



Executive Committee Meeting

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Elizabeth Lagerberg, AAG

Discussion topics

- Financial Report (*Ian*)
- Chapter 18.43 RCW Update (*Ken/Shanan*)
- Response to Written Questions from Zheng Wang
- AIAWA Practice Act Update (*Ken*)
- Forms Task Force Report (*Kevin/Marjorie*)

Strategic Planning Items

- ~~Measure performance & gain stakeholder feedback that's relevant and useful for improving our agency. *In progress.*~~
- ~~Measure the licensing system software functionality from stakeholders. *In progress.*~~
- ~~Early engagement with professional organizations in rulemaking.~~



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES

1500 Jefferson Street SE, Olympia, WA 98501

September 25, 2025

TO: Ken Fuller, Executive Director
 Kristina Horton, Deputy Director
 Mackenzie Wherrett, Executive Assistant
 Kevin Ballard, Internal Control Manager
 Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

FROM: Ian Shelley, Senior Financial Consultant – DES Small Agency Financial Services

SUBJECT: August 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

August highlights

- \$179k revenues
- \$250k expenses. August expenses elevated, July & August central service costs paid in August.
- \$1.457 million fund balance – a decrease of \$71,000 from July.

Biennium to date highlights – July 2025 to August 2025

- Revenues: \$377k
- Expenses: \$389k
 - This is a \$36k underspend against allotments year to date. Underspend largely composed of:
 - \$16k underspend in E category. This is \$8k/month or \$190k for the biennium held aside for licensing system projects but expenses for this have not yet materialized.
 - \$12k in underspend G travel categories. Nearly zero travel expenses so far.
 - Small over/underspends in other categories.
- Fund balance: \$1.457 million
 - Current balance is a \$451k decrease from beginning balance of \$1.909 million. Change in fund balance composed of:
 - \$440,000 fund sweep per BI25-27 budget bill [5167-S.PL.pdf](#).
 - ~\$11k operating loss.

Projected BI27 end highlights

- Revenue projected to reach \$4.843 million by June 2027.
- Expenses projected to reach \$4.823-\$5.013 million by June 2027.
- Fund 024 balance projected at \$1.303-\$1.494 million. This is a decrease from the BI25 starting balance of \$1.909 million.



Agency Request Legislation
Office of Financial Management
2026 Regular Session of the 69th Legislature
Chapter 18.43 RCW - Updating the professional engineers' registration act.

General Information

Description

Proposed amendments include modernizing statutory language for inclusivity, streamlining registration procedures, authorizing the Board to modify professional examination structure to reflect industry standards, and expanding the number of pro-tem board members to strengthen Board diversity and expertise.

Program

The Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

Z-draft Number

Z-0438.1

Related Agency Request

Previously Approved: 2025-1283-Chapter 18.43 RCW - Updating the professional engineers' registration act.

Agency Contacts

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Interested Parties

Name	Contact Information	Organization	Position	Explanation
Benjamin Anstey	benanstey52@yahoo.com	self	No Response	Attended 7-23 Stakeholder meeting
Kevin Axt	Kevin.Axt@tetrattech.com	self	Concerns	I am against decoupling of experience & examination for licensure as a professional engineer.
Bill Christman	bchristmanpe@aol.com	self	Supports	i agree with each of the proposed amendments
Christopher Clark	gocats199750@yahoo.com	self	Concerns	Amendments appear to be more for inclusiveness than responsibility to profession.
Jeff Dagle	Unknown	WSPE	No Response	Attended WSPE Stakeholder meeting, but did not provide comments.

Bill Dunbar	Unknown	WA Society of Professional Engineers (WSPE	No Response	Attended WSPE Stakeholder meeting
Jeanne Finger	jeanne.finger2013@gmail.com	self	Supports with Concerns	US citizenship for board members needs to be kept as a requirement
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Maurice Hooks	maruicelhooks@wavecable.com	self	Concerns	US citizenship for board members, disagree with gender neutral pronoun changes
Emily Jacobsen	emily.jac@gmail.com	self	Supports	
Vickie Kobayashi	vickie.kobayashi@seattle.gov	self	No Response	Attended 7-23 Stakeholder meeting
Loren Marovelli	marovellil@gmail.com	self	Supports with Concerns	US citizenship for board members needs to stay a requirement
Ken McGowan	k2mcgowan@comcast.net	WSPE	Supports	Stated he supported proposed legislation during WSPE Stakeholder meeting
Jeremy Metzler	jeremy.metzler@comcast.net	self	No Response	No comments. Attended 7-23 Stakeholder meeting
Tim Osborne	tosborne@fifewa.gov	City of Fife	Supports with Concerns	US citizenship for board members needs to stay a requirement
Barbara Philipp	bphilipp@ieee.org	WSPE	No Response	Attended WSPE Stakeholder meeting but did not provide comments.
Mark Pigman	bacon4life@hotmail.com	self	Supports	
Glenn Ritter	gritter@spokanevalleywa.gov	City of Spokane Valley	Supports with Concerns	US citizenship for board members needs to stay as a requirement
Darrell Staaleson	dstaal@stalleng.com	self	Supports with Concerns	US citizenship for board membership needs to be a requirement
Ted Taylor	taylortg26@comcast.net	WSPE	No Response	No comment provided at WSPE Stakeholder meeting
Tessa Weeden	twee461@ecyt.wa.gov	Dept of Ecology	Neutral	
Ann Winkler	ann@sunburstengr.com	self	Opposes	US citizenship for board members, disagree with gender neutral pronouns, disagree with requirement amendments

Required Elements

1. Provide a statement that explains why your agency needs the bill.

Include in your statement what problem the bill is designed to correct.

Amendments to Chapter 18.43. RCW are necessary to reflect current processes of the agency, remove outdated language that may confuse our licensees and the public, add a provision that would allow the Board Chair to appoint an on-site wastewater treatment system designer licensed under Chapter 18.210 RCW as a pro-tem Board member (amending RCW 18.43.033), and remove barriers to licensure by removing the current restrictions of the order requirements for licensure are met.

Benefits of amending and updating language in Chapter 18.43 RCW include:

- Clarity and accessibility for our licensees and the public by reducing ambiguity and making the statutes easier to understand.
 - Clearer language can also reduce litigation and administrative costs by minimizing misunderstandings and disputes over interpretation.
- Benefits of amending RCW 18.43.033 and adding an additional pro-tem board member include:
- Flexibility: An additional pro-tem member can step in temporarily to fill gaps when regular board members are unavailable, ensuring the board can continue to function smoothly.
 - Expertise: This position allows the board to bring in specialized expertise for specific issues or project without making a long-term commitment.
 - Diversity: it provides an opportunity to include diverse perspectives and skills on the board, which can enhance decision-making and governance.

Benefits of amending RCW 18.43.040 include:

- Clearer language on what is required to become licensed as a professional engineer, structural engineer, professional land surveyor, engineer-in-training, and land surveyor-in-training.
- Removing the restriction of the order which licensure requirements are met.

2. Is this bill tied to the Governor's priority or priorities?

Yes

3. If the response to the prior question was "Yes," please indicate which Governor's priority or priorities.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 22-04

Reduction of administrative barriers to licensing in Washington State.

Equity and fairness to citizens wanting to enter Washington's workforce.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 23-02

Ensuring public information is easy to understand.

Plain language supports an efficient and positive customer experience that minimizes confusion and errors, improves compliance with agency regulations, lowers the number of client complaints or disputes.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-03

Increasing efficiency in the processing of licenses and removes unnecessary barriers for Washingtonians seeking to do business in the state.

4. Provide a summary of major provisions.

Amendments to RCW 18.43.033 allow the board chair to appoint licensees registered under Chapter 18.210 RCW as pro-tem board members and changes the number of appointees from 2 to 3.

Amendments to RCW 18.43.040 gives the board the authority to modify the order and number of professional examinations.

Amendments to RCW 18.43.080 allow the Board to determine the amount of renewal, determine the renewal period, and reflect the current renewal processes of the Board. Amendments also define when a license becomes invalid.

5. Provide changes to the current law.

Minor amendments to proposed language, including removal of obsolete dates, making pronouns gender neutral, and adding "professional" before engineer and land surveyor, and were done in the following sections of Chapter 18.43 RCW: 18.43.020, 18.43.030, 18.43.035, 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.

Pro Tem membership RCW 18.43.033

Sec. 1. 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 member of the board and perform services as needed and determined by the director, including ensuring sufficient case reviewers, forming a quorum at a board meeting, serving on any combination of one or more committees, or participating as needed at formal disciplinary hearings. An appointed individual must be registered under this chapter or licensed under chapter 18.210 RCW for a minimum of five years immediately prior to the appointment. 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.

Registration Requirements RCW 18.43.040

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

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

~~((a)(i) As a professional engineer:))~~

(1) PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER. To be licensed as a professional engineer, an applicant must meet the examination and experience requirements delineated in this subsection (1).

(a) Examination requirements. An applicant must have received passing scores on examinations required by the board in rule.

(b) Experience requirements. A specific record of eight years or more of experience in engineering work of a character satisfactory to the board and ~~((indicating))~~ showing that the applicant is competent to practice 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 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 engineering and have))~~

(i) The experience must be broad based and progressive to include gaining knowledge and comprehension of engineering subjects and applying engineering principles.

(ii) Education or teaching at a college or university may constitute a portion of the required experience as follows:

(A) An undergraduate degree, or its equivalent, in an engineering program approved by the board will be considered the equivalent of four years of experience;

(B) Satisfactory completion of each year of an engineering program may be considered the equivalent of one year of experience at the discretion of the board;

(C) An undergraduate degree in a nonengineering program may be considered the equivalent of engineering experience at the discretion of the board;

(D) No more than four years of experience may be granted for undergraduate education; and

(E) Experience may be granted for teaching and postgraduate education as further defined by, and at the discretion of, the board.

~~((iii) 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 may not be deemed to be the practice of engineering.~~

(2) STRUCTURAL ENGINEER. Structural engineering is recognized as a specialized branch of professional engineering. A professional engineer must be registered as a structural engineer to provide structural engineering services for significant structures. To become licensed as a structural engineer, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

(a) Hold a current registration as a professional engineer in this state;

(b) 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) An 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.~~

~~(e)(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); and~~

(c) Pass additional examinations as prescribed by the board.

(3) PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR. To be licensed as a professional land surveyor, an applicant must meet the examination and experience requirements delineated in this subsection (3).

(a) Examination requirements. An applicant must have received passing scores on examinations required by the board in rule.

(b) Experience requirements. A specific record of eight years or more of experience in land surveying work of a character satisfactory to the board and showing that the applicant is competent to practice land surveying.

(i) The experience must be broad based and progressive to include gaining knowledge and comprehension of land surveying subjects and applying land surveying principles.

(ii) Education or teaching at a college or university may constitute a portion of the required experience as follows:

(A) An undergraduate degree, or its equivalent, in a land surveying program approved by the board is considered the equivalent of four years of experience;

(B) Satisfactory completion of each year of a land surveying program may be considered the equivalent of one year of experience at the discretion of the board;

(C) An undergraduate degree in a nonland surveying program may be considered the equivalent of land surveying experience at the discretion of the board;

(D) No more than four years of experience will be granted for undergraduate education; and

(E) Experience may also be granted for teaching and postgraduate education as further defined by, and at the discretion of, the board.

(4) ENGINEER-IN-TRAINING. An applicant who has completed four years of experience of the type outlined in subsection (1)(b) of this section and has received a passing score on a board-approved examination on the fundamentals of engineering may apply for an engineer-in-training certificate from the board.

(5) LAND-SURVEYOR-IN-TRAINING. An applicant who has completed four years of experience of the type outlined in subsection (3)(b) of this section and has received a passing score on a board approved examination on the fundamentals of land surveying may apply for a land-surveyor-in-training certificate from the board.

~~(1) Certificates of registration((;)) 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 land surveyor registered under this chapter shall fail 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 fee plus an amount equal to one year's fee.~~

~~(2) Beginning July 1, 2007, the))~~ If a completed application for renewal has not been received by the board by the date of expiration, postmarked before the date of expiration if mailed or transacted online before the date of expiration, the license is invalid.

~~(2) The board may not renew a certificate of registration for a professional land surveyor unless the registrant verifies to the board that ((he or she has completed at least fifteen)) the registrant has completed the required 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)).~~

6. Irrespective of whether a bill has a fiscal impact, attach a completed fiscal note from each of the affected state agency (s), including local government.

Coordinate with Department of Commerce.

[Z-0438.1 Fiscal Note.pdf](#)

[Z-0421.2 Fiscal Note.pdf](#)

7. Will the fiscal impact of this proposed legislation exceed \$50,000?

No

8. If the legislation is tied to a budget request, please provide the agency's budget decision package code and title for reference.

Option: Attach a copy of the Decision Package

No information has been provided

9. Please attach the official Code Reviser draft of the proposed legislation containing a Z-draft number, and ensure it matches the Z-draft number provided on the field within the Agency Request Information screen.

If revisions are made during the review process, add the updated copy to the Attachments section within your agency request.

[Z-0438.1.pdf](#)

[Z-0421.2.pdf](#)

10. Review the submittal requirements and confirm the following was included in your list of Agency Contacts.

- **Yes** - At least one or more subject matter experts available to answer policy and fiscal impact questions related to the proposed bill.
- **Yes** - For any state or local government agencies affected by the proposed bill one or more agency representatives who may speak to the issue(s) has been provided.
- **Yes** - The agency's Assistant Attorney General who reviewed the proposed bill draft.

11. Did you provide adequate information within the interested parties section?

Proposals without adequate interested party work and analysis will be rejected. Interested parties (e.g., constituent groups, legislators, tribal governments) must be entered into the system.

Yes

12. Does this proposal require commission or advisory committee endorsements?

If your answer to this question is yes, then the proposal should be presented well in advance to ensure submittals meet the deadline.

Yes

13. Equity Considerations: Please describe specifically how this proposal is likely to benefit or impact communities and populations who have historically been excluded and marginalized by governmental decisions.

For agencies covered by the HEAL Act, please also incorporate environmental and health impacts and consideration of overburdened communities and vulnerable populations into your response.

N/A

14. Equity Considerations: Describe how your agency engaged with communities and populations, particularly those who have been historically excluded and marginalized by governmental decisions.

For agencies covered by the HEAL Act, please also incorporate environmental and health impacts and consideration of overburdened communities and vulnerable populations into your response.

We contacted our current licensees and interested parties for input on this proposed legislation. We held 3 virtual stakeholder meetings, and 2 virtual meetings with professional associations. We provided a draft of the proposed language to all individuals/businesses on the Board's contact lists, as well as posted the proposed language on the board's website.

15. Equity Considerations: What input did your agency receive and how was it incorporated into your proposal?

For agencies covered by the HEAL Act, please also incorporate environmental and health impacts and consideration of overburdened communities and vulnerable populations into your response.

We received written comments from our stakeholders that had concerns about removing language that requires board members to be US citizens. (RCW 18.43.030). Other comments were either supportive or neutral.

The amended language clarifies and modernizes the statutory language to ensure it is clear, concise, and easy to understand.

16. Equity Considerations: Explain why and how these equity impacts will be addressed; i.e., consider communities or populations excluded or disproportionately impacted by the proposal.

For agencies covered by the HEAL Act, please also incorporate environmental and health impacts and consideration of overburdened communities and vulnerable populations into your response.

Updating language helps impacted communities in understanding the statues and ensures the statutes remain relevant and reflect current societal norms, technologies and practices.

17. HEAL Act: For all agencies that are “covered and opt in agencies” attach the copy of the environmental justice assessment, if applicable for this agency request legislation submittal. See the 2026 ARL Memo for more details.

After July 1, 2023, HEAL Act agencies considering initiating a significant agency action, including the submission of agency request legislation to the Office of the Governor or OFM, must conduct an environmental justice assessment.

No information has been provided

18. HEAL Act: For all agencies that are “covered and opt in agencies" if applicable for this agency request legislation, confirm the following:

- Covered and opt in agencies: Dept. of Ecology, Dept. of Agriculture, Dept. of Commerce, Dept. of Health, Dept. of Natural Resources, Dept. of Transportation, Puget Sound Partnership, and the Office of Attorney General
- A consultation with federally recognized tribes on any significant agency action, including submission of agency request legislation, that affect federally recognized tribes (RCW 70A.02.100) was offered.
- A notice was filed with OFM of significant agency actions for which the agency is initiating an environmental justice assessment, as required under RCW 70A.02.090(3). Information on how to provide this notice will be posted on the OFM website.
- An attached copy of the environmental justice assessment has been provided.
- Responses to the equity considerations incorporate environmental and health impacts and consideration of overburdened communities and vulnerable populations.

No information has been provided

19. Did your agency head review and approve this legislative proposal?

Optionally provide any supporting documentation for this confirmation.

Yes

20. Provide any additional information about this proposed bill.

No information has been provided

Attachments

- [Z-0438.1.pdf](#)
- [Z-0421.2.pdf](#)
- [Z-0438.1 Fiscal Note.pdf](#)
- [Z-0421.2 Fiscal Note.pdf](#)
- [Response to Comments - 08-25-2025.pdf](#)
- [Comments received & meeting attendance.pdf](#)

From: Zheng Wang

Subject **Public Comment – BRPELS Board Meeting, August 7, 2025**

Good morning, Chair and Members of the Board,

This is Zheng. Thank you first for the opportunity to speak today. As a homeowner, I appreciate the Board's ongoing efforts to uphold the professional conduct of licensed engineers and land surveyors in Washington State.

Meanwhile I would like to respectfully raise three generic questions for the Board's consideration regarding a complaint I filed, identified as Case No. 2025-03-0925-00LSV:

Identifying a land surveyor: I understand it is code requirement for a surveyor to identify themselves before the survey. Is it the Board's position that a licensed land surveyor and his crew should present official identification/license information, particularly when requested by the property owner?

Trespass and Property Disputes: Does the Board consider it lawful and professionally appropriate for a survey crew to enter private property that is under dispute, especially when the homeowner has explicitly denied access and the property is fenced? Should surveyor's personal assumptions about property boundaries override a clear refusal of entry?

Board's Investigative Role and Surveyor Responsibility

Is it not a fundamental requirement that a licensed land surveyor understands and adheres to the laws and professional codes governing their practice? If a surveyor lacks knowledge of relevant statutes or disregards them, does that not raise serious questions about their professional qualification and fitness to hold a license?

Furthermore, even if a matter is categorized as a "civil affair," is it not still within the Board's statutory authority and duty to investigate and, when appropriate, discipline surveyors who appear to have violated Washington's professional conduct codes?

In summary, I am deeply concerned that the Board's current approach in my case may prioritize the convenience of surveyors over the safety and legal rights of homeowners. This direction undermines public trust and appears misaligned with the Board's fundamental duty, to ensure lawful and secure land surveying practices across our state.

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak here and your attention and consideration for matter.

Sincerely,
Zheng Wang

Hi Ken-

Hope you are doing well!

AIAWA is putting together a practice act update to bring RCW 18.08 up to date with our national organization's definition of the practice. This is important for a couple of reasons. First, the Qualifications Based Selection process has been rife with issues, particularly around the lines of when a public agency needs to work within it. The definition of the practice of architecture is 40 years old and the profession has change dramatically since then. An update will help architects impress upon agencies that the investment into our public buildings shouldn't be based on lowest bid but on the most qualified professionals available. I think our engineer partners, who also fall within QBS, would agree.

The second issue is incidental practice. This isn't a new issue and though we've tried to get a solid AG's opinion, we are left with their determination that there is no bright line delineating one profession's responsibility from the other. Our thought is that a better definition of the practice will ease some of that confusion. There is a group, Interorganizational Council on Regulations (ICOR), <https://icor-reg.org/practice-overlap/>, which has brought together (5) professions to hash out where the boundaries lie. Their report, which is in it's 5th year of work, has a mission: *ICOR's members are partnering to develop guidance for our professional licensing boards on how to best regulate overlapping practice between the professions of architecture, engineering, interior design, landscape architecture, and surveying.* Their report is due to be released in a couple weeks so ideally we'll have it to also refer to.

You may be aware of the bill the interior design coalition is working on, and our updated definition will also help provide the bright line needed to designate when a project requires an architect versus an interior designer alone.

Attached is our most current draft language of the update which I've also discussed with our state board. We want to be sure that our partners, particularly our engineering partners, are comfortable with the update and could be in support of it/not oppose it. I'd be happy to talk more if you have questions or concerns.

Best-
Tammie

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Executive Director
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"Practice of architecture" means the rendering of any service or related work requiring architectural education, training, and experience, in connection with the art and science of building design for construction of any structure or grouping of structures and the use of space within and surrounding the structures or the design for construction of alterations or additions to the structures *in a manner that protects the public health, safety and welfare. This includes providing, offering to provide or being in responsible control of planning services; developing concepts; preparing documents that define form and function of an environment; coordinating consultants; and construction administration.*

- a. *Planning services include, but are not limited to, programming (the evaluation and tabulation of design requirements) and planning (the strategizing of how program requirements are to be implemented and how this relates to site considerations).*
- b. *Developing concepts includes, but is not limited to, preliminary design and planning studies, pre-design, investigations, and evaluations.*
- c. *Preparing documents that define form and function includes, but is not limited to schematic design, design development, preparation of construction contract documents and Technical Submissions, including incorporation of the requirements of the authorities having jurisdiction.*
- d. *Compliance with generally applicable codes and regulations, and assistance in the governmental review process.*
- e. *Coordinating consultants includes, but is not limited to, the coordination of any elements of Technical Submissions prepared by others.*
- f. *Construction administration includes, but is not limited to, evaluation and observation of construction to determine that the work is proceeding in accordance with the contract documents.*

"Responsible Control" means the responsibility for exercising the ultimate authority over, and possessing the knowledge and ability to oversee, delegate, and integrate the design and technical decisions related to the preparation of the project's instruments of service and the project's implementation in conformance with the standard of care.