

PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

November 27, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

Board Office

605 11th Ave SE #201

Olympia, Washington 98501

(Virtual)

Committee

Ivan VanDeWege, PE, Chair

Doug Hendrickson, PE

Aaron Blaisdell, PLS

Guest(s)

Dave Peden, PE, SE

Staff

Ken Fuller, PE, Director

Kristina Horton, PLS, Deputy Director

Jill Short, Investigations & Compliance Manager

Shanan Gillespie, Regulatory Manager

Mackenzie Wherrett, Executive Assistant

Greg Schieferstein, Communications Manager

Bryce Dickison, Administrative Assistant

Elizabeth Lagerberg, Advising AAG

1. Complaint/Administrative Closure Summaries

Total Complaints Received	5
Engineering Complaints	2
Surveying Complaints	3
On-Site Designer Complaints	0
Total Administrative Closures	4
Engineering Closures	2
Surveying Closures	1
On-Site Designer Closures	1

2. Compliance Report

Mr. VanDeWege reported there are currently 4 individuals on compliance monitoring (Ryan Hawkins; Kent Huxel; Clifton Berkey, PE; and Steven Morta, PE).

Mr. Hawkins has been turned over to collections and the Board is pursuing civil action against Mr. Hawkins. A new report will be developed to track individuals who are not in compliance, as opposed to a compliance report. Mr. Hawkins will be added to this report along with Mr. Bodge.

Mr. Huxel is still going through the appeal process. 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. Morta are both in compliance with their board order.

3. Chapter 18.43 RCW Task Force Update

The Practice Committee recommends the Board move forward with minimum clean up of Chapter 18.43 RCW and Chapter 18.210 RCW,

The committee would like the Board to open up discussion on titles and definitions of engineering and determine how they would like to move forward on those topics. Also, the Board should determine how to move forward with adding an on-site pro-tem board member.

4. PDH Audits Update/NCEES CPC Database

Staff provided an update on PDH audits. Five Land Surveyors were audited as well as two On-Site Designers. The licensees audited were selected 90-days prior to their renewal date.

The PLS licensees audited have responded and provided all necessary documents. One individual needed just 1 more credit to reach the requirements and will have time to obtain the remaining credit.

One OS licensee has responded and is short the requirements by approximately 2 credits. This individual will have time to obtain the required credit prior to license renewal. The second OS licensee has not responded as of this date but will have time to respond.

The committee discussed the NCEES CPC Database on continuing education would like the Board to encourage licensees to use this tool.

5. Board Policy 39 Update

Staff reported Policy 39 was still under review by the Board AAG and would be ready for review at the February 2024 PC meeting.

Recommendations to the Board

- Approve moving forward with minimum cleanup of Chapter 18.43 RCW.
- Approve moving forward with minimum cleanup of Chapter 18.210 RCW.
- Approve moving forward with language to add on-site designer pro-tem board member.

Action Items:

- During the review of an administrative closure an issue was discussed by the PC regarding an interpretation by a permitting authority for a permit that was issued. The PC would like to refer this issue to the Structural Committee for review to look at different jurisdictions' interpretations for consistency.

Strategic Planning Goals:

None at this time.