



Minutes

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

(Meeting held via Zoom)

Members:

Neil Kennedy, P. Eng. (Chair)
James Lowe, P. Eng. (Vice-Chair)
Renee Frigault, P. Eng.
Saleha Hussain, P. Eng.
Dale Kerr, P. Eng.
Alfred Lightstone, P. Eng.
Lisa MacCumber, P. Eng.
Donna Serrati, P. Eng.

Staff:

José Vera, P. Eng.

Regrets:

Peter Rüsçh, P. Eng.

1. OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., with seven members of the Committee in attendance. Consequently, quorum was attained.

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda as written.

Moved by: R. Frigault

Seconded by: S. Hussain

CARRIED

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND ISSUES ARISING FROM MEETING

2.1 Approval of Minutes of June 8, 2021 Meeting

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting as written.

Moved by: D. Kerr Seconded by: L. MacCumber CARRIED

2.2 Action Items of June 8, 2021 Meeting

Staff reported the completed Action Items.

3. GUIDELINES

3.1 Use of Seal Guideline

The Use of Seal guideline is under public consultation until October 1, 2021.

An external legal review of this proposed guideline has been completed.

3.2 MECP - Professional Engineers Providing Engineering Reports under O. Reg. 1/17 (ESDM and AAR Reports)

The PSC members discussed the table included in the agenda package, noting the different positions with respect to the need for a performance standard. The different point of views were already articulated in the table; therefore, no new issues were raised at the meeting.

If the MECP or clients do not file complaints, there is not much PEO can do to address the issue of alleged incompetence or negligence.

If the Complaints Committee believes that a performance standard would be beneficial, it would be up to PEO's Regulatory Compliance Department to make a case.

Action: Staff to discuss the need for a performance standard with PEO's Regulatory Compliance Department legal counsel.

3.3 Guideline for Pre-Start Health and Safety Reviews

The public consultation on the Pre-Start Health and Safety Review guideline ended on August 20, 2021.

The subcommittee will meet on October 18, 2021 to address the comments received from the public consultation.

3.4 Guideline for Professional Engineers Providing Acoustical Engineering Services in Land-Use Planning

The subcommittee held their first meeting on August 9, 2021. The next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2021.

3.6 General Review Guideline

The General Review guideline and bulletin on Projects with No Permit are ready for PSC approval.

A PSC member forwarded some comments on the General Review guideline.

Action: Staff to review the new comments received on the General Review guideline.

A motion was made to approve the Projects with No Permit bulletin.

Moved by: A. Lightstone Seconded by: J. Lowe CARRIED

3.7 Temporary Works Guideline

The Task Force met on August 19, 2021 to address the comments received from the public consultation and would like the input of the PSC at this stage.

Action: Staff to send a reminder to the PSC to review the Temporary Works draft guideline.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Consultation Request for PSC from Enforcement Committee

C. Knox, Manager, PEO Enforcement attended the June 8, 2021 PSC meeting as a guest to answer any questions from the PSC members regarding the memo received from the Chair of the Enforcement Committee.

The PSC members commented that the idea of developing examples of engineering practice that were provided by the Enforcement Committee was problematic. The PSC members had several concerns with the content and format of the examples of engineering practice. For instance, there are several

issues where clarity was lacking around the task description, leading to disagreement on whether the activity was or was not engineering.

There was a discussion regarding the definition in the Civil/Structural Engineering example, which was not precise enough; for example, what does the length of span in a bridge mean?

The PSC members commented that the Enforcement Committee provided many examples of what is not engineering; however, it would be more beneficial if there were some examples of what engineering is.

Action: Staff to provide a response to the Enforcement Committee, identifying PSC members' concerns.

4.2 PSC Skills Gap Analysis

The table was included in the agenda package for PSC review. The table will help determine who on the PSC can assist with revising some of the older guidelines.

Action: Staff to include a plan to update some of the older guidelines in the agenda package for the October 2021 PSC meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.