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Newsletter

Greetings! It is my honor and privilege to serve as the 2022-2023 President of the Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors (PELS)

Being a member of the PELS Board has been a great experience. The PELS Director, Heather Richardson, and the staff support Arkansas' licensed engineers and surveyors with professionalism and efficiency.

As the Director of the Arkansas Department of Transportation, I understand the importance of licensing engineers and surveyors. ARDOT is the largest employer of Civil Engineers in the State. In addition, we employ a large staff of surveyors that perform highway and bridge project surveys throughout the year. Along with our in-house efforts, we oversee a large number of consultants that work as an extension of ARDOT staff to provide these services.

The safety of those driving on our roads and bridges is ARDOT's most important goal. Another important goal is the effective stewardship of public funds to provide the best infrastructure solutions at the lowest cost. Therefore, licensure is imperative for the continued protection of the health and safety of the public and for maintaining professional standards to ensure competency in the fields of engineering and surveying.

The personal advantage of having the PE and/or PS after your name is that it will open doors for you the rest of your life. It is an indicator of your competency and commitment to excellence. The Board remains committed to maintaining the integrity and credibility of the licensing process.





Department of Labor and Licensing: Post-Transformation and 2023 Legislative Session By Daryl E. Bassett, Secretary

On April 11, 2019, Governor Hutchinson signed the Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019 (Act 910). This 2000-plus page act was one of the cornerstones of the Governor's efforts to streamline state operations and improve efficiencies with the goal of reducing the costs of state government and improving services to the citizens of Arkansas. The act reduced the number of cabinet-level agencies from 42 to 15. Over 200 boards and commissions were assigned to one of the cabinet-level agencies as an umbrella. This was the first major

reform of state government organization since 1972 under then-Governor Dale Bumpers.

Act 910 created a new Department of Labor and Licensing (ADLL), which encompassed the former Department of Labor and the Workers' Compensation Commission, as well as 22 occupational licensing boards and commissions. Among these occupational licensing boards was the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors. I was both pleased and honored to have been appointed by Governor Hutchinson as the Secretary for the newly created Department. I am also very pleased with the cooperation and assistance of the Board from transformation through today, and am extremely proud of its professionalism, dedication, and commitment to serving its licensees and the State of Arkansas.

Under Act 910, the occupational licensing boards retained their licensing, regulatory, and enforcement authority. The State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors also retained its authority to hire a director, now done "in consultation with the Secretary." I cannot emphasize enough how happy I am with the knowledge, experience, and leadership provided by the Board's Director, Heather Richardson, and look forward to working withcontinued page 2

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her for many years to come. I and my staff are committed to working with the Board and continuing to provide administrative support services, including payroll, benefit management, human resource operations, accounting, procurement, and similar services; coordination and communication with the Governor and General Assembly whenever needed or helpful to the Board and all other Department occupational licensing entities; and support staff with a level of expertise and experience to address any issue that may arise. Whether the issue relates to accounting, finances, information technology, compliance, human resources, or legal, legislative, or other matters, we are certainly stronger together than separately.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention the great work done by Director Richardson and her staff in implementing an electronic licensing platform and with their continuing outreach efforts. The Board, like the Department of Labor and Licensing, takes great pride in being an accessible resource for its partners and constituents. The Board can easily be reached by phone, e-mail, or 24/7 through its website - through which a response is generally provided within 24 hours.

As we approach the 2023 Regular Session of the General Assembly, the Board's accessibility and willingness to communicate should not be overlooked. The Board and the Department will be closely reviewing and monitoring all legislative proposals for the purpose of advocating for good government, only positive changes, and the best interests of its trades and occupations, including professional engineers and surveyors. This is a collective effort. We invite information and opinions from interested parties, including whenever possible in the early stages of development when policy considerations can be identified and addressed. Please direct any such insights to the Board's Director, who will be working closely with the Department's Legislative Team, and be assured we will do our very best to serve you well in this capacity.

We greatly appreciate the support of the Board, its members, and licensees, in helping us meet the considerable challenges of the public health emergency and the transformation of so many important occupational licensing entities into a cohesive team. While we have made great strides, we are always mindful of the challenges that lie ahead and that we must continue to strive to be more efficient, accountable, and transparent to the citizens we serve.

Daryl E. Bassett is the former Director of the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services. He previously served as Director of Business and Commercial Services for the Arkansas Secretary of State. Prior to that service, he was a Commissioner with the Arkansas Public Service Commission for nine years and Chief Economic Development Advisor to former Governor Mike Huckabee.



REPORT ON DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS October 2021 – September 2022 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: The Board's 2021 Revocation Order was appealed to Pulaski County Circuit Court 60CV-21-4348. The judge ordered the Board's revocation of Justin Hall's PE license and Hall Engineering, LTD's Certificate of Authorization be overturned and remanded back to the Board to determine the engineering restrictions on Justin Hall's PE license. The Board conducted a Hearing on June 28, 2022 and issued the Amended Order. The Amended Order requires Hall to complete an 8-hour engineering ethics course within six months of the date of the order and imposed a fine of \$2,000. The Amended Order requires Hall to complete a master's program in Civil Engineering/ Structural Engineering and pass the NCEES Professional Engineer Structural Exam before being able to represent himself as a Structural Engineer and the Amended Order requires Hall to pass the NCEES Professional Engineer Exam with a Structural Emphasis before providing structural inspection, analysis, or forensic analysis. The Amended Order requires Hall to shut down all websites that claim he and/or his company to be a Structural Engineer or offer structural engineering services.

CONGRATULATIONS LICENSEES! New licenses issued October 22, 2021 – October 31, 2022

| | <u>PROFESSIONA</u> | L SURVEYORS | | SURVEYOR INTERNS |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Cameron Angerman 1888 | Thomas Young 1893 | Bradley Dempster 1897 | Michael Sherbut 1901 | Brian Bowman 716 |
| Phillip Swope 1889 | David Buff 1894 | Fred Selensky 1898 | Randy Denmon 1902 | Daniel Coleman 717 |
| Jon Dittbenner 1890 | Neil Shultz 1895 | Derek Twente 1899 | David Campbell 1903 | John Glenn 718 |
| Christopher Ihde 1891 | Simon Kiefer 1896 | Benson LeBoeuf 1900 | Timothy Wiswell 1904 | Aaron St. Amant 719 |
| David O'Brien 1892 | | | Philip Horne 1905 | Brandon Foiles 720 |
| | | PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER | \$ | |
| Christopher Bridges 20592 | Seth Louviere 20683 | James Hendricks 20759 | Caleb Weaver 20883 | Jessica Vinson 21164 |
| Mallory Jackson 20593 | Hannah Lybrand 20684 | Emma Hernon 20760 | Savannah Wing 20884 | Samuel Shelton 21177 |
| Natthew Jackson 20600 | Kathy Metivier 20685 | Mark Kelloms 20761 | Kristen Staples 20885 | Kai Imamura 21209 |
| Zachary Sabey 20615 | Matthew Mitchell 20686 | Karen McCurdy 20762 | Peter Farmer 20949 | Christopher Richardson 212 |
| Paul Arthur 20634 | Patrick Phillips 20687 | Joshua Perry 20763 | Cass Sobek 21008 | Steven Hryniewicz 21232 |
| lugh Laws 20635 | Jeremy Rawn 20688 | Kamyar Sardari 20764 | Clifton Burdette 21009 | Zachary Carroll 21273 |
| Niket Mahajan 20636 | Dylan Singleton 20689 | Kimberly Stevens 20765 | Sanghyun Chun 21010 | William Caster 21275 |
| Adam Palmer 20637 | Colby Spears 20690 | Braden Stevens 20766 | William Henson 21011 | Jake Chatman 21276 |
| an Rogers 20638 | Mitchell Spradlin 20691 | Ethan Williams 20767 | Ali Karr 21012 | Tadas Ciuckys 21277 |
| (yle York 20639 | Andrew Stephens 20692 | Sean Withem 20768 | Michael Mehaffy 21013 | Colton Horn 21278 |
| Maurisa Hughes 20640 | David Stinnett 20693 | Billy Songer 20777 | Ethan Six 21014 | Jess Jones 21279 |
| Garrett McMichael 20641 | Steven Chisholm 20694 | Johnson Baker 20872 | Gregory Thomas 21015 | Ian Killough 21280 |
| Christopher Hankins 20666 | Maggie Langston 20695 | Frank Chachere 20873 | Arturo Valles 21016 | Blandine T M Kemayou 2128 |
| Daniel Blair 20674 | Brandon Moon 20717 | Garrett Dunnam 20874 | James McCarty 21139 | Matthew Montgomery 2128 |
| Dalton Champagne 20675 | George Sasca 20748 | Igbal Hossan 20875 | Ali Al Saadawi 21156 | Nathan Parnell 21283 |
| Caroline Gardner 20676 | Daniel Allison 20752 | Kazi Tamzidul Islam 20876 | Joshua Boccaccio 21157 | Mary Salmonsen 21284 |
| evi Gottsponer 20677 | Eric Born 20753 | Dustin Kimbrough 20877 | Colton Bryant 21158 | Collin Weatherly 21285 |
| uke Griffin 20678 | Robert Chaney 20754 | Adam Mansour 20878 | Darryl Dromgoole 21159 | Hussain Alfaraj 21322 |
| Donald Henson 20679 | Josh Clark 20755 | Curtis Morace 20879 | Brooke Keene 21160 | Phillip Choi 21353 |
| oshua Henthorne 20680 | Allen Deaver 20756 | Joshua Stratton 20880 | Colton Moore 21161 | Kevin Wang 21377 |
| Andrew Hindman 20681 | Peter Delong 20757 | Afzal Syed 20881 | Quinton Smith 21162 | Matthew Hammond 21378 |
| onathan King 20682 | Jonathan Harris 20758 | Benjamin Thomson 20882 | Brandon Teel 21163 | Jessica Vinson 21164 |
| | | - | | |
| Reagan Kraft 9405 | Paige Leissner 9430 | ENGINEER INTERNS Benjamin Miller 9456 | Timothy McMullen 9481 | Hayden Engelbrecht 9505 |
| Charles Kutter 9406 | Cameron Geiger 9431 | Jonathan Newman 9457 | Mir Ali 9482 | Amanda Bogart 9506 |
| saiah De Voss 9407 | Clay Carrigan 9432 | Brett Gray 9458 | Skylar Wood 9483 | Jeffrey Wortham 9507 |
| (uan-Hung Lin 9408 | Benjamin Vaughn 9433 | Jayden Minchew 9459 | lan Mills 9484 | Wade Ireland 9508 |
| Samantha Campbell 9409 | Yves Manzi 9434 | Taylor Bearden 9460 | Joseph Adams 9485 | Mariah Crews 9509 |
| Caleb Ferren 9410 | Blake Russell 9435 | Colton Hill 9461 | Samuel Gunter 9486 | Braden Wise 9510 |
| Nathan Logsdon 9411 | Dalton Daughtrey 9436 | Mohammad N Oyan 9462 | Landon Long 9487 | Cody Smith 9511 |
| Addison Perez 9412 | Niko Holeman 9437 | Gaddiel Gadea Vega 9463 | Charis Lykins 9488 | Thanh Vu 9512 |
| Brett Palmer 9413 | Lealand Farrington 9438 | Britt Hall 9464 | Anh Tran 9489 | Jennifer Thibodeaux 9513 |
| oren Leamy 9414 | Jeshurun Horton 9439 | Cooper Longley 9465 | Anthony Rivas 9490 | Amy Miller 9514 |
| Veston Cole 9415 | Logan Maville 9440 | Noah Sorrell 9466 | Robert Quattrone 9491 | Cody Bates 9515 |
| Matthew Beeks 9416 | Daniel Witherell 9441 | Mykala Sinclair 9467 | Garold Ralston 9492 | Samuel Nepomuceno 951 |
| esus Martinez 9417 | Olivia Hope 9442 | Chase Mayden 9468 | Christopher Reid 9493 | Alejandro Aristizabal 9517 |
| Vicholas Royal 9418 | Archie Williams 9443 | Jake Lambert 9469 | Edwin Espinoza 9494 | Michala Smith 9518 |
| oshua Taber 9419 | Alexandra Depew 9444 | Nathaniel Wetzel 9470 | Colton Stanton 9495 | Dylan Adcock 9519 |
| Calysta Brown 9420 | Srishti Bhutani 9445 | Konnor Reece 9472 | Zachary Woodworth 9496 | Dustin Pense 9520 |
| Andrew Lea 9421 | Raiyan Chowdhury 9446 | Taylor Austin 9473 | Christian Rudnick 9497 | Marshall Roberson 9521 |
| essenia Gonzalez 9422 | Md Rafiue Islam 9447 | Garrett Wallace 9474 | Hunter Hobby 9498 | David Janski 9522 |
| Vathan Love 9423 | Christopher Jones 9448 | Benjamin Whiting 9475 | Nathan Bowman 9499 | Alexis Pauls 9523 |
| Diego Angles-Vega 9424 | Gagandeep Ubhi 9449 | Samuel Delgado 9476 | Caleb Mackey 9500 | Adam Gaspard 9524 |
| Thomas Winkler 9425 | Ulises Garcia 9451 | Chandler Trotter 9477 | | Trent Woessner 9525 |
| Frik Rodriguez 9426 | Joshua Hurd 9452 | Dawson Oakley 9478 | Evan Byrd 9501 Masan Brown 9502 | Jacob Miller 9526 |
| Fanner Whitted 9427 | Madeline Giebler 9453 | lan Thompson 9479 | Riley Cornett 9503 | Leah Suzor 9527 |
| | Nicholas Cross 9454 | Hannah Allen 9480 | Paul Chabaud 9504 | Lean Suzor 9527 Letha Pfalser 9528 |
| Brendan Morell 9428 | | | | |

Licensure Report

As of October 2022

Between October 2021 and October 2022, we issued 1,010 licenses - 122 Engineer Intern, 864 Professional Engineer, 18 Surveyor Intern, and 6 Professional Surveyor.

We have a grand total of 14,591 active Licensees! Number of licensees by type:

| Professional Engineers (PE) | 10,228 | Engineer Interns (EI) | 1,185 |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|
| Professional Surveyors (PS) | 668 | Surveyor Interns (SI) | 60 |
| Dual PE and PS | 87 | | |
| Certificates of Authorization | 2,450 | | |
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Exams-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. Majority of the exams are administered in computer-based testing (CBT) format at universities and Pearson VUE tests centers in every state and some international jurisdictions. The only remaining paper-in-pencil exam is the 16-hour Structural Engineering (SE) exam.

CBT administration of all survey exams and most engineering exams is year-round. The four (4) testing windows offered year-around are as follows:

- January March
- April June
- July September
- October December

NCEES Credentials Evaluation-The NCEES Credentials Evaluation determines if a licensure applicant's college degree program is comparable to the EAC/ABET accredited engineering programs by meeting the NCEES Engineering Education Standard. In Arkansas, one way to prove that your educational program meets the requirement and is equivalent to an EAC/ABET program is a NCEES Credentials evaluation.

NCEES Records program-This program is designed for currently licensed engineers and surveyors who are looking for an easier and faster way to complete the licensure process in multiple jurisdictions. An established NCEES Record will include college transcripts, exam results, employment verifications, and professional references. Arkansas accepts the NCEES Record.

If you have any questions or comments about exams, evaluations and/or programs available for applicants, please contact NCEES directly through their website NCEES.org, online at MyNCEES, or call 1-800-250-3196.

UPCOMING

| 2022 | Nov 1 | Even E.I., P.E., and C.O.A licensure renewal OPENS |
|------|---------|--|
| | 8 | Complaint Committee & Board Meetings |
| | 11 | Veterans day – State offices closed |
| | 25-26 | Thanksgiving – State offices closed |
| | Dec 24 | Christmas Eve (Observed 12/23) – State Offices Closed |
| | 25 | Christmas Day (Observed 12/26) – State Offices Closed |
| | 31 | Even E.I., P.E., and C.O.A licensure renewal DEADLINE |
| 2023 | Jan 1 | New Year's Day (Observed 01/02) – State Offices Closed |
| | 10 | Board Meeting |
| | 16 | Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday – State Offices Closed |
| | Feb 20 | George Washington's Birthday & Daisy Gatson Bates Day – State Offices Closed |
| | Mar 14 | Board Meeting |
| | May 1 | Even S.I. and P.S. licensure renewal OPENS |
| | 9 | Board Meeting |
| | 29 | State Offices Closed – Memorial Day |
| | June 30 | Even S.I. and P.S. licensure renewal DEADLINE |
| | July 4 | Independence Day – State Offices Closed |
| | 11 | Board Meeting |
| | Aug 1 | Odd DUAL licensure renewal OPENS |
| | Sept 4 | Labor Day – State Offices Closed |
| | 12 | Board meeting |
| | 30 | Even DUAL licensure renewal DEADLINE |
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Mark Your Calendars

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