

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

**PEALS Board Regular Meeting**

Thursday, May 8, 2025 GEDA Board Room Suite 511, Tamuning, Guam 2:04 PM– 3:06 PM

**Members Present:**

Cedric Q.T. Cruz RA, Board Chair

Zenon E. Belanger PE, Vice Chair

Cathyann C. Gogue, Public Member

Nixon Isaac, Board Investigator

Vincent P. Arriola, DPW Director

Maria Elizabeth V. Cristi, PE

Catherine S. Gutierrez, Exec. Board Admin.

Marie Villanueva, Admin. Asst.

**Excused Absence:**

Paul L. Santos PLS, Sec. & Treas

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 2:04 p.m. with the recitation of the board's mission statement. 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, Laudatory – In Memoriam**

BC Cruz called for a moment of silence to pay tribute to and commemorate the most recent individuals we have lost.

a. Oscar A. Coloma [RA186 Registration from: September 1983 – May 13, 2025]

b. Candido I. Castro [PLS048 Registration from: January 1974 – April 3, 2025]

Mr. Coloma, RA, served as the President and Principal Architect of OA Coloma, PC. He was responsible for designing several notable projects, including the Dusit Guam Hotel, The Plaza Ladera Tower, Royal Orchid Hotel, Serena Plaza, Tumon Shopping Center, and the official residence of the Consulate of the Philippines. Mr. Coloma was a key figure in the Brotherhood of Christians—a network of Christian businessmen and professionals in Guam—where he played a pivotal role in its founding. He dedicated his time and wisdom to fostering a community characterized by faith-driven leadership and service. While BC Cruz did not have the opportunity to know Mr. Coloma or Mr. Castro personally, he wishes to express, on behalf of our community, that their absence will be profoundly felt.



**Item 3, Certificate Presentation & Administration of Oath**

- a. PE 2284 – Daniel Lopez Billones, PE (Civil)
- b. EIT 371 - Euler Brine Ramones Marciano (FE – Electrical & Computer)

**Item 4, Review / Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Review Draft PEALS Regular Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2025

BM Cristi moved to approve the minutes pending proposed amendments. Any additional comments are to be submitted to EBA Gutierrez for revision no later than May 22, 2025. The motion was seconded by VC Belanger, and unanimously approved.

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

**Item 5, Executive Board Administrator's Report**

**b. Electronic Applications for Board Review – Update**

EBA Gutierrez discussed the challenges of using Google Docs for the Board's application process, citing formatting issues and difficulties in making corrections. BM Arriola expressed a preference for a more traditional method of reviewing applications. EBA Gutierrez also mentioned the potential use of Basecamp. A platform currently used by NCEES, but noted that it would require a subscription and possibly a budget item for 2027. She suggested that since NCEES and NCARB widely use Basecamp, it might be a suitable option. The current program with Google Docs will be temporarily suspended until a definitive solution can be presented to the Board.

EBA Gutierrez announced Upcoming National Meetings:

**\*\*2025 NCEES Western/Central Zone Interim Meeting\*\***

Dates: May 15 – 19, 2025

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Attendees:**

- Zenon E. Belanger, PE - Vice-Chair
- Paul L. Santos, PLS - Board Secretary & Treasurer
- Cathyann C. Gogue - Public Member



This meeting will provide an opportunity for key board members to discuss important matters and collaborate on initiatives relevant to the zone.

**\*\*NCARB Annual Business Meeting\*\***

Dates: June 19 – 21, 2025

Location: Scottsdale, Arizona

**Attendees:**

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

**\*\*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

**a. Financial Statement Report**

EBA Gutierrez presented the Board's financials, noting revenue tracking for April 2025 at \$69,675 with the PEALS Special Revenue Account; and an ending balance of \$11,329 with the PEALS Bank of Hawaii account for the month of March 2025.

PEALS Individuals Registration renewals are 94% complete for FY25 as of May 8, 2025.

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

**Item 6. Board Investigator's Report**

BI Isaac reported that all cases have been closed; and no new cases have been received.



### Item 7, Old Business

#### a. Law, Rules, and Regulations Review

The review of fees, laws, rules, and regulations is ongoing. EBA Gutierrez is awaiting the completion of this review from the Board to proceed with the adjudication process. Additionally, newly elected 38th legislative senators have designated Vice Speaker, Senator V. Anthony Ada, as the Legislative Committee Chair for the PEALS Board.

BM Arriola noted that this would be an excellent time to implement new fees. EBA Gutierrez will review the situation and advise the Board of her decision.

BC Cruz raised concerns about the current law allowing a civil engineer and architect to sign for all disciplines for a single-family residential project, suggesting a potential change. He also brought up the issue of overlapping practices between architects and civil engineers, particularly in residential projects. The board agreed to consider these matters further.

BC Cruz gave till the end of this year to complete their modifications on the Rules & Regulations.

### Item 8, Board Discussion

#### a. Catahay, Maegan Gabrielle – Application PE Exam – Experience Requirement

The board discussed Megan Catahay's application for the PE civil exam. Ms. Catahay graduated in 2021 and has been working since her college years. The law states that the 4-year experience for eligibility to take the exam starts upon graduation, not during college years. The Board considered allowing Megan to take the exam now, but there were concerns about setting a precedent. The Board decided to wait until December to award Megan her license, following the law, should she pass the PE and California Seismic exams.

BM Cristi proposed a motion to allow Ms. Catahay to take the PE and California Seismic exams, with the stipulation that her license would be awarded in December, contingent upon her passing those exams. This motion was seconded by VC Belanger.

All in Favor: 4/5    Not in Favor: 0    Abstained: 1/5

The motion was approved with the presence of a quorum.

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b. Proposed Motion Regarding the SE Examination's Transition to CBT for the PE Structural Depth Exams

**\*\*NCEES Structural Forum Summary\*\***

BM Cristi noted the high failure rates for the structural exam since its transition to a computerized format. She raised concerns about limited time to access electronic resources and references, which hinders candidates' ability to complete the exam efficiently. In response, the Board discussed the possibility of offering both written and computer-based exams or a hybrid format incorporating elements of both.

Additionally, Andrew Smith, PE (CE1127), via Zoom, and Thomas Camacho, PE (SE752), via email to EBA Gutierrez, requested a transcript of the forum meeting. EBA Gutierrez confirmed that the transcript would be distributed as soon as it is received from NCEES. Both Smith and Camacho echoed concerns about high failure rates and issues raised by NCEES applicants, noting that these concerns appeared to be dismissed by reviewers in attendance, warranting further attention.

EBA Gutierrez also announced the development of a new PAC Study for the Structural Exam, which will be shared with the Board and registrants once finalized.

Board tabled the discussion of this regard.

Item 9, Public Comment

No comments were given.

Item 10, 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 11, 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 3:06 PM.

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

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Taken and recorded by:

  
/s/ Marie Villanueva

Administrative Assistant

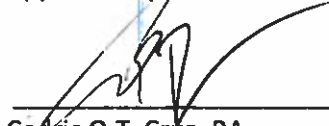
Reviewed and Approved by:



Catherine S. Gutierrez  
Executive Board Administrator

BOARD APPROVED:

Approved by:



Cedric Q.T. Cruz, RA  
Board Chair



7/23/25 Date Zenon E. Belanger, PE  
Vice-Chair

08/04/2025  
Date

Thursday, July 10, 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**  
**MAY 8, 2025 - 2:00 PM**  
**GEDA Board Room, Suite 515, South Marine Corps Drive**  
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### GUEST(S) LIST

NAME (in Print)	BUSINESS or AFFILIATION
1. <u>DAVID L. BILLORES</u>	<u>ORTH-TAKING</u>
2. <u>MAURIE JERMETTE B. BILLORES</u>	<u>ORTH-TAKING</u>
3. <u>Greg Canteb</u>	<u>Amalgant</u>
4. <u>Euler Brine Macinnis</u>	<u>AM-RIENT</u>
5. <u>Morgan Catalmy</u>	<u>SSFM</u>
6. <u>MARK PUTTS</u>	<u>PUBLIC</u>
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