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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 with ......continued 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
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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		



**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

Mark Your Calendars

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