

**Practice Committee Meeting Report** February 12, 2025 | 2:45 p.m.

Radisson Hotel SeaTac Orcas Room 18118 International Blvd Seattle, WA 98188 (Virtual)

#### <u>Committee</u>

Doug Hendrickson, PE, Chair Aaron Blaisdell, PLS

Guest(s) Marjorie Lund, PE, SE

#### <u>Staff</u>

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

#### 1. Complaint/Administrative Closure Summaries

<b>Total Complaints Received</b>	9
Engineering Complaints	5
Surveying Complaints	4
<b>On-Site Designer Complaints</b>	0
Total Administrative Closures	1
Engineering Closures	1
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, Steven Morta, PE, and Robert Rogers, PLS). All are in compliance with their board order.

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

# 3. RCW 18.43 Language

The committee looked at the updated language submitted by Ms. Gillespie. There was discussion surrounding the definition of "Engineer" and "Land surveyor" in Section 1 of RCW 18.43.020(3) & (6) and possible removal of these definitions. Ms. Gillespie will work in tandem with the EQC and Ms. Lagerberg on the changes they are considering. The PC would like draft language to be submitted to the Board by the April or June 2025 meeting.

## 4. Handling Common Trend in Complaints: Professional Conduct/Ethic Requirements

Committee members and staff discussed a common trend in complaints regarding lack of communication by the licensee and a clear understanding by the client on work to be completed.

The committee felt more outreach and communication needs to occur, with an emphasis on a licensee's obligation of communicating with clients, the public, and other professionals.

## 5. BAP Updates (Ticket Book)

Staff gave an update on the use of Brief Adjudicative Proceedings (BAP). Staff will be working with our prosecuting and advising AAGs on expanding the use of BAPs, as well as updating WAC 196-09-050 to include other types of violations.

6. UW Engineering Pathway Project as Commissioned by the State Transportation Committee Ms. Horton gave an update on this project and referred committee members to the PowerPoint slide sent out by Mr. Fuller on January 29, 2025. Mr. Blaisdell would like additional information on the project.

## **Recommendations to the Board**

• None.

## **Action Items:**

• Ms. Gillespie will work with the EQC and Ms. Lagerberg on updates to RCW 18.43.

## **Strategic Planning Goals:**

None at this time.