

PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams (Virtual)

Committee

Dave Peden, PE, SE, Chair

Doug Hendrickson, PE

James Wengler, PLS, CFedS

Guest(s)

Kai Cao, PE

Staff

Ken Fuller, PE, Director

Rich Larson, PLS, Deputy Director

Jill Short, Investigations & Compliance Manager

Shanan Gillespie, Regulatory Program Manager

Greg Schieferstein, Communications Manager

Vonna Cramer, Licensing Lead

Mackenzie Wherrett, Executive Assistant

Elizabeth Lagerberg, Advising AAG

1. Complaint Summary

Total Complaints Received	4
Engineering Complaints	0
Surveying Complaints	1
On-Site Designer Complaints	3
Total Administrative Closures	2
Engineering Closures	2
Surveying Closures	0
On-Site Designer Closures	0

2. Compliance Report

Mr. Peden reported there are currently 2 individuals on compliance monitoring (Muhannad Attili, PE; and Ryan Hawkins). Mr. Attili is in compliance with the terms of his board order. Mr. Hawkins requested a reduction to the \$30K fine amount. The Board agreed to offer a payment plan for the \$30K. Staff contacted Mr. Hawkins, who agreed to a plan. He was instructed to send a proposed plan. Mr. Hawkins has not responded to multiple emails about the plan. He is now out of compliance. Staff will reach out to Mr. Hawkins one last time in writing giving him two weeks to respond with a payment plan. If nothing is received within the two weeks, Mr. Hawkins will be turned over to collections.

3. Discussion Topics

- RCW 18.43 Task Force Update

Mr. Fuller reported we are waiting for OFM to review the proposed changes. OFM will be looking for any impacts to other agencies as part of their review. Mr. Bittar has done a Fiscal

Note and found no fiscal impacts. Mr. Fuller is hopeful we should have a response from OFM by the middle of November.

- Monument Removal/Replacement Response

The Survey Committee presented the draft response. RCW 58.09.090(1)(d) was added as clarification language under Question 2a. The PC asked Ms. Lagerberg to review this latest version, which will then be forwarded to the Board tomorrow for their final decision.

- Response to Stuart Walesh Email

The PC reviewed Mr. Fuller's email to Mr. Walesh and the response back from Mr. Walesh.

4. Strategic Planning Items

- AIA/PE Stamping and green book resolution – the AAG did come out with an opinion on the stamping issues. That opinion was the stamping requirements should be determined by the local permitting jurisdiction. Ms. Lagerberg will send that full opinion out to members. Our board and the Architects board will be meeting with the Washington Association of Building Officials (WABO) in October to further discuss the matter.

Ms. Lagerberg reported she is putting together a PowerPoint presentation for the WABO meeting next week in Spokane. Mr. Peden will also be present at the meeting. Mr. Fuller, Mr. Peden, and Ms. Lagerberg will meet prior to the Spokane meeting to review the presentation.

Staff will remove the link to the Guidelines for Building Officials from our website.

- ~~• Determine WA States direction on decoupling exam experience while maintaining the practice emphasis of the exams. WA State law do not allow for decoupling for exams which BRPELS processes applications. Issue will be removed from monitoring.~~
- ~~• Mobility of licensing for Federal employees and spouse. Current processes in law, rule and policy allows for mobility of licenses thru an expedient process. No further action at this time.~~

5. Action Items

1. Mr. Schieferstein will add journal articles for license regarding the importance of written contracts and bad reviews.
2. Staff will update the opening verbiage read before each committee meeting to allow for public comments.

6. Recommendations to the Board

- Review the Monument Removal/Replacement Response