



## 18.43 Task Force Meeting

April 19, 2024 | 8:30 a.m

Teams Meeting (virtual) & Olympia (in-person)

**Committee:** Marjorie Lund, PE, SE  
Ivan VanDeWege, PE  
Jim Wengler, PLS, CFedS

**Support staff:** Ken Fuller, PE, Director  
Shanan Gillespie, Regulatory Program Manager  
Kris Horton, PLS, Deputy Director  
Jill Short, Investigations Manager  
Vonna Cramer, Licensing Lead  
Elizabeth Lagerberg, AAG  
Bryce Dickison, Administrative Assistant

**Guests:** Ryan (No last name given) (via Teams)

### Discussion topics

- Review staff's response to emails from the Survey of title "Engineer" and any further correspondence.

The task force reviewed the thank you message that was sent to the list of people that wanted to be kept up to date on this subject. Staff informed the task force that there has not been any further correspondence.

The task force members discussed that since it appeared that most of the people that responded to the survey were licensed, how could they get the opinions of the public, and what should they do with the comments received. It was suggested that a message/survey be sent to individuals that aren't licensed, but deal with engineers, such as WABO, realtors, title companies, contractors, etc. Mr. Wengler suggested that they review reports on ARPL (Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing) website that were prepared by Oxford Economics regarding professional licensing. **Action item:** Ms. Horton will download the reports and send them to the task force members.

- Review "minor" edits to RCW 18.43 as passed by the board at December 2023 meeting.

The task force discussed the language that was presented to the Board at their December 2023 meeting, and the recommendation of the task force to proceed with a simple clean-up of 18.43 RCW, work on language regarding the composition of the Board, and work on language in 18.235 RCW.

The committee reviewed the proposed language for both RCW 18.43.030 *Board of registration—Members—Terms—Qualifications—Compensation and travel expenses* and RCW 18.43.033 *Pro tem board members—Limits—Duties*.

They determined that a full board discussion was needed to decide whether to:

- pursue the edited language in 18.43.030 which could add a licensed on-site designer to the board and could change the PE membership to four.

**OR**

- pursue the edited language in 18.43.033 which would give the director the authority to appoint an individual licensed under 18.210 as a pro-tem member. Also discussed was whether the language regarding the time limit of 180 days should be changed.

Regardless of which option to pursue, the task force is recommending the number of pro-tem members be changed to 3 members to be consistent with RCW 18.235.040. **Action item:** Staff to provide the edited versions of 18.43.030 and 18.43.033 as separate documents for the next Board meeting.

The task force discussed some of the proposed edits that were previously made and provided staff with some further edits to make. There was some uncertainty on whether the task force was reviewing the current edits. **Action item:** Staff was directed to create a current document showing the edits the task force and the board has made to date, without the edited language about the term “Engineer” and provide that document to the task force.

- Review options for clarifying the term engineer, if needed, and discuss next steps

Ms. Lund discussed the options that were listed in the packet. There was a discussion about the need to get stakeholder input, but due to time constraints, a decision was not reached. **Action item:** The task force requested staff to schedule at least 1-2 meetings prior to the June Board meeting.

### **Strategic Planning Items**

- None

### **Action Items**

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