



Practice Committee Meeting Report

December 11, 2024 | 12:30 p.m.

BRPELS Office
2nd floor conference room
605 11th Ave SE
Olympia, WA 98501
(Virtual)

Committee

Doug Hendrickson, PE, Chair
Dave Peden, PE, SE
Aaron Blaisdell, PLS (Virtual)

Guest(s)

Jim Wengler, PLS, CFedS
Marjorie Lund, PE, SE
Mike Harney, PE
Matt Rasmussen, PE, PLS
Matt ?, Public

Staff

Kristina Horton, PLS, Deputy Director
Jill Short, Investigations & Compliance Manager
Randy Garcia, 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

Total Complaints Received	8
Engineering Complaints	1
Surveying Complaints	6
On-Site Designer Complaints	1
Total Administrative Closures	0
Engineering Closures	0
Surveying Closures	0
On-Site Designer Closures	0

2. Compliance Report/Noncompliance Report

Ms. Short reported there are currently 4 individuals on compliance monitoring (Kent Huxel (two cases), Steven Morta, PE, and Robert Rogers, PLS).

Board staff requested Mr. Huxel's previous case (2021-08-2070-00LSV/2022-10-1445-00LSV) be removed from compliance monitoring as it is now combined with case 2023-01-0098-00LSV and will remain on compliance monitoring for 10 years. PC approved.

Three are in compliance with their board order, Mr. Morta, Mr. Huxel, and Mr. Rogers.

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

3. RCW 18.43 Task Discussion

Ms. Gillespie sent PC members draft language with the term "professional" added before the words "engineer," "land surveyor," "engineering," and "land surveying."

Committee members reviewed the draft language and asked Ms. Gillespie to keep "professional" before engineer and land surveyor and remove "professional" before engineering and land surveying. Also to make the language the same in RCW 18.43.020(3) & (6).

Ms. Gillespie will make those changes and bring the language back to the PC for review at the February meeting.

4. Digital Signatures

Committee members discussed the issue of different jurisdictions and their requirements for submitting designs with/without a digital signature.

The discussion included who the audience on this issue should be, i.e., building officials, county engineers, auditors, etc. It was felt this was an outreach issue and should be given to the Outreach Committee. Marjorie Lund and Matt Rasmussen volunteered to help with this item.

5. Disciplinary Timeline Report

A copy of the current edited report was included in the packet. Staff informed committee members a new report is being developed using the complaint tracking system and will be presented at the next PC meeting for review and determination of how it will be presented to the Board in the future

6. Checklist for Public Officials

A draft checklist was included in the packet. Other items to include were discussed. It was determined this item should also go to the Outreach Committee.

Recommendations to the Board

- None.

Action Items:

- Staff will make the recommended changes to RCW 18.43 as noted above and bring back to the PC at their February meeting.

- The PC is recommending the digital signatures issues and checklist for public officials be assigned to the Outreach Committee.

Strategic Planning Goals:

None at this time.
