

**The Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects, and Land Surveyors**  
**PEALS Board Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 16, 2023 GEDA Board Room Suite 511, Tamuning Guam 3:08 PM–4:47 PM**

<b>Present:</b>	Cedric Q.T. Cruz RA, Board Chair Paul L. Santos, PLS Maria Elizabeth V. Cristi, PE Nixon Isaac, Board Investigator Marie Villanueva, Admin. Asst.	Masoud K. Teimoury, PhD PE, Sec & Treas. Vincent P. Arriola, DPW Director, Vice Chair Atty. Sandra Cruz Miller, Asst. AG Catherine S. Gutierrez, Exec. Board Adm.
<b>Absent:</b>	Cathyann C. Gogue, Public Member	
<b>Guest</b>	Brent Wiese RA, AIA Inna Wiese RA, AIA Marianas Brian Bearden PE, GEPA Gabriel Jugo PE SE, GSPE	Andrew Smith PE, GSPE Secretary Mark Ruth RA, AIA – Emeritus Aaron Burger, Self

**Item 1, Call to Order**

Board's mission statement was announced. There being a quorum, the meeting was then called to order at 3:08 pm.

**Item 2, Board Investigator's Report**

**[TABLED – Pending AAG Miller's Review of Case File]**

**PB2022-03 – Complainant: Aaron Burger**

**Respondent: Eddy N. Sy, PE CE1249**

**Violation: Statute PEALS Law, Article 2, §1203 Not in Compliance, Competency for Assignments**

*VC Arriola joined the Board meeting with his arrival.*

**Item 3, Board Discussion**

**3.a GEPA Permitting Statistics for Engineers and Architects 2020-2021**

**3.b AIA Marianas Letter – AIA Marianas' Position on Professional and Ethical Practice  
(Responsible Control)**

**3.c NSPE-GU/GSPE Letter – Investigation of High-Volume Engineering and Architecture Work**

After providing position letters to the PEALS Board, representatives from the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) and professional societies (AIA Marianas and NSPE-GU/GSPE) challenged the PEALS Board members to investigate not only the individual (engineer or architect) stamping design drawings but to also scrutinize the network of contractors, drafters and other unlicensed practitioners engaging in unethical professional practices (e.g., moonlighting, "rubber stamping" of plans, etc.) which present potential dangers to the health, welfare and safety of society.

Based on the findings of a thorough investigation and if individual(s) are found in violation of the PEALS Law, it was proposed that the results of this investigation also be forwarded to the Attorney General's office for further prosecution to the full extent of the law under the guise of Racketeering and Tax Evasion.

The Board tabled this discussion and requested guidance from AAG Miller. Her recommendations will provide direction for further Board consideration and action.

It was moved by VC Arriola, seconded by BM Santos, and unanimously carried to have EBA Gutierrez meet with individual having apparent questionable "Responsible Control" practice based on the complaint filed. The Board will wait for legal counsel's determination, and if found questionable, the Board will be allowed to visit their place of business and request how they are able to produce under one hundred and forty-seven (147), stamped and approved, blueprints (drawings/plans) in a year.

3.d Rules & Regulations Update - [TABLED]


#### Item 4, Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by BM Cristi, seconded by VC Arriola, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 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:

  
Cedric Q.T. Cruz, RA  
Board Chair

8/5/23  
Date

  
Masoud K. Teimoury, PhD PE  
Board Secretary & Treasurer

8-5-2023  
Date

July 27, 2023  
 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

