



Exam Qualifications Committee Meeting Report

August 5, 2024 | 2:30 p.m.

Committee: Michael Harney, PE, Chair
James Wengler, PLS,
Maureen Jackson, PE

Support staff: Ken Fuller, PE, Director
Kris Horton, PLS, Deputy Director
Vonna Cramer, Licensing Lead
Shanan Gillespie, Regulatory Program Manager
Elizabeth Lagerberg, AAG

Discussion topics:

- Decoupling

The committee discussed the decoupling of the PE and PLS exams.

- Identified several potential benefits of decoupling, including increased flexibility for candidates and potential alignment with national trends.
- Discussed the necessity of updating RCW and WAC to accommodate decoupling.
- Considered the value for Washington applicants, focusing on how decoupling could streamline the licensing process.
- Evaluated the potential impact on the board's reputation, considering both positive and negative aspects.

Recommendation to the board to move forward with decoupling the PE and PLS exams.

- Draft exam policy final approval

The exam policy was reviewed by the committee for final edits. A few minor adjustments are required.

- Receiving NCEES records

The committee discussed receiving NCEES records only.

It was determined that the NCEES record is preferred as it makes it easier for staff to review applicant requirements.

Action Item:

Mike Harney to write an article for the Board Journal discussing the benefits of creating an NCEES record and submitting it for licensure.

- Committee to review a portion of applications for final review

The committee discussed the benefits of reviewing applications regularly, to better understand the application process, and requirements and to ensure the application is clear and concise.



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Action item

Staff will send one application per week to each committee member for review, both PE & PLS to the appropriate member. Each committee meeting for the 2024-2025 year will review one PE & PLS application.

Action item

Staff to send the committee the PE application for review and reaching out to DOL and requesting screenshots of the online licensing system for possible language updates to both application processes.