



# Practice Committee Meeting Report

August 7, 2024 | 2:30 p.m.

**Crowne Plaza, SeaTac**  
**Beacon Room**  
**17338 International Blvd**  
**Seattle, WA 98188**  
**& Virtual via MS Teams**

**Committee**

Doug Hendrickson, PE, Chair  
Dave Peden, PE, SE  
Aaron Blaisdell, PLS

**Guest(s)**

Jim Wengler, PLS, CFedS  
Marjorie Lund, PE, SE  
Dave Peden, PE, SE  
Jeff Dugan, PLS

**Staff**

Ken Fuller, PE, Director  
Kristina Horton, PLS, Deputy Director  
Jill Short, Investigations & Compliance Manager  
Shanan Gillespie, Regulatory Manager  
Mackenzie Wherrett, Executive Assistant  
Vonna Cramer, Licensing Lead  
Greg Schieferstein, Communications Manager  
Bryce Dickison, Administrative Assistant  
Elizabeth Lagerberg, Advising AAG

**1. Complaint/Administrative Closure Summaries**

<b>Total Complaints Received</b>	<b>5</b>
Engineering Complaints	5
Surveying Complaints	0
On-Site Designer Complaints	0
<b>Total Administrative Closures</b>	<b>7</b>
Engineering Closures	7
Surveying Closures	0
On-Site Designer Closures	0

**2. Compliance Report/Noncompliance Report**

Ms. Short reported there are currently 3 individuals on compliance monitoring (Kent Huxel; Clifton Berkey, PE; and Steven Morta, PE).

Mr. Huxel attempted to appeal the Court of Appeals dismissal of his case. The Supreme Court sent a letter advising Mr. Huxel he did not file the appeal properly. Mr. Huxel must re-file his appeal properly, AND include an affidavit stating why he failed to properly appeal within the 30 days provided in law. The standard the court will use to decide if they will allow Mr. Huxel

additional time, is whether Mr. Huxel shows “good cause” for his untimely appeal to the Supreme Court. This is a very high bar and it is unlikely Mr. Huxel will be able to show this. The due date for the re-filing of the appeal in proper form plus the good faith affidavit is **August 16**.

Mr. Berkey and Mr. Morta are both in compliance with their board order. Mr. Berkey has met the terms of his order and will be removed from compliance monitoring.

Ryan Hawkins and Russell Bodge are on the Noncompliance Report for continued monitoring.

### **3. RCW 18.43 Task Force Update**

The 18.43 Task Force met and reported there were two public hearings on the minor changes to Chapter 18.43 RCW and the addition of 3<sup>rd</sup> pro-tem board member which could include an on-site septic system designer. Each hearing had one attendee, and all submitted comments were reviewed. There were no substantial comments.

The Task Force would like the PC to request the Board to give the Task Force direction on the title use and timing of any considerations.

### **4. Interagency Agreement (MOU) with WSDOT Update**

Staff reported a meeting with DOT and DNR had occurred. DOT has agreed they will have the appropriate licensee do the jobs as required. DOT is also working with DNR on standards for monument preservation.

### **5. Feedback Assessment of Compliant Process**

Staff reported the assessment questionnaire has gone live. At this time one response has been received.

## **Recommendations to the Board**

- Direction to the 18.43 Task Force on next steps for Title usage.

## **Action Items:**

- Add to next meeting agenda Checklist for Public Officials and brainstorm topics. Staff (Jill) will start a list to include in the next packet.
- Greg to facilitate an article for the next journal about importance of the Certificate of Authorization (COA), the renewal of the COA, and the designee notifying the Board when no longer employed.

## **Strategic Planning Goals:**

None at this time.