



STATE OF WASHINGTON
BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

SPECIAL WORK SESSION NOTES

DATE: April 20, 2022

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: 605 11th Ave SE - Suite 207, Olympia, WA and WebEx

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members

Marjorie Lund, PE, SE, Chair
Doug Hendrickson, PE, Vice Chair
Aaron Blaisdell, PLS
Nirmala Gnanapragasam, Ph.D, PE
Dave Peden, PE, SE
Ivan VanDeWege, PE
James Wengler, PLS, CFedS

Guests

Bill Bullock, PE (WebEx)
Greg Schieferstein (WebEx)
James Strohecker, PE (Retired) (WebEx)
Sharon Zimmerman, PE (WebEx)

Staff Members

Elizabeth Lagerberg, Advising AAG
Ken Fuller, PE, Director
Richard Larson, PLS, Deputy Director
Carmena Moretti, Executive Assistant
Shanan Gillespie, Regulatory Program Manager
Jill Short, Investigations & Compliance Manager
Vonna Cramer, Licensing Lead (WebEx)
Mackenzie Wherrett, Licensing Specialist
Nghiem Pham, Licensing Specialist (WebEx)

1. Introductions

- 1.1. Board Members, Staff, and Guests
- 1.2. Communication and Outreach Manager – Greg Schieferstein

2. Review of Current Outreach Plan

The Board reviewed and revised The Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Outreach Program and Guidelines document that was included in the work session packet.

3. FE Waiver & RCW 18.43 – Direction for the Exam Qualifications Committee (EQC)

The Board engaged in an in-depth conversation regarding a FE waiver and/or exam equivalency and determined it supports having a process to create an exam equivalency for the FE for foreign applicants that are currently licensed outside of Washington State. This would require a WAC change.

The direction from the Board is for the EQC to identify language, requirements, and process necessary to implement a FE waiver for out-of-state applicants that are currently licensed by another jurisdiction outside of the State of Washington and to consider the effect that this process may have on Land Surveyors. This would require an RCW change.

4. RCW 18.43 Direction for the Practice Committee (PC)

The Board discussed possible revisions to RCW 18.43 and determined it wanted the PC to move forward with the following:

- General Clean Up
 - Clarify that application fees are non-refundable. (RCW 18.43.050)
 - Clarify renewal dates. (RCW 18.43.080)
- Increase allowable pro tem board members from 2 to 3. (RCW 18.43.033)
- Change board member requirements to being licensed under 18.43 *or* 18.210 – to include the possibility of an On-Site pro tem board member. (RCW 18.43.030)
- Clarify the definition and title of Professional Engineer throughout the RCW and to identify and, if appropriate, incorporate a list of titles regulated by BRPELS in applicable WACs using the ‘CA language’ as an example.

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