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President's Message



By Kyle Salyer, P.E., P.S

I am honored and excited to serve as your 2021-2022 President of the Arkansas Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors. The Board remains steadfast in protecting the life, health, safety, and welfare of the public in Arkansas by licensing qualified individuals and maintaining compliance. Our current Board members bring a wide range of experience and very high level of competency and I can assure you they do their best to serve our state and licensees.

The Board is pleased to announce on December 2, 2020 the Historic Zero Milestone Monument located in front of the Board office at 623 Woodlane Street was recognized for its statewide significance in transportation history and inducted into the Arkansas Register of Historic Places. The Board has also been involved and is a signatory to the NCEES Resolution of Cooperation. This resolution promotes licensure mobility and reduces barriers for comity applicants. The Board has worked diligently over a 2-year span to promulgate new rules that went into effect September 20, 2020. We will be seeking the approval to promulgate new rules in early 2022 to be in compliance with the new statutes passed by the Arkansas 93rd General Assembly.

This month the Board will be conducting an Arkansas State Specific Survey Exam Workshop with several professionals from around the state to determine future content and verify the State Specific Survey Exam bank questions. The Board's staff has a wealth of experience and are here to serve each of you, so please reach out to them with any questions..



Rules of the Board Promote Responsible Licensing

by Heather Richardson, Director

Seeing one of the most challenging years in our rearview mirror, the Board remains focused and committed to protecting the public and state with responsible licensing. Arkansas legislative sessions in 2019 and 2021 have focused on licensure reform. In response to the new legislation, the Board has remained vigilant to promulgate rules to comply with the newly enacted laws. The Rules of the Board can be reviewed and downloaded at www.pels.arkansas.gov.

On September 1, 2020 the Board promulgated rules to be more consistent with national model rules, clarified requirements, eliminated barriers, and incorporated statutory amendments passed during the 92nd Arkansas General Assembly. A summary of the rule changes are as follows: Rules of the Board clarified the conditional approval licensure process for qualified comity and intern licensure applicants; original professional applicants may ask Board permission to take the NCEES Principles and Practice Exam or may apply for licensure after passing the exam; clarified the education requirements for Surveyor Intern and Professional Surveyor applicants; Continuing Professional Competency (CPC) requires Professional Surveyors to obtain at least 2 hours of Standards of Practice No. 1 for Property Boundary Surveys and Plats for each biennial renewal period; the Transformation Act 910 of 2019 changed the administrative duties of the Board; Act 426 and Act 1011 of 2019 amended qualifications for comity applicants and temporary licenses; and Act 820 of 2019 expedites comity licensure for military and their spouses. *continued page 2*

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On September 14, 2021 the Board adopted proposed amendments to the Rules of the Board to be in compliance with the 93rd Arkansas General Assembly. The proposed Rules of the Board are pending before the Governor and the legislature.

The amendments are due to Act 135 of 2021 Occupational Licensing of Uniformed Service Members, Act 748 of 2021 Occupational Criminal Background Checks, and Act 725 of 2021 Workforce Expansion. A Public Notice will be issued once the Rules of the Board are finalized and approved for promulgation.

These amendments to the Rules of the Board communicate that the Board recognizes that professional licensure is vital in the mission to protecting the life, health, safety, and welfare of the public.

On a personal note, I would like to express my appreciation for H. James “Jim” Engstrom’s 28 years of service to the board. He was appointed by the Governor in 1993. He was originally licensed as a Professional Engineer No. 3125 on November 5, 1970 and is still Active. Jim was introduced to engineering and the board by his father, Harold J. Engstrom, PE who served on the board from 1957 in the same Engineer Member position until 1968. Jim was elected as President of the Board from 1995-1996, 2003-2004, 2013-2014, and 2020-2021. His service and commitment to the board has been exceptional and unwavering.



REPORT ON DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Since June 2020

By Grant Grigg

Case Number 2020- 03 In the Matter of Gilbert Collins v Justin Hall PE 11050

Complaint: Alleged that Hall was practicing as a structural engineer when not qualified to do so.

Resolution: A Hearing was held on June 15, 2021, Hall was found in violation of A.C.A § 17-30-305(a)(1)(B), § 17-30-305(a)(1)(K) and § 17-30-305(a)(1)(D). Hall was found in violation of Board Rules Article 20.A(1), Article 20.A(2), Article 20.B(1) and Article 20.C(1), Hall’s Engineering license and Hall Engineering’s COA were revoked, and Hall was fined a civil penalty of \$7,500. Mr. Hall is currently appealing the Board’s decision in Pulaski County Circuit Court.

Case Number 2020-04 In the Matter of Richardson v Sonny Low PE 11057

Complaint Alleged that Low was unable to provide supporting documentation of the 30 PDH reported during the 2020 renewal.

Resolution: On June 15, 2021, the parties entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board revoking Low’s Engineering license.

Case Number 2020-05 In the Matter of Warner v Lawrence, PS 1552

Complaint: Alleged that Lawrence violated the Arkansas Standards of Practice No 1 for Property Boundary Surveys and Plats.

Resolution: A Hearing was held on September 14, 2021, Lawrence was found in violation of Board Rules Article 14.A. and Article 14.A.4. Lawrence was placed on Probation of 6 months, required to take 6 hours of continuing education, and required to pay a fine of \$1000. Lawrence was also required to submit 20 surveys for review to the Arkansas State Surveyor’s office for compliance review.

CONGRATULATIONS LICENSEES!

New licenses issued April 1, 2020 – October 21, 2021

<u>SURVEYOR INTERNS</u>				<u>PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS</u>
Nathaniel Cagle 702	Kevin Michael 706	Andrew Stark 709	Timothy McCollough 712	Aaron Davis 1880
Phillip Zeagler 703	Daniel Jones 707	David Campbell Jr. 710	Benson LeBoeuf 713	Alan Nix 1885
Ross Goodner 704	Jacob Long 708	Charis McKay 711	Maxwell Richards 714	
Clayton McKelvin 705			Robert Fitts 715	

<u>PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS</u>				
Bryan Eslick 19630	Austin Hales 19933	Timothy Yu 19955	Sharthak Munasib 20267	Samuel Jenkins 20395
Michael Batdorf 19738	James Hanna 19934	Kyle McCraw 19956	Joshua Beck 20307	Matthew Kitsch 20396
Fallon Lee 19764	Tyler Joyner Sr 19935	David Criswell 19978	Joshua Capps 20308	Andrew LeBlanc 20397
Brianna Ovuoba Phd 19778	Samuel Kreimeyer 19936	Matthew Loos 19979	Miguel Caro-Rodriguez 20309	Wesley LeMonier 20398
Eric Burke 19804	Daniel Lamberger 19937	Steven Cummings 20006	Stephen Hixson 20310	Istiaque Mahmud 20399
William Stacy 19818	John Lasley 19938	Charles Kvamme 20007	Clint Karstetter 20311	Jean P N Kunda 20400
Alexander Halloran 19819	Jeffrey Madden 19939	Aurelian Cimuca 20008	Patrick Kerby 20312	Robert Reaves 20401
John Worsham 19823	Kyle Martin 19940	Charles Reed V 20047	Eeshan Kumar 20313	Timothy Robnett 20402
Obatayo Hounwanou 19854	John McCutcheon 19941	Denis Guillette 20073	Katherine Leblanc 20314	Matthew Wendel 20403
Katherine Hollingshead 19855	Christian McGuire 19942	Jacob Rennick 20074	Justin Lester 20315	Joshua Coffman 20407
Jacob Spence 19856	Landon Meeks 19943	Christopher Maestri 20075	Ethan Peck 20316	Dominic Rose 20450
Samuel Bush 19904	Cameron Murray 19944	Shane Shelbourn 20076	William Phillips 20317	Sierra Morgan 20457
Nathan Helms 19905	Tyler Norton 19945	Gregory Pinkston 20077	Patrick Stevens 20318	Kade Beck 20505
Austin Anderson 19924	Brendan Oman 19946	Donald French 20109	Tanner White 20319	Charles Cartwright 20506
Luis Barboza 19925	Brandon Rush 19947	Adrian Beirise 20153	Connie Walden PhD 20320	Bryan Casillas 20507
Matthew Barlow 19926	Quentin Skelton 19948	Ralph Huneycutt IV 20165	Steven Lewis Jr 20331	Kapil Dhital 20508
Martin Beckman 19927	Kurt Smith 19949	Jacob Giffin 20180	James Holt 20336	Hunter Egan 20509
Bradley Bridges 19928	Connor Threet 19950	Evan Schrodel 20181	Kaleb Belcher 20390	Alec McDaniel 20510
Robert Bullis 19929	Justice Wagnon 19951	Steven Schultz 20202	Jacob Carter 20391	Andrew Morrison 20511
Andrew Dodds 19930	Matthew Waidner 19952	Alexander Newkirk 20203	Nazmul Chowdhury 20392	Ryan Pottinger 20512
Tyler Feemster 19931	William Wehmeyer Jr 19953	Hunter Brock 20265	Luke Freedle 20393	Ryan Schnellenberger 20513
Caroline Fox 19932	Essie Whitmore 19954	Reed Hill 20266	Tanner Harris 20394	David Trulove 20514

<u>ENGINEER INTERNS</u>				
Elizabeth Reisbeck 9164	Isaac Davis 9212	Rendon Rieth 9260	Joshua Jacobs 9308	Edwin Osorio 9356
Jonathan Clemons 9165	Zachary Haki 9213	Alen Shrestha 9261	Kelly O'Brien 9309	Saenghun Bahng 9357
Mark Bush 9166	Emily Cumiskey 9214	Travis Keymer 9262	Beatrice Becerra 9310	Kyle Matteson 9358
Emily Sherrill 9167	Ramsey Khairi 9215	Chris Gerhardt-Mathews 9263	Brandon Conrad 9311	Caroline Wilson 9359
Ellen Godsey 9168	Cameron Polk 9216	James Hope 9264	Samuel Bell 9312	Tyler Elliott 9360
Patrick Joseph 9169	Collin Weatherly 9217	Jacob Tillman 9265	Blake Bradley 9313	Kip Williams 9361
Kevin Castro Vargas 9170	Wes Keys 9218	Clifford Weld 9266	Jared Horner 9314	Gregory Ballard 9362
Connor Smalling 9171	Julia Loshelder 9219	Joshua Perez 9267	Meagan Lowery-Rippa 9315	Kevin McDannold 9363
Rohith Venkata Sai Bachina 9172	Aimee Stokes 9220	Dalton Mitchell 9268	Parker Coleman 9316	Cameron Stout 9364
David Bishop 9173	Cady Rosenbaum 9221	Paul Swearingen 9269	Jacob Shirley 9317	Derek Zimmerman 9365
Yonas Ghebremedhin 9174	Brynn Bodwell 9222	Joe Saenz 9270	Saul Flores 9318	Jacob Monroe 9366
John Lampson 9175	Matthew Brooks 9223	Benjamin Payne 9271	John Fancher 9319	Bernard Kennetz III 9367
Rachel Bennet 9176	Steven Cummings 9224	Phillip Krupp 9272	Teva Meegan 9320	Carter Devasher 9368
Elizabeth Topping 9177	Parker Little 9225	Casey Ragsdale 9273	Andrew Moore 9321	Charles Simon 9369
Marvin Arroyo-Rujano 9178	Christina Childress 9226	Balbhadra Thakur 9274	Hayden Knowles 9322	Tyler Stamps 9370
Jonathan Hogate 9179	Brandon Ludke 9227	Hunter Collins 9275	Clay Schuler 9323	Ashlyn Johnson 9371
Allie Perry 9180	Jacob Maez 9228	Cody Sims 9276	Justin Mitchell 9324	Jordan Sanford 9372
Conlee Hale 9181	Clare Yurchak 9229	Laura Gray 9277	Austin Espejo 9325	Majd Salameh 9373
Justin Vanover 9182	Carter Hanson 9230	Joshua Haley 9278	David Olatunji 9326	Sydney Allgeier 9374
Caleb Zimmerman 9183	Clay Murphy 9231	Walker Rosenbaum 9279	Tyler Huggins 9327	Olivia Overton 9375
Colton Echols 9184	Kaley Collins 9232	Andrew Johnson 9280	Mason Keeling 9328	Hunter Egan 9376
Jarrett Elliott 9185	Ujjwal Ghimire 9233	Justin Stroud 9281	Katie Herekamp 9329	Justin Odom 9377
Alexander Thurber 9186	Hunter Addison 9234	Brandon Bradke 9282	Daniel Lachance 9330	Corey Fyfe 9378
David Criswell 9187	Jeffrey Nichols Jr 9235	Enoch Richardson 9283	Timothy Strasser 9331	Zane Mallicote 9379
Mackenzie Page 9188	Benjamin Shumate 9236	William Schroeder 9284	Faith Wilkerson 9332	Courtney Austin 9380
Kelsey Criswell 9189	Andrew Obenshain 9237	Braelyn Smith 9285	Jocie Baker 9333	Eyra Herrera 9381
Brittani Mitchell 9190	Ryan Pottinger 9238	Will Callaway 9286	Jonathan Sorensen 9334	Alexander Edmisten 9382
Kyle Templet 9191	Michael Arnold 9239	Charles Crosby 9287	Gil Thomas 9335	Anazaria Ortega Gonzalez 9383
Hunter Lipton 9192	Tannia Serna 9240	Steven Cole 9288	Josue Castellanos Barba 9336	Jacob Vasquez 9384
Chadwick Grimmett 9193	Travis Lee 9241	John Herren 9289	Charles Locher 9337	Kevin Wang 9385
Wyatt Brewer 9194	Hollis Bennett III 9242	Connor Lemmerhirt 9290	Frank Chachere III 9338	Lindsey Diekemper 9386
Jesse Hawkins 9195	Hunter Mays 9243	Morgan Dulin 9291	Jonathan Gentry 9339	Casey Gibson 9387

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Troy Davis Jr 9196	Ryan Wass 9244	Michelle Lo 9292	William Hopkins 9340	Jeffrey Storment 9388
Christopher Troupe 9197	Priscila CunhaDeAlmeida 9245	Coty Hegeman 9293	Ian Williams 9341	Stephane Bossio 9389
Joseph Mathis 9198	Andrew Jewell 9246	Mathew Perez 9294	Rachael Koehler 9342	Brianna Bert 9390
Subhanjan Bista 9199	Carlton Jones 9247	Isaiah Filley 9295	Caleb Renfroe 9343	Colton Bromman 9391
Bipul Simkhada 9200	William Henson 9248	Kyle Wittman 9296	Thomas Howe 9344	Timothy Nix 9392
Suzanne Mangan 9201	Amy Johnson 9249	Anna Hunter 9297	Ryan Pearce 9345	Virginia Lantz 9393
John Schwarz 9202	Benjamin Malatesta 9250	William Taylor 9298	John Sawyer IV 9346	Brant Collins II 9394
Conner Lane 9203	Grant Merkel 9251	Abbie Lasater 9299	Jacob Taylor 9347	Ryan Keener 9395
Brady Patrick 9204	Ryan Russell 9252	Esteban Miranda Pinzon 9300	William Hoisington 9348	Colby Brown 9396
Kaylyn Zuech 9205	Christian Dye 9253	Philip Roveto PhD 9301	Grant Eason 9349	Juan Martinez Castro 9397
Sean Withem 9206	Thomas Martin 9254	Mohammad Saghir 9302	Gabriel Frey 9350	Hunter Gowen 9398
Niles Thomas 9207	Kendrick Clarke 9255	Bryan Zach 9303	John Haney 9351	Max Hicks II 9399
Caleb Chesnut 9208	Dustin Kimbrough 9256	Erik Salguero 9304	Noah Easom 9352	Allison Lemley 9400
Patrick Comer 9209	Josh Burns 9257	Justin Edwards 9305	Samantha Renard 9353	Victoria Christian 9401
Zachary Boone 9210	Cole Glover 9258	Christopher Miller 9306	Lane Edwards 9354	Liam Carr 9402
Leah Coffield 9211	Xingyu Peng 9259	Aryana Davin 9307	Ian Klein 9355	Alexander Anderson 9403
				Ahlam Safouhi 9404

Licensure Report As of October 2021, there are 1,222–EI’s, 63–SI’s, 9,866–PE’s, 697–PS’s, and 2,353–COA’s for a grand total of 14,201 Licensees!

Board Welcomes new Members

Governor Hutchinson has appointed the following new Members:



Lorie H. Tudor, P.E., Little Rock, Arkansas

Lorie graduated from the Univ. of Memphis in 1995 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering degree and became an Arkansas P.E in 2002. She was appointed in 2020 and is the current Board Vice-President. Her term will expire in 2024.



Murry E Cline, P.E., Springdale, Arkansas

Murry graduated from the Univ. of Arkansas – Fayetteville in 1988 with a B.S. Civil Engineering degree and became an Arkansas P.E. in 1993. He also maintains P.E. licenses in FL, MS, and TN. Murry is an Engineer Member of the Board, appointed in 2021, and his term will expire in 2025.

Visit the Board & Staff page of our website to read more about these two new members!



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News and Updates

NCEES develops and scores the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE), Principles and Practice of Engineering (PPE), Fundamentals of Surveying (FS), and Principles and Practice of Surveying (PPS) national exams. The exams are administered in either computer-based testing (CBT) format or paper and pencil format at universities and Pearson VUE tests centers in every state and some international jurisdictions.

CBT administration of all survey exams and most engineering exams is year-round, with a few CBT PPE exams only offered once a year in October. The four (4) year-round testing windows are January–March, April–June, July–September, and October–December.

The last pen-and-paper PPE Civil exams (Construction, Geotechnical, Structural, Transportation, and Water Resources and Environmental) were administered October 21-22, 2021. Future PPE Civil exams will be year-round in CBT format and beginning November 1, 2021 appointment registration will open for the first testing window April 2022. The only remaining paper-in-pencil exam will be the 16-hour Structural Engineering (SE) exam.

If you have any questions or comments for NCEES, please contact them directly through their website NCEES.org, online at MyNCEES, or call 1-800-250-3196.

UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* **EVENTS**



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| 2021 | Nov | 1 | Odd E.I., P.E., and C.O.A licensure renewal OPENS |
| | | 11 | Veterans day – State offices closed |
| | | 15 | Survey Exam Committee Meeting |
| | | 16 | Complaint Committee & Board Meetings |
| | | 25-26 | Thanksgiving – State offices closed |
| | Dec | 23-24 | State Offices Closed – Christmas Eve & Day (Observed) |
| | | 31 | Odd E.I., P.E., and C.O.A licensure renewal DEADLINE |
| 2022 | Jan | 11 | Board Meeting |
| | | 17 | State Offices Closed – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday |
| | Feb | | State Offices Closed – George Washington’s Birthday & Daisy Gatson Bates Day |
| | Mar | 8 | Board Meeting |
| | May | 1 | Even S.I. and P.S. licensure renewal OPENS |
| | | 10 | Board Meeting |
| | | 27 | State Offices Closed – Memorial Day |
| | June | 30 | Even S.I. and P.S. licensure renewal DEADLINE |
| | July | 4 | State Offices Closed - Independence Day |
| | | 14 | Board Meeting |
| | Aug | 1 | Even DUAL licensure renewal OPENS |
| | Sept | 5 | State Offices Closed – Labor Day |
| | | 13 | Board meeting |
| | | 30 | Even DUAL licensure renewal DEADLINE |
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