



Exam Qualifications Committee Meeting Report
October 9, 2024 | 9:30 a.m.

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

Support staff: Ken Fuller, PE, Director
Vonna Cramer, Licensing Lead
Jill Short, Compliance Manager
Mackenzie Wherrett, Executive Assistant
Elizabeth Lagerberg, AAG

Guest: Patrick Champion

Discussion topics:

- Decoupling exams
The committee discussed the decoupling of the PE and PLS exams only, SE decoupling discussion will be returned to the Structural Committee for discussion and consideration.
Recommendation to the board to move forward with decoupling the PE and PLS exams.
- PE by comity app review = approved
The committee reviewed an application for PE by comity. The applicant is a professor who also possesses practical work experience from the early stages of his career. However, the applicant faced challenges in obtaining verifiers from that early period, as they were no longer available. To address this issue, the applicant provided a detailed written timeline outlining the early portion of his career for the committee's consideration and review.
- PE by initial app review =
The committee met on 10/9/24 to review, but additional review time was requested for review, committee met on 10/16/24 in Spokane WA at Gonzaga University in the La Storta room. The committee reviewed the foreign experience application for consideration for PE by initial license. The applicant took and passed the FE in Oregon and their PE via JPEC (NCEES Japan). The experience provided seems to be more project management and construction management. Staff will be requesting the applicant to submit additional information showing engineering specifics and offering a phone call with Director Fuller and committee member Mike Harney to discuss what should be on the experience form for review.
- PE application review for possible language updates
Minor language changes are being made to the PE application materials. These updates include:
Revisions to parts of the experience record summary for clarity
Updates to the "supervised" language on the verification form



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- PLS state exam results
Cut score: 28/40
There was a total of 38 examinees, 20 passed giving a pass rate of 54%
- OS state exam results
Cut score: 82/100
There was a total of 19 examinees, 6 passed, and out of those 6, 4 were designers and 2 inspectors. The pass rate was 31%

Action Item:

Once the Board approves moving forward with decoupling the committee to begin reviewing language in 18.43 concerning the decoupling of the PE exams and create attestations for NCEES. PLS & SE decoupling will be returned to the Survey & Structural Committees for follow-up.

Action Item

The committee is to consider using the California Seismic exam for all civil discipline licensees.

Action Item

The committee should consider using an attestation for initial or comity applicants stating they are aware of the Washington State and other applicable jurisdictional building codes.

Action items

Staff to send a mock-up of PE application language updates for review