



Survey Committee Meeting Report
February 12, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Teams Meeting (virtual) & SeaTac, WA (in-person)

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Committee: Aaron Blaisdell, PLS (Committee Chair)

Matt Rasmussen, PLS/PE

Doug Hendrickson, PE

Support staff: Kristina Horton, PLS, Deputy Director
Shanan Gillespie, Regulatory Program Manager
Jill Short, Compliance Manager
Kevin Ballard, Internal Control Manager
Randy Garcia, Compliance Manager/Investigator
Greg Schieferstein, Outreach and Communications Manager
Bryce Dickinson, Administrative Assistant
Mackenzie Wherrett, Executive Assistant
Vonna Cramer, Licensing Lead
Elizabeth Lagerberg (AAG)

Guests: Tony Chenier, PLS (LSAW Liaison)

Lucas Lymangrover, PLS

Paul Galli, PLS

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.



Agenda Discussion topics **(Action Items Highlighted)**

- PDH: review of portions of WAC 196-16 and of RCW 18.43.080
 - Discussion about carryover of PDH being allowed or not. AAG (Elizabeth L.) stated she does not believe that it is allowed based on RCW 18.43.080 stating that 15 hrs. per year must be completed. Committee members and other attendees discussed the need to clean up/clarify the language in the WAC noted above relating to PDH requirements.
 - **Action Item:** Doug H. will look at WAC 196-16 and prepare an initial mark up and send it to the other committee members, the LSAW Liaison (Tony Chenier), the AAG, and appropriate staff, for review prior to the April committee meeting. Doug will also look at the PDH requirements for On-Site to ensure continuity between the requirements for each profession.

- PLS State Exam: Project update (KH/SG)
 - Kris H. reported that the Exam Verification Subject Matter Expert group met on January 23 and 24, 2025 to verify (full review of) the two new exam forms provided by the psychometrician.
 - It was noted that the next WA PLS exam is being held on March 21, 2025, and one of the new exam forms will be used.
 - Discussion about number of items (questions) in the item bank (164) and the process for preparing the new exam forms for use.
 - **Action Item:** Kris H. and Kevin B. will prepare a preliminary plan for moving to Computer Based Testing (CBT) and have a report ready for the committee by the April committee meeting.

- Professional Practice: WAC 196-29-110
 - Aaron B. thinks that an addition of a retention of records (such as field notes, raw data, etc) to this WAC is needed. There was some discussion.
 - Discussion that this WAC addresses the "How" of surveying.
 - LSAW Liaison asked if LSAW has looked at any changes to this WAC. Another LSAW Board of Directors attendee stated that there have only been information discussions about it.
 - Shanan G. noted that a CR-101 for WAC 196-29-110 is still open.
 - **Action Item:** Kris H. will send a copy of the WAC and an invitation to the board survey members – including Pro-Tem members – and to the LSAW Liaison (Tony Chenier) to attend/be a part of a committee to determine if changes to the



WAC should be proposed, and if so, then what changes. The meeting will be set up in March so that progress can be reported at the April committee meeting.

- Rulemaking: BRPELS and Dept. of Natural Resources
 - Review and discussion of changes (by DNR) to WAC 332-130-050 Survey Map Requirements and Recording Checklist and proposed legislative bills with potential impacts to the surveying profession, including changes to RCW 58.17 Subdivision and changes to WUCIOA.

Strategic Planning Items

- Determine the pathways to state specific PLS exam.
- Work with DNR on proposed update of Survey Recording Act (RCW 58.09) and associated WACs and RCWs. Engage with appropriate stakeholders.
 - No discussion at this meeting.

Additional Action Items

- The following items will be added to the April Survey Committee Agenda
 - WAC 196-16 proposed changes (PDH requirements)
 - WAC 196-29-110 Land Surveying Practice Standards
 - NCEES Model Law Review: Review of current and impacts of proposed changes
 - Report on proposed plan for using Computer Based Testing

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.