



Republic of the Philippines  
Professional Regulation Commission  
Manila



PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF GEOLOGY

Resolution No. 03  
Series of 2023

DESIGNATION OF BOARD FOCAL PERSON FOR THE EVALUATION  
AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF  
SPECIAL PERMITS TO FORMER FILIPINO PROFESSIONALS

**WHEREAS**, Section 7 (l) of Republic Act No. 8981 or the "PRC Modernization Act of 2000" provides that professionals who were former citizens of the Philippines and who had been registered and issued a certificate of registration and a professional identification card (PIC) prior to their naturalization as foreign citizens, may, while in the country on a visit, sojourn, or permanent residence, practice their profession: Provided, That prior to the practice of their profession, they shall have first been issued a special permit and updated PIC by the Professional Regulatory Board (Board) concerned subject to approval by the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission), and upon payment of the permit and annual registration fees;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission issued Resolution No. 1225 (s. 2020) on the "Rules Governing Former Filipino Professionals" which provides that former Filipino professionals seeking to practice in the Philippines must secure a Special Permit (SP) from the Board concerned and the Commission and update his/her PIC;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission issued Memorandum Order (M.O.) No. 04 (s. 2016) on the "Streamlining of Procedures in the Preparation of Board and Commission Resolutions and other Official Issuances Involving Policy Decisions and Directives; Actions and/or Decisions on Applications for the Licensure Examination, Registration Without Examination, Issuance of Certificates of Accreditation, Certificates of Compliance (COCs), Certificates of Authority to Operate, Certificates of Registration of Corporations and Partnerships for the Practice of Profession and other Similar Applications";

**WHEREAS**, SP and other applications of similar nature as defined in Part IV (2) of M.O. No. 04 (s. 2016) shall be endorsed to the Board, through its Focal Person, who shall be primarily responsible for the evaluation of the same, subject to the subsequent ratification by the Board and the Commission;

**IN VIEW WHEREOF**, the Professional Regulatory Board of Geology **RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to recommend the designation of **FERNANDO S. PEÑARROYO**, Board Chairperson, or in his absence, **ELMER B. BILLEDO**, Board Member, as the Focal Person for the evaluation and approval of applications for the issuance of Special Permit to Former Filipino Professionals.

This Resolution shall take effect upon approval.

Done this 19th day of April, 2023 in the City of Manila.

  
**FERNANDO S. PEÑARROYO**  
Chairperson

  
**BENJAMIN S. AUSTRIA**  
Member

  
**ELMER B. BILLEDO**  
Member

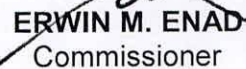
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Chairperson

  
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**ERWIN M. ENAD**  
Commissioner