

Practice Committee Meeting December 11, 2024 | 12:30 p.m.

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Support staff: Ken Fuller, PE, Director Kristina Horton, PLS, Deputy Director Jill Short, Investigations & Compliance Manager Shanan Gillespie, Regulatory Program Manager

Discussion topics

- Complaints Summary (JS)
- Administrative Closures Report (JS)
- Compliance Report/Noncompliance Report (JS)
- RCW 18.43 Task Discussion
- Digital Signatures
- Disciplinary Timeline Report
- Checklist for Public Officials

Previous Action Items

- Staff will distribute language to PC members for draft legislative changes to RCW 18.43. PC members will review the language and discuss at the December meeting.
- Add to next meeting agenda Checklist for Public Officials and brainstorm topics. Staff (Jill) will start a list to include in the next packet.
- Digital signatures and the future of the verification system will be added to the December meeting discussion topics. PC members will research the level of concern and have the facts ready for discussion at that meeting.

Strategic Planning Items

• None at this time.

Complaints Summary December 2024 (As of December 6, 2024)

Engineering: 1 complaint(s)

COMPLAINT NUMBER	ALLEGATIONS	STATUS
2024-10-3001	Unprofessional conduct	Investigation

Surveying: 6 complaint(s)

COMPLAINT NUMBER 2024-10-2793	ALLEGATIONS Violation of RCW/WAC	STATUS Investigation
2024-10-2959	Unprofessional conduct	Investigation
2024-10-2989	Unlicensed practice/expired license	Investigation
2024-10-3052	Unprofessional conduct	Investigation
2024-11-3239 2024-12-3453	Unlicensed practice Erroneous survey	Investigation Intake

On-site Septic System Designing: 1 complaint(s)

COMPLAINT NUMBER	
2024-10-2789	

ALLEGATIONS Unprofessional conduct **STATUS** Management Review

TOTAL: 8

Administrative Closure Recommendations December 2024

(As of December 6, 2024)

Engineering: 1 Closed

2024-08-2200-00ENG - A complaint was filed alleging a foreign entity (respondent company) was awarded a project and the company did not have a Certificate of Authority (COA) with the Board.

The owner of the company was contacted. He explained they do have a licensed PE on staff, who applied for a comity license with the Board on July 26, 2024. They were waiting for PE's license to be issued prior to submitting an application for a COA as he will be the Designated Engineer (DE).

On September 27, 2024, the company's PE was granted a Washington PE license and the COA was issued October 30, 2024.

The company is now in compliance – recommending closure.

Surveying: 0 Closed

On-site: 0 Closed

TOTAL: 1

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Kent Huxel	Respondent shall permanently cease		12/14/2022 Respondent requested the final order be vacated.
2021-08-2070-00LSV	and desist from offering to practice		
2022-10-1445-00LSV	professional land surveying and		1/5/2023 Response sent to respondent denying request to vacate.
	professional engineering in the State of		
Final Order to Permanently	Washington.		2/3/2023 Staff will be filing a complaint with law enforcement in the
Cease and Desist	1. Shall not represent himself or		city/county where the unlicensed practice occurred for the fraudulent
Cease and Desist	his business to current or		use of a stamp. The complaint has been started, but additional evidence
Signad 12/9/2022	potential clients or the public,		
Signed 12/8/2022 Effective 12/8/2022			is being gathered.
Ellective 12/0/2022	as being able to provide and/or perform professional		2/7/22 Received notice respondent filed a Natice of Anneal to
			2/7/23 Received notice respondent filed a Notice of Appeal to
	engineering services in the		Snohomish County Superior Court. Notice sent to AAG.
	State of Washington;		2/24/02 Matian to diamina filed by AAO
	2. Shall not distribute to any client		3/31/23 Motion to dismiss filed by AAG.
	or public agency any		
	document, including but not		5/2/23 Judge granted the Board's motion and advised Mr. Huxel of his
	limited to: letterhead, business		right to appeal the Judge's dismissal. The Judge agreed with the Board
	cards, maps, or website		that Mr. Huxel failed to properly invoke the jurisdiction of the court
	references, which show either		because his petition for judicial review was untimely.
	the firm, its officer and/or		
	employees as having been		5/12/23 Respondent filed appeal to 5/2/23 dismissal.
	involved or offer professional		
	engineering activities;	_	AAG will pursue civil action once appeal is determined.
	3. Within one hundred and twenty	Due	
	(120) days of the effective date	4/8/2023	7/12/2023 Mr. Huxel asked for review by Court of Appeals.
	of this AGREED ORDER		
	Respondent shall pay a fine to		9/26/2023 Met with AAG. Mr. Huxel's appeal is still pending. Civil action
	the Board, by check or money		will be pursued following outcome of appeal.
	order, in the amount of thirty		
	thousand dollars (\$30,000.00		11/14/23 Report from AAG: Mr. Huxel was ordered by the court to re-file
	(U.S.))		a corrected statement of arrangements which he has not done. The
			court can sanction him (unlikely given his indigent status) or can give
			him additional time to amend. They are just waiting for the court to issue
			direction on next steps. No scheduling order has been issued by the
			court, so no filings are yet needed on BRPELS behalf. According to their
			appellate advisor, the court of appeals is taking a long time to get orders
			issued but Danitza will reach out one they've heard what the court wants
			Mr. Huxel to do next.
			1/23/24 – Update from AAG, the Court of Appeal accepted the
			appellant's (respondent's) brief. A response was drafted by the AAG.
			Next course of action will be for the Court to decide the case without oral
			argument.
			algunon.
			3/28/24 – Update from AAG: Filings are complete in this case and it has
			tentatively been set for consideration by a panel of judges, without oral
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	argument, on May 30, 2024. Parties will be notified when a decision has been entered.
	The Court of Appeals (COA) affirmed the superior court's dismissal of Mr. Huxel's petition and agreed the petition was not served on the Board in a timely manner. Mr. Huxel has additional opportunities to appeal and our AAG expects he will, but for now the case is dismissed.
	Mr. Huxel has 20 days for reconsideration by the COA and 30 days for an appeal to the Supreme Court.
	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 .
	On August 29, 2024, the Supreme Court notified Mr. Huxel his appeal was dismissed.
	REQUESTING TO CLOSE THIS CASE AND REMOVE FROM COMPLIANCE MONITORING SINCE THIS CASE WAS WRAPPED INTO THE 2023-01-0098-00LSV CASE AND WILL REMAIN ON COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT FOR 10 YEARS.

Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law, and Agreed Orderrespondent is assessed a fine in the amount of \$5K. The license suspension and fine are stayed contingent upon compliance with the following:Signed 8/3/2023Respondent will no longer design buildings or other structures that require the preparation of structural construction documents and/or calculations without a peer review of the work.
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Respondent will enter into a peer review contract agreement for the two- year stayed suspension. The contract will be executed within 30 days of the signed AO and a copy of the finalized contract will be provided to the Board.
The contract will include a requirement 12/2023
for a quarterly report, from the peer 03/2024
reviewer to the Board. The report will 06/2024
include project-specific summaries 09/2024
clearly detailing the work reviewed and 12/2024
the progress made by Respondent. 03/2025
06/2025
During the two-year stayed 09/2025
suspension, Respondent will submit, to
the peer reviewer, all structural
engineering designs for peer review
and successfully respond to peer review comments.
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During the two-year stayed Due 9/27/2023 Report rec'd from Respondent with list of projects.
suspension, Respondent will provide to 09/2023
the Board, monthly, a listing of and 10/2023 9/29/2023 Rec'd peer reviewer report.
status of projects under design which 11/2023
include preparation of structural 12/2023 10/31/2023 Report rec'd from Respondent with list of projects.
construction documents and/or 01/2024
calculations. 02/2024 10/31/2023 Rec'd peer reviewer report.
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06/2024 12/2/2023 Rec'd peer reviewer report.

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Rogers, Robert, PLS 2022-06-0883-00LSV	Respondent's license to practice is suspended for minimum of one year. Suspension is stayed contingent upon:		
Stipulated Findings of Fact,			
Conclusion of Law, and Agreed Order	Within 90 days of the agreed order the respondent will pay a fine in the amount of \$5000.	Due 1/17/25	Received 10/29/24.
Signed 10/17/2024			
Effective 10/17/2024	Within ninety (90) days of the effective		
	date of this AGREED ORDER,	Due	
	Respondent will provide a corrected	1/17/25	
	record of survey for Board review for Parcels #0319201022 & #0319201015		
	located in Spanaway, WA. The		
	corrected record of survey will comply		
	with RCW 58.09.060(a), (e) and WAC		
	332-130- 030(2) and (3)(a). Once said survey is approved to meet standards,		
	the Respondent will file the Amended		
	Record of Survey with the appropriate		
	county auditor's office.		

Kent Huxel	Mr. Huxel agrees he will not seek	\$5000 fine	,
2023-01-0098-00LSV	licensure as a professional land	due	
	surveyor, professional engineer, or on-	10/17/2025	
Agreed Findings of Fact,	site septic system designer for TEN	10/11/2023	
Conclusion of Law, and Order	(10) years from the date an Agreed		
to Permanently Cease and	Order is signed by the Board.		
Desist			
Desist	Mr. Huxel agrees he will not own or		
Signed 10/17/2024	operate a land surveying, engineering,		
Effective 10/17/2024	or on-site septic system design		
	business for TEN (10) years from the		
	date an Agreed Order is signed by the		
	Board.		
	Board.		
	Mr. Huxel agrees he will not advertise		
	to provide services requiring BRPELS		
	licensure until properly licensed under		
	Chapter 18.43 RCW.		
	Mr. Huxel agrees his experience		
	previous to and through the date the		
	Board signs the Agreed Order will not		
	count towards licensure requirements.		
	Otherwise, any education must be		
	approved and accepted by the Board.		
	RCW 18.43.040, including his		
	education previous to and through the		
	date the Board signs the Agreed Order.		
	Mr. Huxel, agrees that, after the TEN		
	(10) year prohibition on license		
	application, when he applies for		
	licensure, he will apply with a National		
	Council of Examiners for Engineering		
	and Surveying (NCEES) record and		
	comply with all other NCEES		
	requirements. BRPELS will notify		
	NCEES of Mr. Huxel's TEN (10) year		
	exam and license prohibition.		
	Mr. Huxel agrees to be subject to		
	compliance monitoring by a peer		
	reviewer, approved by BRPELS, for the		
	first two (2) years after he is licensed.		
	Mr. Huxel would be responsible for all		
	costs related to the peer review, and all		

work by the peer reviewer must be		
completed pursuant to a contract. The		
signed contract will be provided to the		
Board and a progress report from the		
peer reviewer will be sent to the Board		
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on a quarterly basis.		
Mr. Huxel agrees to pay a \$5,000 fine		
related to the Current Case (Case No.		
2023-01-0098-00LSV). This fine must		
be paid within 12 months from the date		
an Agreed Order is signed by the		
Board. Fines shall be paid by Cashier		
Check or Money Orders payable to		
Board of Registration for Professional		
Engineers and Land Surveyors		
(BRPELS), must have Case No. 2023-		
01-0098-00LSV written on the payment		
instrument.		
BRPELS will suspend the \$30,000 fine		
imposed in Cases 2021-08-2070-		
00LSV and 2022-10-1445-00LSV for		
TEN (10) years from the date an		
Agreed Order is signed by the Board.		
After 10 years, if the Board has not		
issued a Final Order against Mr. Huxel		
evidencing additional violations under		
BRPELS jurisdiction, and Mr. Huxel		
has otherwise complied with the terms		
and conditions from the Current Case		
and the Agreed Order, BRPELS will		
permanently waive the entire \$30,000		
fine from Cases 2021-08-2070-00LSV		
and 2022-10-1445-00LSV.		
BRPELS agrees not to pursue a Civil		
Action against Mr. Huxel with respect		
to Cases		
2021-08-2070-00LSV and 2022-10-		
1445-00LSV so long as Mr. Huxel		
complies with the terms and		
conditions of the Agreed Order.		
4.10 BRPELS agrees not to refer		
Cases 2021-08-2070-00LSV and 2022-		
10-1445-00LSV		

for criminal prosecution as allowed by	
RCW 18.235.170, RCW 18.43.110,	
and RCW 18.43.120, so	
long as Mr. Huxel complies with the	
terms and conditions of the Agreed	
Order.	

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Ryan Hawkins	Respondent shall permanently cease		
2021-09-2283-00ENG	and desist from offering to practice		
	professional engineering in the State of		
Agreed Findings of Fact,	Washington.		
Conclusions of Law, and	 Shall not represent himself or 		
Order to Permanently	his business to current or		
Cease and Desist	potential clients or the public,		
	as being able to provide and/or		
Signed 3/14/2022	perform professional		
Effective 3/14/2022	engineering services in the		
	State of Washington;		
	2. Shall not distribute to any client		
	or public agency any		
	document, including but not		
	limited to: letterhead, business		
	cards, maps, or website		
	references, which show either		
	the firm, its officer and/or		
	employees as having been		
	involved or offer professional		
	engineering activities;		
	3. Respondent shall destroy any	Due	
	seal bearing his name as a	4/14/2022	4/11/2022 Rec'd proof of destroyed stamp/seal.
	professional engineer and		
	provide satisfactory proof of		
	such destruction to the Board		
	within 30 days of the entry of		
	this Agreed Order;		
	4. Within one hundred and twenty		
	(120) days of the effective date	Due	
	of this AGREED ORDER	7/14/2022	
	Respondent shall pay a fine to		
	the Board, by check or money		
	order, in the amount of thirty		
	thousand dollars (\$30,000.00		
	(U.S.));		
	5. Within sixty (60) days of the		
	effective date of this AGREED		
	ORDER Respondent shall		
	create a list of clients,		5/13/2022 Rec'd list of clients and proof of notification to those clients.
	individuals, or entities for		
	whom he is, or has in the past,		
	provided any services that		
	constitute professional		
	engineering services and shall		
	engineening services and shall		

notify all clients, individuals, or entities identified that he is not, and was not, a registered	Due 5/14/2022	7/8/2022 Emailed fine payment reminder to respondent.7/15/2022 Rec'd email from respondent stating he was unable to make
professional engineer and Respondent shall provide the Board (1) a copy of the list he has assembled and (2) proof of notification for all clients, individuals, or entities on the list;		the total \$30K payment at this time. He suggested a reduction in the fine amount or a payment plan. I emailed back stating if he made a good faith effort and paid the \$5K (as he suggested) and a written proposed payment plan or another option I would bring it before the PC for approval and then present to Board for agreement.
6. Respondent shall never apply to take the Professional Engineer Exam and shall		8/11/2022 Board agreed staff would work with Mr. Hawkins on a fine payment plan.
never apply for licensure as a Professional Engineer in the State of Washington;		8/19/2022 Staff spoke to Mr. Hawkins about a payment plan for the \$30K fine. He is going to think about it and email me a proposal.
7. Respondent shall not own, operate, manage, control, or		9/16/2022 Emailed Mr. Hawkins about his proposal. No response.
possess an equity interest in any firm, organization, or entity offering professional		10/5/2022 Emailed Mr. Hawkins again about proposal. No response as of 10/6/2022.
engineering services in the State of Washington, with the exception of publicly traded companies.		11/9/2022 Emailed Mr. Hawkins with final payment notice. Response required by 11/23/2022. No response. Will move forward with non-compliance action (collection agency).
		1/6/23 Working with Ms. Wherrett on obtaining a contract with a collection agency.
		4/13/23 Email notice sent to Mr. Hawkins informing him in 30 days he will be sent to collections if the fine of \$30K is not paid or if we do not rec'd payment arrangement request.
		4/27/23 AAG to pursue civil action.
		7/6/23 Turned Mr. Hawkins over to collection agency.
		11/17/23 No updates at this time.
		No new information.
		8/5/24-Collection Agency report – no money rec'd for fine.
		10/4/24 – Collection Agency report – no money rec'd for fine.

Bodge, Russell S.	Resp license is suspended for 5 years.		Nothing received from respondent at this time.
2018-08-0008-00ENG	Suspension will commence on the date		Left a message for him to call me.
	the DSHS 8/29/17 order is lifted.		
Stipulated Findings of Fact,	Suspension will be stayed conditionally		Emailed respondent 8/26/2020 notifying him he is out of compliance.
Conclusions of Law and	based on the following:		
Agreed	1. Within 90 days respondent will	5/13/2020	
	provide a list of projects he has	10/6/2020	Rec'd list of projects.
0.5 mm and 0.140.10000	worked on since the DSHS order of		
Signed 2/13/2020 Effective 2/14/2020	suspension on 8/29/17. The list will		
Effective 2/14/2020	include identifying information for each project including the type of		
	project, location, approx. dates or		
	times worked, date completed, dates		
	signed & executed, and whether the		
	projects were directly supervised by		
	another PE. If so, identify the		
	supervising PE.		
	2. Resp will provide a letter from his	5/13/2020	Mr. Fuller is working on this requirement with respondent.
	brother verifying his direct		
	supervision of resp, detailing how he		
	provides such direct supervision, and		
	detailing a list of projects on which		
	he has directly supervised resp since		
	the DSHS order. 3. Upon DSHS order being lifted, resp	?	Respondent is working with DSHS. No lifting order rec'd from DSHS as
	will follow the license renewal	?	of yet.
	process to renew his PE license in		
	effect at the time of renewal.		Mr. Fuller attempted to contact Mr. Bodge. Mr. Bodge's phone number
	4. Within 90 days of DSHS order being	?	is no longer in service. Mr. Fuller spoke with Mr. Bodge's brother who
	lifted respondent will:		stated he is not supervising Mr. Bodge's work.
	a. Provide a letter detailing		
	how he came into		Contact has been made with the county Mr. Bodge worked in and
	compliance and how he		company he was working for to ensure he is not working without a license. No evidence of that has been found at this time.
	plans to proceed in		
	compliance with all		Mr. Bodge's cell phone number is no longer in service.
	laws/rules.		
	b. Provide 4 references to the		6/23/2021 Ms. Short sent an email asking for current phone number.
	board. Two will be clients, two will be PE references.		No response.
	c. Take and pass the law		
	c. Take and pass the law review exam.		7/28/2021 Ms. Short sent a certified letter asking for update on
	d. Bring his license & COA into		compliance and current contact information.
	compliance		
			No new information.

BILL REQ. #: Z-0108.2/25 2nd draft

ATTY/TYPIST: CC:jlb

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Updating the professional engineers' registration act.

AN ACT Relating to updating the professional engineers' registration act, including by removing obsolete language and updating pro tem membership; amending RCW 18.43.030, 18.43.033, 18.43.035, 18.43.040, 18.43.050, 18.43.060, 18.43.070, 18.43.080, 18.43.130, 18.43.150, 18.43.170, and 18.43.200; and reenacting and amending RCW 18.43.020.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Sec. 1. RCW 18.43.020 and 2019 c 442 s 8 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Board" means the state board of registration for professional engineers and land surveyors, provided for by this chapter.

(2) "Director" means the ((executive)) director of theWashington state board of registration for professional engineersand land surveyors.

(3) "Engineer" means a professional engineer as defined in this section.

(4) "Engineer-in-training" means a candidate who: (a) Has satisfied the experience requirements in RCW 18.43.040 for registration; (b) has successfully passed the examination in the fundamental engineering subjects; and (c) is enrolled by the board as an engineer-in-training.

(5) "Engineering" means the "practice of engineering" as defined in this section.

(6) "Land surveyor" means a professional land surveyor.

(7) "Land-surveyor-in-training" means a candidate who: (a) Has satisfied the experience requirements in RCW 18.43.040 for registration; (b) successfully passes the examination in the fundamental land surveying subjects; and (c) is enrolled by the board as a land-surveyor-in-training.

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(8) (a) "Practice of professional engineering" means any professional service or creative work requiring engineering education, training, and experience and the application of special knowledge of the mathematical, physical, and engineering sciences to such professional services or creative work as consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, design, and supervision of construction for the purpose of assuring compliance with specifications and design, in connection with any public or private utilities, structures, buildings, machines, equipment, processes, works, or projects.

(b) A person shall be construed to practice or offer to practice professional engineering, within the meaning and intent of this chapter, who practices any branch of the profession of engineering; or who, by verbal claim, sign, advertisement, letterhead, card, or in any other way represents himself or herself to be a professional engineer, or through the use of some other title implies that he or she is a professional engineer; or who holds himself or herself out as able to perform, or who does perform, any engineering service or work or any other professional service designated by the practitioner or recognized by educational authorities as engineering.

(c) The practice of professional engineering does not include the work ordinarily performed by persons who operate or maintain machinery or equipment.

(9) "Practice of professional land surveying" means assuming responsible charge of the surveying of land for the establishment of corners, lines, boundaries, and monuments, the laying out and subdivision of land, the defining and locating of corners, lines, boundaries, and monuments of land after they have been established, the survey of land areas for the purpose of determining the topography thereof, the making of topographical delineations and the preparing of maps and accurate records thereof, when the proper performance of such services requires technical knowledge and skill.

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(10) "Professional engineer" means a person who, by reason of his or her special knowledge of the mathematical and physical sciences and the principles and methods of engineering analysis and design, acquired by professional education and practical experience, is qualified to practice professional engineering as defined in this section, as attested by his or her legal registration as a professional engineer.

(11) "Professional land surveyor" means a person who, by reason of his or her special knowledge of the mathematical and physical sciences and principles and practices of land surveying, which is acquired by professional education and practical experience, is qualified to practice land surveying and as attested to by his or her legal registration as a professional land surveyor.

(12) "Significant structures" include:

(a) Hazardous facilities, defined as: Structures housing, supporting, or containing sufficient quantities of explosive substances to be of danger to the safety of the public if released;

(b) Essential facilities that have a ground area of more than five thousand square feet and are more than twenty feet in mean roof height above average ground level. Essential facilities are defined as:

(i) Hospitals and other medical facilities having surgery and emergency treatment areas;

(ii) Fire and police stations;

(iii) Tanks or other structures containing, housing, or supporting water or fire suppression material or equipment required for the protection of essential or hazardous facilities or special occupancy structures;

(iv) Emergency vehicle shelters and garages;

(v) Structures and equipment in emergency preparedness centers;

(vi) Standby power-generating equipment for essential facilities;

(vii) Structures and equipment in government communication centers and other facilities requiring emergency response;

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(viii) Aviation control towers, air traffic control centers, and emergency aircraft hangars; and

(ix) Buildings and other structures having critical national defense functions;

(c) Structures exceeding one hundred feet in height above average ground level;

(d) Buildings that are customarily occupied by human beings and are five stories or more above average ground level;

(e) Bridges having a total span of more than two hundred feet and piers having a surface area greater than ten thousand square feet; and

(f) Buildings and other structures where more than three hundred people congregate in one area.

Sec. 2. RCW 18.43.030 and 2011 c 336 s 481 are each amended to read as follows:

A state board of registration for professional engineers and land surveyors is hereby created which shall exercise all of the powers and perform all of the duties conferred upon it by this chapter. ((After July 9, 1986, the)) The board shall consist of seven members, who shall be appointed by the governor and shall have the qualifications as hereinafter required. ((The terms of board members in office on June 11, 1986, shall not be affected. The first additional member shall be appointed for a four-year term and the second additional member shall be appointed for a three-year term.)) On the expiration of the term of any member, the governor shall appoint a successor for a term of five years to take the place of the member whose term on said board is about to expire. However, no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms on the board. Each member shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which such member is appointed or until a successor qualified as described in this chapter shall have been duly appointed ((and shall have qualified)).

Five members of the board shall be registered professional engineers licensed under the provisions of this chapter. Two members shall be registered professional land surveyors licensed under this chapter. Each of the members of the board shall have been actively engaged in the practice of engineering or land surveying for at least ((ten)) <u>10</u> years subsequent to registration, five of which shall have been immediately prior to their appointment to the board.

Each member of the board shall be a citizen of the United States and shall have been a resident of this state for at least five years immediately preceding his or her appointment.

Each member of the board shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.240 and, in addition thereto, shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this chapter in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

The governor may remove any member of the board for misconduct, incompetency, or neglect of duty. Vacancies in the membership of the board shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the governor as hereinabove provided.

Sec. 3. RCW 18.43.033 and 1997 c 247 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon request of the board, ((and with approval of the director, the board chair shall appoint up to two individuals to serve as pro tem members of the board. The appointments are limited, as defined by the board chair, for the purpose of participating as a temporary member of the board on any combination of one or more committees or formal disciplinary hearing panels. An appointed individual must meet the same qualifications as a regular member of the board)) the director shall select a candidate for a pro tem board member position and upon approval of the board, the board chair shall make the appointment. Up to three individuals may serve as pro tem board members. A pro tem board member will be participating as a temporary the director, including ensuring sufficient case reviewers, forming

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<u>a quorum at a board meeting, serving on any combination of one or</u> <u>more committees, or participating as needed at formal disciplinary</u> <u>hearings. An appointed individual must be registered under this</u> <u>chapter or licensed under chapter 18.210 RCW for a minimum of five</u> <u>years immediately prior to the appointment</u>. While serving as a board member pro tem, an appointed person has all the powers, duties, and immunities of a regular member of the board and is entitled to the same compensation, including travel expenses, in accordance with RCW 18.43.030. A pro tem appointment may not last for more than ((one hundred eighty)) 180 days unless approved by the director.

Sec. 4. RCW 18.43.035 and 2020 c 47 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The board may adopt and amend bylaws establishing its organization and method of operation, including but not limited to meetings, maintenance of books and records, publication of reports, code of ethics, and rosters, and adoption and use of a seal.

(2) Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of any business of the board.

(3) The board shall appoint its director, who must hold a valid Washington license as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor.

(4) The board may employ such persons as are necessary to carry out its duties under this chapter.

(5) It may adopt rules reasonably necessary to administer the provisions of this chapter. The board shall submit to the governor periodic reports as may be required. A roster, showing the names and ((places of business)) mailing addresses of all registered professional engineers and professional land surveyors may be published for distribution, upon request, to professional engineers and professional engineers the public.

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Sec. 5. RCW 18.43.040 and 2007 c 193 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The following will be considered as minimum evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is qualified for registration as a professional engineer, engineer-in-training, professional land surveyor, or land-surveyor-in-training, respectively:

(a) (i) As a professional engineer: A specific record of eight years or more of experience in professional engineering work of a character satisfactory to the board and indicating that the applicant is competent to practice professional engineering; and successfully passing a written or oral examination, or both, in engineering as prescribed by the board.

(ii) Graduation in an approved engineering curriculum of four years or more from a school or college approved by the board ((as of satisfactory standing)) shall be considered equivalent to four years of such required experience. The satisfactory completion of each year of such an approved engineering course without graduation shall be considered as equivalent to a year of such required experience. Graduation in a curriculum other than engineering from a school or college approved by the board shall be considered as ((equivalent)) <u>up</u> to two years of such required experience. However, no applicant shall receive credit for more than four years of experience because of undergraduate educational qualifications. The board may, at its discretion, give credit as experience not in excess of one year, for satisfactory postgraduate study in engineering.

(iii) Structural engineering is recognized as a specialized branch of professional engineering. To receive a certificate of registration in structural engineering, an applicant must hold a current registration in this state in professional engineering and have at least two years of structural engineering experience, of a character satisfactory to the board, in addition to the eight years' experience required for registration as a professional engineer. An

applicant for registration as a structural engineer must also pass an additional examination as prescribed by the board.

(iv) A professional engineer must be registered as a structural engineer in order to provide structural engineering services for significant structures. ((The board may waive the requirements of this subsection (1)(a)(iv) until December 31, 2010, if:

(A) On January 1, 2007, the engineer is registered with the board as a professional engineer; and

(B) Within two years of January 1, 2007, the engineer demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board that the engineer has sufficient experience in the duties typically provided by a professional structural engineer regarding significant structures.))

(b) (i) As an engineer-in-training: An applicant for registration as a professional engineer shall take the prescribed examination in two stages. The first stage of the examination may be taken upon submission of his or her application for registration as an engineer-in-training and payment of the application fee prescribed in RCW 18.43.050 at any time after the applicant has completed four years of the required engineering experience, as defined in this section, or has achieved senior standing in a school or college approved by the board. The first stage of the examination shall test the applicant's knowledge of appropriate fundamentals of engineering subjects, including mathematics and the basic sciences.

(ii) At any time after the completion of the required eight years of engineering experience, as defined in this section, the applicant may take the second stage of the examination upon submission of an application for registration and payment of the application fee prescribed in RCW 18.43.050. This stage of the examination shall test the applicant's ability, upon the basis of his or her greater experience, to apply his or her knowledge and experience in the field of his or her specific training and qualifications.

(c)(i) As a professional land surveyor: A specific record of eight years or more of experience in land surveying work of a

character satisfactory to the board and indicating that the applicant is competent to practice land surveying, and successfully passing a written or oral examination, or both, in surveying as prescribed by the board.

(ii) Graduation from a school or college approved by the board as of satisfactory standing, including the completion of an approved course in surveying, shall be considered equivalent to four years of the required experience. Postgraduate college courses approved by the board shall be considered for up to one additional year of the required experience.

(d) (i) As a land-surveyor-in-training: An applicant for registration as a professional land surveyor shall take the prescribed examination in two stages. The first stage of the examination may be taken upon submission of his or her application for registration as a land-surveyor-in-training and payment of the application fee prescribed in RCW 18.43.050 at any time after the applicant has completed four years of the required land surveying experience, as defined in this section, or has achieved senior standing in a school or college approved by the board. The first stage of the examination shall test the applicant's knowledge of appropriate fundamentals of land surveying subjects, including mathematics and the basic sciences.

(ii) At any time after the completion of the required eight years of land surveying experience, as defined in this section, the applicant may take the second stage of the examination upon submission of an application for registration and payment of the application fee prescribed in RCW 18.43.050. This stage of the examination shall test the applicant's ability, upon the basis of greater experience, to apply knowledge and experience in the field of land surveying.

(iii) The first stage shall be successfully completed before the second stage may be attempted. ((Applicants who have been approved by the board to take the examination based on the requirement for

six years of experience under this section before July 1, 1996, are eligible to sit for the examination.))

(2) No person shall be eligible for registration as a professional engineer, engineer-in-training, professional land surveyor, or land-surveyor-in-training, who is not of good character and reputation.

(3) Teaching, of a character satisfactory to the board shall be considered as experience not in excess of two years for the appropriate profession.

(4) The mere execution, as a contractor, of work designed by a professional engineer, or the supervision of the construction of such work as a foreman or superintendent shall not be deemed to be practice of engineering.

(5) Any person having the necessary qualifications prescribed in this chapter to entitle him or her to registration shall be eligible for such registration although the person may not be practicing his or her profession at the time of making his or her application.

Sec. 6. RCW 18.43.050 and 2019 c 442 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

Application for registration shall be on forms prescribed by the board and furnished by the director, shall contain statements made under oath, showing the applicant's education and detail summary of his or her technical work, and shall contain verification of the technical work from professional engineers <u>and/or professional land</u> <u>surveyors</u> that supervised the applicant's technical work and have personal knowledge of the applicant's engineering <u>and/or land</u> <u>surveying</u> experience.

The registration fee for professional engineers shall be determined by the board, which shall accompany the application and shall include the cost of ((examination)) <u>application processing</u> and issuance of certificate. The fee for engineer-in-training shall be determined by the board, which shall accompany the application and

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shall include the cost of ((examination)) application processing and issuance of certificate.

The registration fee for professional land surveyors shall be determined by the board, which shall accompany the application and shall include the cost of ((examination)) application processing and issuance of certificate. The fee for land-surveyor-in-training shall be determined by the board, which shall accompany the application and shall include the cost of ((examination)) application processing and issuance of certificate.

All registration fees are nonrefundable. Should the board find an applicant ineligible for registration, the registration fee shall be retained as an application fee.

Sec. 7. RCW 18.43.060 and 2019 c 442 s 9 are each amended to read as follows:

When oral or written examinations are required, they shall be held at such time and place as the board shall determine. If examinations are required on fundamental engineering subjects (such as ordinarily given in college curricula) the applicant shall be permitted to take this part of the professional examination prior to his or her completion of the requisite years of experience in engineering work. The board shall issue to each applicant upon successfully passing the examination in fundamental engineering <u>or</u> <u>land surveying</u> subjects a certificate stating that the applicant has passed the examination in fundamental ((engineering)) subjects and that ((his or her)) <u>the applicant's</u> name has been recorded as an engineer-in-training or land surveyor-in-training.

The scope of the examination and the methods of procedure shall be prescribed by the board with special reference to the applicant's ability to design and supervise engineering works ((so as to <u>insure</u>)) <u>to ensure</u> the safety of life, health, and property. Examinations shall be given for the purpose of determining the qualifications of applicants for registration separately in engineering and in land surveying. A candidate failing an

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examination may apply for reexamination. Subsequent examinations will be granted upon payment of a fee to be determined by the board.

Sec. 8. RCW 18.43.070 and 2019 c 442 s 10 are each amended to read as follows:

The board shall issue a certificate of registration upon payment of a registration fee as provided for in this chapter, to any applicant who, in the opinion of the board, has satisfactorily met all the requirements of this chapter. In case of a registered professional engineer, the certificate shall authorize the practice of "professional engineering" and specify the branch or branches in which specialized, and in case of a registered professional land surveyor, the certificate shall authorize the practice of "land surveying."

In case of engineer-in-training, the certificate shall state that the applicant has successfully passed the examination in fundamental engineering subjects required by the board and has been enrolled as an "engineer-in-training." In case of land-surveyor-intraining, the certificate shall state that the applicant has successfully passed the examination in fundamental surveying subjects required by the board and has been enrolled as a "landsurveyor-in-training." All certificates of registration shall show the full name of the registrant, shall have a serial number, and shall be signed by the chair and the ((secretary of the board and by the)) director.

The issuance of a certificate of registration by the board shall be prima facie evidence that the person named therein is entitled to all the rights and privileges of a registered professional engineer or a registered professional land surveyor, while the said certificate remains unrevoked and unexpired.

Each registrant hereunder shall upon registration obtain a seal of the design authorized by the board, bearing the registrant's name and the legend "registered professional engineer" or "registered professional land surveyor." Plans, specifications, plats, and

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reports prepared by the registrant shall be signed, dated, and stamped with said seal or facsimile thereof. Such signature and stamping shall constitute a certification by the registrant that the same was prepared by or under his or her direct supervision and that to his or her knowledge and belief the same was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the statute. It shall be unlawful for anyone to stamp or seal any document with said seal or facsimile thereof after the certificate of registrant named thereon has expired or been revoked, unless said certificate shall have been renewed or reissued.

Sec. 9. RCW 18.43.080 and 2019 c 442 s 11 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Certificates of registration((τ)) and certificates of authorization ((and renewals thereof, shall expire on the last day of the month of December following their issuance or renewal and shall become invalid on that date unless renewed)) issued under this chapter are valid for a period of time as determined by the board. It shall be the duty of the board to notify every person, firm, or corporation registered under this chapter of the date of the expiration of ((his or her)) the certificate and the amount of the renewal fee ((that shall be required for its renewal for one year. Such notice shall be mailed at least thirty days before the end of December of each year. Renewal may be effected during the month of December by the payment of a fee determined by the board)). In case any professional engineer ((and/))or professional land surveyor registered under this chapter ((shall)) fails to pay the renewal fee ((hereinabove provided for, within ninety days from the date when the same shall become due, the renewal fee shall be the current)) within 90 days following the expiration date, the professional engineer or professional land surveyor must pay the current renewal fee plus an amount equal to one year's fee.

(2) ((Beginning July 1, 2007, the)) The board may not renew a certificate of registration for a professional land surveyor unless

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the registrant verifies to the board that he or she has completed at least ((fifteen)) 15 hours of continuing professional development per year of the registration period. ((By July 1, 2006, the board shall adopt rules governing continuing professional development for land surveyors that are generally patterned after the model rules of the national council of examiners for engineering and surveying.))

Sec. 10. RCW 18.43.130 and 2019 c 442 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

This chapter shall not be construed to prevent or affect:

(1) The practice of any other legally recognized profession or trade; $((\frac{\partial r}{\partial r}))$

(2) The practice of a person not a resident and having no established place of business in this state, practicing or offering to practice herein the profession of professional engineering or professional land surveying, when such practice does not exceed in the aggregate more than ((thirty)) <u>30</u> days in any calendar year: PROVIDED, Such person has been determined by the board to be legally qualified by registration to practice the said profession in his or her own state or country in which the requirements and qualifications for obtaining a certificate of registration are not lower than those specified in this chapter. The person shall request such a determination by completing an application prescribed by the board and accompanied by a fee determined by the board. Upon approval of the application, the board shall issue a permit authorizing temporary practice; ((or))

(3) The practice of a person not a resident and having no established place of business in this state, or who has recently become a resident thereof, practicing or offering to practice herein for more than ((thirty)) <u>30</u> days in any calendar year the profession of professional engineering or professional land surveying, if he or she shall have filed with the board an application for a certificate of registration and shall have paid the fee required by this chapter: PROVIDED, That such person is legally qualified by

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registration to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying in his or her own state or country in which the requirements and qualifications of obtaining a certificate of registration are not lower than those specified in this chapter. Such practice shall continue only for such time as the board requires for the consideration of the application for registration; $((\frac{\mathbf{or}}{\mathbf{r}}))$

(4) The work of an employee or a subordinate of a person holding a certificate of registration under this chapter, or an employee of a person practicing lawfully under provisions of this section: PROVIDED, That such work does not include final design or decisions and is done under the direct responsibility, checking, and supervision of a person holding a certificate of registration under this chapter or a person practicing lawfully under the provisions of this section; $((\Theta r))$

(5) The work of a person rendering professional engineering or professional land surveying services to a corporation, as an employee of such corporation, when such services are rendered in carrying on the general business of the corporation and such general business does not consist, either wholly or in part, of the rendering of professional engineering services to the general public: PROVIDED, That such corporation employs at least one person holding a certificate of registration under this chapter or practicing lawfully under the provisions of this chapter; ((or))

(6) The practice of officers or employees of the government of the United States while engaged within the state in the practice of the profession of engineering or land surveying for the government of the United States; $((\frac{\partial r}{\partial r}))$

(7) Nonresident engineers employed for the purpose of making engineering examinations; ((or))

(8) (a) The practice of professional engineering or professional land surveying, or both, in this state by a corporation ((or joint stock association)): PROVIDED, That

(((a))) <u>(i)</u> The corporation has filed with the board an application for certificate of authorization upon a form to be prescribed by the board and containing information required to enable the board to determine whether such corporation is qualified in accordance with this chapter to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying, or both, in this state;

(((b))) (ii) For professional engineering, the corporation has filed with the board a certified copy of a resolution of the board of directors of the corporation that shall designate a person holding a certificate of registration under this chapter as responsible for the practice of professional engineering by the corporation in this state and shall provide that full authority to make all final professional engineering decisions on behalf of the corporation with respect to work performed by the corporation in this state shall be granted and delegated by the board of directors to the person so designated in the resolution. For professional land surveying, the corporation has filed with the board a certified copy of a resolution of the board of directors of the corporation which shall designate a person holding a certificate of registration under this chapter as responsible for the practice of professional land surveying by the corporation in this state and shall provide full authority to make all final professional land surveying decisions on behalf of the corporation with respect to work performed by the corporation in this state be granted and delegated by the board of directors to the person so designated in the resolution. If a corporation offers both professional engineering and professional land surveying services, the board of directors shall designate both a licensed professional engineer and a licensed professional land surveyor. If a person is licensed in both professional engineering and professional land surveying, the person may be designated for both professions. The resolution shall further state that the bylaws of the corporation shall be amended to include the following provision: "The designated professional engineer or professional land surveyor, respectively, named in the resolution as being in

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responsible charge, or a professional engineer or professional land surveyor under the designated professional engineer or professional land surveyor's direct supervision, shall make all professional engineering or professional land surveying decisions pertaining to professional engineering or professional land surveying activities in the state of Washington." However, the filing of the resolution shall not relieve the corporation of any responsibility or liability imposed upon it by law or by contract;

(((e))) <u>(iii)</u> If there is a change in the designated professional engineer or designated professional land surveyor, the corporation shall notify the board in writing within ((thirty)) <u>30</u> days after the effective date of the change. If the corporation changes its name, the corporation shall submit a copy of its amended certificate of authority or amended certificate of incorporation as filed with the secretary of state within ((thirty)) <u>30</u> days of the filing;

((-(d))) (iv) Upon the filing with the board the application for certificate for authorization, certified copy of resolution and an affidavit, and the designation of a designated professional engineer or designated professional land surveyor, or both, specified in ((-(b))) (a)(ii) of this subsection, the board shall issue to the corporation a certificate of authorization to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying, or both, in this state upon a determination by the board that:

 $((\frac{(i)}{(i)}))$ (A) The designated professional engineer or designated professional land surveyor, or both, hold a certificate of registration in this state in accordance with this chapter and the certificate is in force;

(((ii))) <u>(B)</u> The designated professional engineer or designated professional land surveyor, or both, are not designated in responsible charge for another corporation or a limited liability company;

((((iii)))) (C) The corporation is licensed with the secretary of state and holds a current unified business identification number and

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the board determines, based on evaluating the findings and information in this section, that the applicant corporation possesses the ability and competence to furnish professional engineering or professional land surveying services, or both, in the public interest; and

(((iv))) (D) The corporation is registered with the department of revenue pursuant to RCW 82.32.030.

(b) The board may exercise its discretion to take any of the actions under RCW 18.235.110 or this chapter with respect to a certificate of authorization issued to a corporation if the board finds that any of the officers, directors, incorporators, or the stockholders holding a majority of stock of such corporation has engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in RCW 18.43.105 or 18.235.130 or has been found personally responsible for unprofessional conduct under (((f) - and - (g))) (d) and (e) of this subsection.

(((c) Engineers or)) <u>(c) Professional engineers or professional</u> land surveyors organized as a professional service corporation under chapter 18.100 RCW are exempt from applying for a certificate of authorization under this chapter.

(((f))) <u>(d)</u> Any corporation authorized to practice professional engineering <u>or professional land surveying</u> under this chapter, together with its directors and officers for their own individual acts, are responsible to the same degree as an individual registered professional engineer <u>or individual registered professional land</u> <u>surveyor</u>, and must conduct its business without unprofessional conduct in the practice of professional engineering <u>or the practice</u> <u>of professional land surveying</u> as defined in this chapter and RCW 18.235.130.

(((g))) <u>(e)</u> Any corporation that is certified under this chapter is subject to the authority of the board as provided in RCW 18.43.035, 18.43.105, 18.43.110, 18.43.120, and chapter 18.235 RCW.

(((h))) <u>(f)</u> All plans, specifications, designs, and reports when issued in connection with work performed by a corporation under its

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certificate of authorization shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision of and shall be signed by and shall be stamped with the official seal of a person holding a certificate of registration under this chapter.

 $(((\cdot)))$ (g) For each certificate of authorization issued under this subsection (8) there shall be paid an initial fee determined by the board and an annual renewal fee determined by the board((\cdot));

(9) The practice of professional engineering and/or professional land surveying in this state by a partnership if the partnership employs at least one person holding a valid certificate of registration under this chapter to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying, or both((. The board shall not issue certificates of authorization to partnerships after July 1, 1998. Partnerships currently registered with the board are not required to pay an annual renewal fee after July 1, 1998.)); or

(10) (a) The practice of professional engineering or professional land surveying, or both, in this state by limited liability companies: Provided, That

(((a))) <u>(i)</u> The limited liability company has filed with the board an application for certificate of authorization upon a form to be prescribed by the board and containing information required to enable the board to determine whether the limited liability company is qualified under this chapter to practice either or both professional engineering or professional land surveying in this state.

(((b))) <u>(ii)</u> The limited liability company has filed with the board a certified copy of a resolution by the company manager or managers that shall designate a person holding a certificate of registration under this chapter as being responsible for the practice of professional engineering or professional land surveying, or both, by the limited liability company in this state and that the designated person has full authority to make all final professional engineering or professional land surveying decisions on behalf of the limited liability company with respect to work performed by the

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limited liability company in this state. The resolution shall further state that the limited liability company agreement shall be amended to include the following provision: "The designated professional engineer or professional land surveyor, respectively, named in the resolution as being in responsible charge, or a professional engineer or professional land surveyor under the designated professional engineer or professional land surveyor's direct supervision, shall make all professional engineering or professional land surveying decisions pertaining to professional engineering or professional land surveying activities in the state of Washington." However, the filing of the resolution shall not relieve the limited liability company of responsibility or liability imposed upon it by law or by contract.

((-(-))) <u>(iii)(A)</u> The designated professional engineer for the limited liability company must hold a current professional engineer license issued by this state.

(B) The designated professional land surveyor for the limited liability company must hold a current professional land surveyor license issued by this state.

(C) If a person is licensed as both a professional engineer and as a professional land surveyor in this state, then the limited liability company may designate the person as being in responsible charge for both professions.

(D) If there is a change in the designated professional engineer or designated professional land surveyor, the limited liability company shall notify the board in writing within ((thirty)) <u>30</u> days after the effective date of the change. If the limited liability company changes its name, the company shall submit to the board a copy of the certificate of amendment filed with the secretary of state's office.

(((d))) <u>(iv)</u> Upon the filing with the board the application for certificate of authorization, a certified copy of the resolution, and an affidavit from the designated professional engineer or the designated professional land surveyor, or both, specified in (((b))

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and (c))) (a)(ii) and (iii)(A) of this subsection, the board shall issue to the limited liability company a certificate of authorization to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying, or both, in this state upon determination by the board that:

(((i))) <u>(A)</u> The designated professional engineer or designated professional land surveyor, or both, hold a certificate of registration in this state under this chapter and the certificate is in force;

(((ii))) <u>(B)</u> The designated professional engineer or designated professional land surveyor, or both, are not designated in responsible charge for another limited liability company or a corporation;

(((iii))) (C) The limited liability company is licensed with the secretary of state and has a current unified business identification number and that the board determines, based on evaluating the findings and information under this subsection, that the applicant limited liability company possesses the ability and competence to furnish either or both professional engineering or professional land surveying services in the public interest; and

(((iv))) (D) The limited liability company is registered with the department of revenue pursuant to RCW 82.32.030.

(b) The board may exercise its discretion to take any of the actions under RCW 18.235.110 and 18.43.105 with respect to a certificate of authorization issued to a limited liability company if the board finds that any of the managers or members holding a majority interest in the limited liability company has engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in RCW 18.43.105 or 18.235.130 or has been found personally responsible for unprofessional conduct under the provisions of (((f) and (g))) (d) and (e) of this subsection.

(((e) Engineers or)) <u>(c) Professional engineers or professional</u> land surveyors organized as a professional limited liability company

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are exempt from applying for a certificate of authorization under this chapter.

(((f))) (d) Any limited liability company authorized to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying, or both, under this chapter, together with its manager or managers and members for their own individual acts, are responsible to the same degree as an individual registered professional engineer or registered professional land surveyor, and must conduct their business without unprofessional conduct in the practice of professional engineering or professional land surveying, or both.

((-(g))) (e) A limited liability company that is certified under this chapter is subject to the authority of the board as provided in RCW 18.43.035, 18.43.105, 18.43.110, 18.43.120, and chapter 18.235 RCW.

(((h))) (f) All plans, specifications, designs, and reports when issued in connection with work performed by a limited liability company under its certificate of authorization shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision of and shall be signed by and shall be stamped with the official seal of a person holding a certificate of registration under this chapter.

 $((\frac{(i)}{(i)}))$ (g) For each certificate of authorization issued under this subsection (10) there shall be paid an initial fee determined by the board and an annual renewal fee determined by the board.

Sec. 11. RCW 18.43.150 and 2019 c 442 s 14 are each amended to read as follows:

The board shall set fees at a level adequate to pay the costs of administering this chapter. All fees collected under the provisions of RCW 18.43.050, 18.43.060, 18.43.080, 18.43.100, and 18.43.130 and fines collected under RCW 18.43.110 shall be paid into the ((professional engineers')) <u>board's</u> account, which account is hereby established in the state treasury to be used to carry out the purposes and provisions of RCW 18.43.050, 18.43.060, 18.43.080, 18.43.100, 18.43.110, 18.43.120, 18.43.130, and all other duties

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required for operation and enforcement of this chapter. ((During the 2013-2015 and 2015-2017 fiscal biennia, the legislature may transfer moneys from the professional engineers' account to the state general fund such amounts as reflect the excess fund balance of the fund.))

Sec. 12. RCW 18.43.170 and 1997 c 58 s 821 are each amended to read as follows:

The board shall immediately suspend the registration of a person who has been certified pursuant to RCW 74.20A.320 by the department of social and health services as a person who is not in compliance with a support order ((or a residential or visitation order)). If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for ((membership)) registration during the suspension, reissuance of the certificate of registration shall be automatic upon the board's receipt of a release issued by the department of social and health services stating that the person is in compliance with the order.

Sec. 13. RCW 18.43.200 and 2020 c 47 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

The department of licensing, through an interagency agreement with the board, ((must)) <u>shall</u> provide specified technical services to the board((. The initial interagency agreement must be for a term of three years and may be renewed by mutual agreement between the department of licensing and the board)) <u>as mutually agreed upon by</u> both parties.

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2023-03-0339-00LSV	Legal	9/17/24	Jill Short	SOC served. CM recommending Amended SOC be served.
2023-04-0553-00LSV	Legal	11/20/24	Jill Short	SOC served
2023-05-0875-00LSV	Legal	7/2/24	Jill Short	
2023-05-1038-00LSV	Legal	7/11/24	Case Manager	SOC review
2023-10-2332-00LSV	Management Review	7/26/24	Case Manager	Waiting action from respondent
2024-01-0051-00LSV	Management Review	4/5/24	Case Manager	Add'1 investigation continues
2024-01-0146-00LSV	Management Review	7/19/24	Case Manager	
2024-02-0420-00LSV	Legal	11/20/24	Jill Short	SOC served
2024-03-0484-00ENG	Management Review	5/7/24	Case Manager	
2024-03-0485-00ENG	Management Review	5/7/24	Case Manager	
2024-03-0530-00LSV	Investigation	10/14/24	Jill Short	
2024-03-0585-00OSW	Management Review	9/19/24	Case Manager	
2024-04-0720-00LSV	Legal	11/20/24	Jill Short	SOC served
2024-04-0747-00ENG	Investigation	12/5/24	Jill Short	Add'l questions for respondent
2024-05-1005-00LSV	Legal	10/1/24	Jill Short	
2024-05-1061-00LSV	Investigation	9/25/24	Jill Short	Waiting action from respondent
2024-05-1121-00LSV	Legal	11/20/24	Jill Short	SOC served
2024-05-1160-00LSV	Legal	8/6/24	Jill Short	
2024-05-1311-00LSV	Legal	10/1/24	Jill Short	
2024-07-1864-00ENG	Management Review	11/6/24	Case Manager	
2024-08-1939-00LSV	Management Review	12/4/24	Case Manager	
2024-08-2064-00LSV	Management Review	11/15/24	Case Manager	
2024-08-2125-00ENG	Legal	10/13/24	Jill Short	
2024-08-2184-00LSV	Investigation	10/3/24	Jill Short	

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2024-08-2200-00ENG	Admin Review	11/4/24	Jill Short	Recommending admin closure
2024-08-2233-00LSV	Legal	12/2/24	Jill Short	2
2024-09-2373-00ENG	Intake	9/18/24	Jill Short	Respondent not responding
2024-09-2412-00LSV	Legal	11/20/24	Jill Short	SOC served
2024-09-2423-00LSV	Investigation	9/26/24	Jill Short	
2024-09-2424-00LSV	Investigation	11/26/24	Jill Short	
2024-09-2561-00LSV	Investigation	10/3/24	Jill Short	
2024-09-2591-00LSV	Investigation	10/17/24	Jill Short	
2024-10-2793-00LSV	Investigation	11/25/24	Jill Short	
2024-10-2959-00LSV	Investigation	10/25/24	Jill Short	
2024-10-2989-00LSV	Investigation	11/13/24	Randy Garcia	
2024-10-3001-00ENG	Investigation	12/3/24	Randy Garcia	
2024-10-3052-00LSV	Investigation	11/8/24	Randy Garcia	
2024-11-3239-00LSV	Investigation	11/14/24	Jill Short	
2024-12-2353-00LSV	Intake	11/26/24	Jill Short	

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