>
1.	<u>Peter Gervacio</u>	<u>Project Presentation</u>
2.	<u>Lambert Gervacio</u>	<u>Presentation</u>
3.	<u>Peter Gervacio</u>	<u>FE Cont.</u>
4.	<u>Ken & Liz Murphy</u>	<u>Son - GPA</u>
5.	<u>Michael Murphy</u>	<u>FE Cont.</u>
6.	<u>Mark Kopt</u>	<u>Public</u>
7.	<u>Brant Wiese</u>	<u>(RM) GHD</u>
8.	<u>Andrew Uelo</u>	<u>Cousin</u>
9.	<u>Gloria Mofo</u>	<u>Guest</u>
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