

The Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects, and Land Surveyors  
**PEALS Board Regular Meeting**

Thursday, July 29, 2021 591 Marine Corps Drive Suite 511, Tamuning GU 2:46 PM – 4:22 PM

Present: Maria Elizabeth V. Cristi, Board Chair Paul L. Santos, PLS,  
Cedric Q.T. Cruz, Sec & Treas. Cathyann C. Gogue, Public Member  
Vincent P. Arriola, DPW Director Nixon Isaac, Board Investigator  
Catherine S. Gutierrez, Exec. Board Adm.

Absent: Andrew T. Laguana, RA Member AAG, Atty. Tom Keeler  
Masoud K. Teimoury, PE, Vice Chair

Guest: James Canto/AAG Christopher E. Hill, LS-EIT 007  
Kai'yl Hill Tesha Hill, Spouse  
Mona Hill  
David Hurchanik, RA 419

Item 1, Call to Order

With a quorum present; Executive Session was called to order by the Chair in the matter Case #2017-002 Lorette T. Guerrero vs. Blas Atalig. Attorney James Canto from the Guam Office of the Attorney General attended in his capacity.

Item3, Certificate Presentation | Administration of Oath – Due to late arrival of registrants , meeting agenda Item 2 was pushed back.

- A. Xio Li Lu, PE – Civil Engineer – Absent
- B. Christopher E. Hill – Land Surveying Intern
- C. Kenneth M. Rekdahl, PE – Land Surveying Intern – Absent

Item 2, Start of Regular meeting

Regular board meeting commenced at 2:46pm.

Item 4, Approval of Meeting Minutes May 27, 2021

It was moved by Sec & Treas. Cruz and seconded by BM Santos, and unanimously carried to approve meeting minutes with corrections and clarification received by EBA Gutierrez no later than one week from today's meeting.

### Item 5 New Business

None.

### Item 3, Certificate Presentation

The arrival of Mr. Christopher E. Hill and family gave way for the presentation of a certificate of Land Surveying Intern before the Board and Family. Congratulations!

### Item 6, EBA Report

#### 6.A.1 NCARB Annual Business Meeting June 26 -27, 2021, Los Angeles, California

This event was attended by EBA Gutierrez, BM Gogue (New Member Attendee Session), and Sec & Treas. Cruz, RA – Virtually (Guam Board Delegated Voter)

Election of new NCARB Board Member was performed.

#### NCARB IN THE NEWS • Office Insight: NCARB's First Latino President

Alfred Vidaurri Jr., NCARB, NOMA, FAIA, of Fort Worth, Texas, was inducted as the president of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) at its 2021 Annual Business Meeting.

NCARB Region 6, Director - Sylvia Kwan, FAIA, LEED AP Region 6 Director

*BM Gogue arrival to the meeting was noted by BC Cristi, PE.*

#### 6.A.2 NCEES Annual Business Meeting August 19-20, 2021, New Orleans, Louisiana

Funded delegates attendees (3) Three.

-EBA Gutierrez / BM Santos, PLS / BM Gogue Public Member

#### 6.A.3 Financial Report

Board was given prior statements, both for the PEALS Special Funds Account, and the Revolving Account - Bank of Hawaii account for their perusal.

### Item 7, Investigations | Enforcement

Case #2021-003 – Alleged forgery. Status: Determined to have No Merit by the EBA and was directed to the Contractors License Board (CLB), as it is not a PEALS-related issue. Letter of advisement to complainant was reviewed by Attorney Keeler prior to release.

Case #2021-004- Alleged unlicensed surveying activities. A complaint of unlicensed surveying activity was reported to the board for investigation, evidence provided prompted the board to issue a cease and desist order to the respondent. Status: Open, pending the completion of BI Isaac's report Further updates on this complaint will be reported to the board.

### Item 8, Open Discussion

#### 8.A Architect Survey | Offshoring Practices | Expanding Guam Offices to Foreign Countries | Responsible Controls

David Hurchanik, RA 419, presented himself to the Board for support in distributing an Architect Survey Questionnaire. Offshoring architectural practices are becoming the norm for Guam and the status of local Guam's future architects are becoming endangered. The PEALS Law reflects this measure in its law under the term Responsible Employee Manager, although he feels this vague and should be heighten to include more responsibility to services rendered. Board has tabled this request pending EBA Gutierrez conferment with the Attorney General's office to determine if it is within our privy to disseminate survey questions without a conflict of interest to PEALS registrants.

#### 8.B Electrical Engineering Seal Requirement on Solar Panel Installation Design Plans.

EBA Gutierrez received a letter from the Department of Public Works engineering section questioning if the electrical plan for existing or new residential buildings is required to have a professional electrical engineering stamp or if a civil engineering stamp would be sufficient. EBA Gutierrez responded, as per PEALS Law §32116(8)(9)(11), drawings and seals on this particular permit were in compliance with PEALS Law and stands by clearance given. EBA Gutierrez requested her letter be given to the Board, for their concurrence, prior to release to DPW Engineering Division. Board agreed to review for concurrence.

Item 8, Open Discussion (cont.)

8.C Board Discussion Requested by BM Paul L. Santos, PLS on Disclosure of Violations from new and existing Registrants

Coatsworth, Alvin John RA – Application for RA via Comity - Disclosure of Prior Violation  
James Herbert Croft, Jr. RA (RA423) - Notice of Disciplinary Action Received

BM Santos noted, that although he had agreed to allow registration by comity, with a notation of “Conditional Approval”, he wanted to share his thoughts on this and other new registrants via comity whom have had prior violations from other jurisdictions. The PEALS Law, nor Rules and Regulations, do not address this concern. What would be considered flags on prior violations? Would just disclosure of actions be sufficient? Board is advised on BM Santos’s concerns.

Item 9, Public Comment

None

Item 10, DPW Permit & DLM Survey Map Review

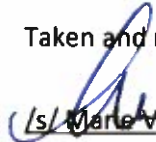
- A. Department of Land Management
- B. DPW Building Permits – (Grading/Building/Demolition/Clearing)

The review of documents was deferred. Please direct any comments or questions to EBA Gutierrez no later than two weeks from today.

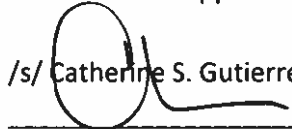
Item 11, ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by BM Gogue, seconded by BM Santos and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:22 PM.

Taken and recorded by:



  
/s/ Marie Villanueva  
Administrative Assistant

Reviewed and Approved by:

  
/s/ Catherine S. Gutierrez

Catherine S. Gutierrez  
Executive Board Administrator

BOARD APPROVED:

Approved by:  10.27.2021  11/3/21  
Maria Elizabeth V. Cristi, PE      Date      Cedric Q.T. Cruz, RA      Date  
Board Chair      Board Secretary/Treasurer

- Minutes approved as it
- Minutes approved with changes; see minutes \_\_\_\_\_

