



PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

July 28, 2023 – 3:30 p.m.

Board Office

605 11th Ave SE #201

Olympia, Washington 98501

(Virtual)

Committee

Ivan VanDeWege, PE, Chair

Doug Hendrickson, PE

Aaron Blaisdell, PLS (Absent)

Staff

Ken Fuller, PE, Director

Jill Short, Investigator

Elizabeth Lagerberg, Advising AAG

Guest(s)

Dave Peden, PE, SE

1. Complaint/Administrative Closure Summaries

Total Complaints Received	3
Engineering Complaints	1
Surveying Complaints	2
On-Site Designer Complaints	0
Total Administrative Closures	3
Engineering Closures	3
Surveying Closures	0
On-Site Designer Closures	0

2. Compliance Report

Mr. VanDeWege reported there are currently 4 individuals on compliance monitoring (Ryan Hawkins, Kent Huxel, Clifton Berkey, and Peter Jonas).

Mr. Hawkins has been turned over to collections and the Board is pursuing civil action against Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Huxel filed a Notice of Appeal to Snohomish County Superior Court. Our AAG filed a motion to dismiss his appeal. On 5/2/23 the judge granted the Board’s motion to dismiss and advised Mr. Huxel of his right to appeal the judge’s dismissal. On 5/12/23 Mr. Huxel filed an appeal to the 5/2/23 dismissal. On 6/22/23 the court decided the motion for reconsideration without oral argument and decided the motion in the Board’s favor. On 7/12/23 Mr. Huxel requested a review by the court of appeals. The AAG received several letters from the court of appeals noting deficiencies in Mr. Huxel’s appeal to that court. The court has set a compliance date of 7/31/23. If Mr. Huxel does not correct the deficiencies by that date, he will face monetary sanctions. The court would allow him additional time to correct the deficiencies. There is no

action to take on our AAG's part at this time. The Board will pursue civil action once the final appeal is determined.

Mr. Berkey and Mr. Jonas are both in compliance with their board order. Staff is requesting Mr. Jonas be removed from compliance monitoring as his license is now in retired status.

3. PDH Audit Plan

Committee members discussed the PDH audit plan. It was agreed staff will conduct a completely random audit of 5 licensees per month for 6 months. Staff will assess the findings and present them to the PC for review and next steps.

Action Items:

Bring PDH audit findings to February 2024 PC meeting.

Strategic Planning Goals:

Continue working on RCW 18.43. Move forward with the on-site designer pro-tem board member changes for the upcoming legislative session.

Action Items

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Recommendations to the Board

- None at this time

Strategic Planning Goals:

- None at this time