

MINUTES OF THE 2024 SOUTHERN ZONE ANNUAL MEETING
James Kelly, P.E., Southern Zone Vice President, Presiding
Chicago, Illinois, August 14–17



THURSDAY, AUGUST 15
BUSINESS SESSION 1

Call to order

Southern Zone Vice President James Kelly, P.E. (VA) called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

Roll call

Southern Zone Secretary Linda Bergeron, P.E. (LA) performed roll call. The following zones were in attendance and constituted a quorum.

Southern Zone Licensing Board	Members	Emeritus	Staff	Total
1. Alabama	5	0	4	9
2. Arkansas	4	0	2	6
3. Florida PE	5	0	4	9
4. Florida PS	5	0	2	7
5. Georgia	6	0	2	8
6. Kentucky	5	0	3	8
7. Louisiana	8	1	4	13
8. Mississippi	5	0	2	7
9. North Carolina	9	2	3	14
10. Oklahoma	4	1	4	9
11. Puerto Rico	5	0	0	5
12. South Carolina	6	1	2	9
13. Tennessee PE	3	0	1	4
14. Tennessee PS	3	0	1	4
15. Texas	8	2	3	13
16. U.S. Virgin Islands	2	1	0	3
17. Virginia	5	0	1	6
Total	88	8	38	134

Call for additional agenda items

Vice President Kelly asked for any additional agenda items. There were none.

Approval of minutes from 2022 Central Zone interim meeting

Minutes from the Southern Zone interim meeting in Asheville, North Carolina, in April 2024 were posted on the NCEES website and emailed to MBAs. Secretary Bergeron asked for any changes, and there were none. Louisiana moved to adopt the minutes, and Kentucky seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Zone committee reports

Leadership Development Committee

The Leadership Development Committee consists of Chair Chimin (Jimmy) Chao, P.E. (SC); Vickie Anglin, P.L.S. (VA); Linda Bergeron, P.E. (LA); Patricia (Liz) Compton (FL-PS); Iarelis (Ia) Hall, P.S.M. (FL-PS); Greg Meredith, P.E. (KY); and Andrew Ritter (NC). Since the last annual meeting, we have a total of 10 new Council members: Susan Richard, P.E. (LA); Andrew Heath, P.E. (GA); Trent Turk, P.L.S. (GA); Regina Young, P.E. (GA); Timothy Bowes, P.L.S. (NC); John Claytor, L.S. (VA); Kevin Shreiner, L.S. (VA); Justin Rains, R.L.S. (TN-PS); Fred DeLeon Jr., P.E. (AL) and Eddie Jett, P.E., S.E. (TN-PE).

Secretary

Secretary Bergeron asked that member boards send in reports if there are any updates since the April 2024 report.

Site Selection Committee

Chair Kathy Hart (OK) gave a report for the Site Selection Committee.

Awards Committee

The Southern Zone Awards Committee members for 2024 included Chair Dennis Hoyle, P.E., P.L.S. (NC); Pankaj (PJ) Shah, P.E. (FL-PE); and Michael (Blake) Collins, P.S. (MS). The Southern Zone Distinguished Service Award is presented to individuals for their dedicated service to NCEES and to the engineering and surveying professions. This year's award went to Aaron Morris, P.L.S., from Oklahoma.

Nominating Committee

Chair James (Jay) Caughman III, P.L.S. (TN-PS) gave a report for the Nominating Committee.

New business

There were few comments about the motions on the floor at the NCEES annual meeting.

Adjournment

Vice President Kelly adjourned the Southern Zone annual meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Note

This was the only meeting session of the Southern Zone at the Chicago annual meeting. The zone sessions planned for August 16, 2024, did not take place due to the lack of need.

Linda Bergeron, P.E.
NCEES Southern Zone Secretary

NCEES Southern Zone Member
Board Reports

April 2024

Updated August 2024

Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

In December 2023 Governor Ivey's Study Group on Efficiency in State Government released its report which included a recommendation to establish a State Agency to perform the administrative functions of certain occupational licensing and regulatory boards. We expect legislation to be introduced in the 2024 session.

The legislature passed a law in its 2023 session that requires professional engineers and professional land surveyors that do not have professional liability insurance to provide notice to their clients, which includes a notarized affidavit, prior to starting work.

Fred R. DeLeon Jr., a civil engineer, licensed geologist and licensed attorney was appointed to the Board in October 2023 and is our newest Board member.



Arkansas State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors



Murry Cline, P.E., President
Heather N. Richardson, Director

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor
Daryl Bassett, Secretary

MEMORANDUM

To: Linda H. Bergeron, PE NCEES Southern Zone Secretary

From: Heather Richardson, Director

Date: March 8, 2024

RE: Arkansas State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors Board Report

Keith Sikes, PS was appointed December 31, 2022 as the Professional Surveyor Member by Governor Asa Hutchinson and began to serve on the Board October 5, 2023. The Board has 3 positions (2 PE Members and 1 Consumer Member) expire on June 30, 2023; currently, no vacancies due to the positions seeking reappointment.

As per Act 662 of 2019 amended ACA §25-15-218 to establish and codify the Code of Arkansas Rules. The Act's purpose is to compile and index all Arkansas Rules into the "Arkansas Register" to be published by the Secretary of State. The Administrative Rules Review Section of the Bureau of Legislative Research (BLR) has been tasked to reformat all the rules of the state into the Code of Arkansas Rules. The codifying of the Rules of the Board is not to alter the intent or substance of the rule or have legal effect. The authority to promulgate rules still lies with the PEPS Board. The Board is currently in CAR Rule review process; the Rules of the Board will be codified 17 CAR § 285

Act 600 of 2019 the Red Tape Reduction Sunrise and Sunset Act of 2019, tasked the Legislative Council with conducting an annual rotating review of all occupational authorizations in the state with the purpose of determining and implementing the least restrictive form of occupational authorization to protect consumers from significant and substantial harms to public health and safety. The Board was in Group #3 and appeared before the subcommittee August 21, 2023. On December 11, 2023, the subcommittee's final report had no findings and/or potential draft legislation for the Board.

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Florida PE – State Report April 2024

Board Update:

- The board still has one open seat for a licensed engineer.
- Pursuant to 2023 legislation, PE licensure fees have been reduced for the next two years.

Legislation:

- The legislature passed SB1600 during its regular session in March 2024. This bill is meant to provide universal licensure for certain professions but does not affect professional engineers. However, the bill also provides a means for review of certain denied PE licensure by endorsement applications by the Department Secretary. If the Board denies an application, the applicant can request the application be reviewed by the Secretary and the Secretary can override the Board's decision. This bill has not yet been signed by Governor but is expected to.

Rules Update:

- We are in the process of updating our continuing education rules to require mandatory reporting of all continuing education.
- We have updated our experience rule to allow credit for working while attending school part- time graduate degrees.
- We recently updated our fire protection rules.

Renewal:

- License renewal will open in November 2024 with reduced fees as well.

Florida Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers Southern Zone Report

- Two long-time board members will be completing their second terms on October 31, 2024. David Schryver who served as board chairman for two consecutive terms in 2022 and 2023 and Chris McLaughlin who is currently serving as board chair have served with distinction and brought a wealth of experience and leadership to the board. Interviews for their replacements will be done this summer.
- The Board lost both the board attorney and prosecutor in December 2023 when they resigned for other positions. A new board counsel and prosecutor have been hired and are quickly familiarizing themselves with the policies and procedures.
- The board is in the process of conducting another round of rulemaking to clean up some areas of 5J-17 that need clarification, including digital signatures.
- Two bills introduced this past session that would have changed the education requirements for licensure did not pass in the legislature which concluded the session on March 8th. Among the changes included in the bills were allowing a high school graduate and a graduate with an associate's degree with a certain number of years' experience to apply for licensure.

Georgia Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors – NCEES Southern Zone Annual State Report

The Georgia Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board staff has been working diligently to complete the first annual renewal period since the Board became an independent state agency. This will be the last renewal using System Automation's My License software. On April 1, 2024, the Board will begin using System Automation's new Evoke licensing software. The Go Live date had originally been set for March 17, 2024, but difficulty integrating the temporary Clover payment processor has caused us to postpone the roll-out until April 1. The Board's staff has been testing for the last month and look forward to this new Go Live date. This new software will allow the Board to accept all applications online and move away from paper applications altogether.

The Board is also nearing the rollout of its new website. The goal is to create a site that is less busy while providing all the information the public needs to make accurate decisions in a clearer and more intuitive manner.

The Board is getting close to executing a lease for office space in the Peachtree Center in Atlanta. We hope to execute the lease by June 30th. We have created a plan for furniture and equipment as part of the current fiscal year budget. The space will need some preparation prior to move in, such as carpet and paint. We also need to create a reception area, as well as a security system and signage throughout the space.

Effective August 1, 2023, the Board hired Darren Mickler as their Executive Director. Mr. Mickler has been the Executive Director for the Board under the Georgia Secretary of State for the previous 21 years. The Board has also hired Licensing Analyst Ashley Elander who was working for the Board under the Georgia Secretary of State. Additional members joining our staff in the near future are Deputy Director, Eric Lacefield who will start on April 1 and Board Support Specialist, Brandi Howell who will start on April 15. The Board plans to hire a Supervising Investigator prior to the end of the fiscal year, June 30.

Respectfully submitted,

Darren Mickler, Executive Director

Member Board Report to the Southern Zone of NCEES
Kentucky State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors

Kyle Elliott, PLS - Executive Director

March 2024

Board Members Don Pedigo, PLS and J.C. Pyles, PE were reappointed by Governor Andy Beshear for terms expiring on January 1, 2028.

Current Board Officers are:

- Greg Meredith, PE – Chair
- Josh Calico, PLS – Vice Chair
- J.C. Pyles, PE – Secretary/Treasurer

Legislative:

- The Kentucky Board is in the process of updating the continuing professional development (CPD) regulations for professional land surveyors and engineers. The current regulations were created several years apart and have numerous inconsistencies. The proposal the Board will be taking to the legislature during the interim will more closely align the two regulations and will reduce the Board's random audit for CPD compliance from 5% of renewed licenses to 4%.
- Universal Licensure – A universal licensure bill was introduced again this legislative session (ending on April 15). The bill has not gained any traction yet and has not been assigned to a legislative committee.

Outreach – The Kentucky Board began an outreach program in 2023 promoting engineering and land surveying as future career paths to middle and high school counselors. This was successful and we are continuing our efforts in 2024 promoting to students themselves at some STEM events and are continuing to promote to the school counselors.

Finally, the Board extends its best wishes to member Nicole Galavotti, PE in her bid for Southern Zone Secretary.

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LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD

To: Linda Bergeron, PE, Southern Zone Secretary

From: Donna Sentell, Executive Director

RE: Louisiana State Report for 2023 Joint Zone meeting

Date: July 26, 2024

Welcome to our newest board member, Susan Richard, P.E., who replaces John Plaisance, P.E., P.L.S. We are still awaiting for Industry and Surveying appointments to replace Edgar Benoit, P.E. and Wilfred Fontenot, P.L.S. Susan, Edgar and Wil are all in attendance at this annual meeting.

It was a busy legislative session for us. There were several bills which will impact LAPELS and our licensees:

- HB 716 and SB 60, are Licensure by Endorsement bills, which will require all boards to grant a license to almost anyone holding a current license in good standing in another state/territory for at least one year. An applicant does have to provide proof of residency in Louisiana.
- SB 396 limits civil engineers working on buildings included in in these occupancy classifications: 1. Factory, industrial and storage; 2. High hazard and 3. Utility and miscellaneous.
- SB 462 would allow the Governor to appoint the chairman of every board and commission. The chairman must be from the members of the board and the chairman would serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- HB 713, which was filed on behalf of Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors, to update the definition of the practice of land surveying, was not adopted.

The LAPELS office has been located at our current location since 1999 and will be moving to a new location this fall. The LAPELS staff has been busy making arrangements for the move and transition and we're excited about our new space.

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Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Surveyors

To: Linda Bergeron, PE, Southern Zone Secretary / Treasurer

From: Monica Gilmore, Executive Director

RE: Mississippi State Report for 2024 Southern Zone Interim Meeting

Date: March 13, 2024

Since our last report in April 2023, Mark Humphreys has retired and the Board appointed Monica Gilmore as the new Executive Director. The Board continued its student engagement and outreach efforts during the last year including campus visits at the University of Southern Mississippi as well as participated in regional events such as the Pathways 2 Possibilities Gulf Coast career exploration program and the annual Mississippi Science Fest and the Science Makers event held in Jackson, Mississippi.

The Board continues to bring focus to the diversity of the licensed engineering and surveying professionals who live and practice in the State of Mississippi through its monthly Spotlight features and the twice annually published PEP Talks newsletter. You can access the latest PEP Talks newsletter from our website at the following link:

<https://www.pepls.ms.gov/board-newsletters>

The Board transitioned the license renewal process to a biennial event in October 2023 and is pleased to announce that the process was successfully implemented. Moving forward, the Board is implementing texting as an additional mode of communication with applicants and licensees in the State of Mississippi.

As of this report, the agency is preparing to relocate to a new building / suite in downtown, Jackson, Mississippi adjacent the historic and newly renovated Sun and Sand hotel which is remodeled into a state-of-the-art meeting and training venue.

Many thanks to our Board members but especially those who are serving on expired terms. We see and very much appreciate your continued service.

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North Carolina Board Report

The Board adopted new rules that amends the Board rules on “The Rules of Professional Conduct” and specifically amends the rules on what constitutes Responsible Charge. The rules of professional conduct need to be revised to reflect the current practice in the profession and the amendment narrows the scope of activities governed by the Rule to focus on core requirements of responsible charge and not ancillary activities. In addition, the revised rule change will be consistent with the model rules of the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveying.

The Board has one active case on appeal in Federal District Court involving an unlicensed drone company that the Board issued a notice of non-compliance letter for performing activities that meet the definition of North Carolina Surveying law. The Board was sued by the Institute of Justice for violating the Second Amendment rights of the drone company to free speech The Board won a summary judgement and the drone company has appealed.

The second case that the Board was sued on in Federal District Court has concluded. The case involved testimony in a civil trial by an engineer that was not licensed as a PE. The Board issued a notice of non-compliance to the unlicensed engineer that the work he performed in the civil case required a PE license in NC. The Board was sued by the Institute of Justice for violating the Second Amendment rights of the engineer to free speech. The engineer was issued a summary judgment that in part stated that testimony is not a licensed activity included in the definition of engineering in North Carolina. The has declined to appeal.

Timothy Bowes, PLS was appointed to five year surveying board member term – replacing the Mike Benton, PLS who had served ten years.

Dennis Hoyle, PE and Carol Salloum were appointed to their second terms to the Board.



March 25, 2024

To: Linda Bergeron, Secretary of Southern Zone From:

Kathy Hart, Executive Director

RE: Oklahoma Southern Zone State Report

The Oklahoma Board has been working several years on a Joint Task Force with our Board of Architects to better define the practice of engineering and the practice of architecture. After much discussion and work, we jointly submitted legislation to accomplish this important mission. We are currently moving through the legislative process and hope to have a positive report to you for the annual meeting.

Our other major project has been our SECOND computer project to develop an online system to replace our current ACCESS system. We had a false start with one company that was never completed due to a lot of major factors – so we began again and experienced a lot of issues. But I’m happy to report that we will be launching in a couple of months. We are in our final test stage, so we are cautiously optimistic we may have a fully functioning system by June 1.

Other initiatives the board is reviewing are as follows:

- What portion of SUE involves the practice of engineering vs. the practice of surveying
- Reviewing our Minimum Standards for the Practice of Surveying to determine if updates are needed
- Migrating our OLS state exam to CBT
- Continuing our Scholarship Program

STAFF CHANGES:

We have had several retirements that have impacted our agency. Our longtime Board Investigator, Mark Caruthers retired at the end of the year. But we are happy to have a new investigator, Ryan Daniels and he’s here with us at this meeting.

I’m pleased to report that after retiring a year and a half ago, Bruce Pitts has rejoined our staff part-time as Principal Assistant.

And last but not least, longtime NCEES employee and recent Director of the South Dakota Board relocated to Oklahoma and joined our staff as our Communication and Outreach Strategist.

BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS:

We are very fortunate that David Page, PLS, has been reappointed to the Board to serve another 6-year term.



2023 – 2024

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March 13, 2024

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NCEES Southern Zone Secretary-Treasurer

Re: Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors of Puerto Rico State Report

Dear Linda:

As requested in your communication of February 7, 2024, we are submitting the report of the work done by the Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors of Puerto Rico during the year 2023-2024.

Our Board is made up of nine (9) members from different disciplines, of which seven are professional engineers (PE) and two are surveyors (PS), appointed by the governor of Puerto Rico. These are broken down into two (2) civil engineers, one (1) mechanical engineer, one (1) chemical engineer, one (1) industrial engineer, one (1) computer engineer, one (1) electrical engineer, and two (2) surveyors.

For the first time in many years, the Examining Board is functioning with its nine (9) members after getting the honorable governor to appoint the incumbents for the three (3) vacancies that have been vacant for many years.

By law and regulation, the Board holds twelve monthly meetings scheduled for the year with an average participation of 95% attendance of its members. During the year, two thousand three hundred forty (2,340) applications for renewals and new entries were evaluated of which two thousand three hundred twenty-five (2,325) were approved, and fifteen (15) that did not meet law and regulations requirements were denied.

We have also taken the following actions during the year:

1. To address the low approval of the fundamental and professional exams, a joint commission was created with the College of Engineers & Surveyors of Puerto Rico and the Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors of Puerto Rico to evaluate the internship of fundamental and professional revalidation exams in engineering and surveying and to promote the licensure of both professions.
2. Remedial administrative measures were taken to reduce the renewal time for certificates and licenses from thirty (30) days to less than five (5) days.
3. We have finished the final approval of the Continuing Education Regulations, to update it with the laws and regulations in force in Puerto Rico by 2024.
4. Twelve (12) complaints were received regarding violations in professional practice by licensees. All complaints were investigated and resolved in their entirety.

It is important to mention that we began the reconstruction and improvements of the infrastructure affected by hurricanes and earthquakes in the southern area of Puerto Rico, and we continue receiving many requests for reciprocal licenses from all states.

We look forward to seeing you at the NCEES Southern Zone interim meeting in April

2024. Best regards,



Cesar Barreto Bosques, PE

President

Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors of Puerto Rico

South Carolina Southern Zone State Report 2024

South Carolina has 20,236 licensed professional engineers, 902 licensed professional surveyors, and 105 dual licensees, and 3,769 licensed firms.

The Board approved the Early PE exam (without work experience) in 2013 and 2,626 early PE applications have been received, with 1,616 of those applicant's passing the exam. Thirty-five (35) applicants have taken the Early PS exam, and 14 has passed.

\$10 of every renewal application goes toward the Board's Education and Research Fund, which supports activities, seminars, and conferences that promote education and licensure of engineers and surveyors. In an effort to utilize the funds and advance licensure, the Board has implemented a process to pay FE and FS exam fees for students at S.C. institutions that offer EAC/ABET accredited engineering degrees.

The board consists of four PE members, two dual licensees, one PLS and one public member.

Tennessee Board of Examiners for Architects and Engineers 2024 Southern Zone Meeting Report

An additional alternative pathway to licensure may soon include engineering technology degrees for those applicants with a long-established practice of twelve (12) years or more. \$400,000 in grant funds were made available to A&E schools in Tennessee. The Board passed rules which provided further clarification regarding the definitions of the four practice disciplines and the alternative pathways, but these do not have an effective date yet as they remain in the pipeline. The board continues to track the developments with artificial intelligence and its impact on the profession.

Tennessee Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors 2024 Southern Zone Meeting Report

The Tennessee Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors have been working on updates to rules and technical standards which remain in process. To remove impediments to licensure, the board is looking at allowing experience to be considered prior to passing the Fundamentals in Surveying (FS) exam and the decoupling of the Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) exam. Upon Tim Lingerfelt's term expiration, the board celebrated his contributions to the profession and board in TN while also welcoming his replacement Justin Rains.

Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
NCEES Annual Meeting
Southern Zone Board Report

TBPELS would like to welcome new Board Member Roberto Moreno, P.E., from El Paso, to his first NCEES Annual Meeting.

Surveying:

- TBPELS has successfully converted the RPLS examination system from a completely state-developed exam to a combined NCEES PS and state specific exam.
- The conversion to the NCEES PS exam is complete and examinees have been successfully taking the exam.
- The Texas Specific Surveying Exam (TSSE) is in place and going well, having been delivered 3 times. It will be offered 3x/year.
- Rules have been proposed to update the educational requirements for applicants that do not have a formal bachelor or associates degree in surveying. Statute requires a review of coursework for a minimum of 32 hours of certain topics to be covered; the rule amendment will update the course types and minimums for those course types.

Engineering:

- TBPELS has approved participation in the NCEES and ECUK International Agreement (MRA) and will be developing the process for licensure mobility.

Outreach:

- The agency is working on an on-demand outreach presentation system to augment our robust online and in-person outreach program

The Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects reports the following:

As of March 19, 2024, licensees are as follows:

PE- 31,122

LS- 1,230

LS B- 56

Photogrammetrists- 95

In 2023, we received nine new board members on our 15 member board. New board members are as follows:

Rick Townsend, PE Troy

Arnold, Citizen Kevin

Shreiner, LS John

Claytor, LS

Justina Vasquez, Citizen

Catherine Christian Stanley, Certified Interior Designer

Erik Bootsma, Architect

Helene Dreiling, Architect

Susan Dibble, Landscape Architect

We have current PE who is not seeking reappointment so we will another new PE board member sometime after June 30th.

There is an Architect board member who is seeking reappointment and a Certified Interior Designer who is ineligible for reappointment so we will be getting two more new board members (or maybe 3) after June 30th. So 11 or possibly 12 new board members on our 15-member board.

Our meeting dates for 2024 are as follows:

02/13/2024

05/08/2024

08/21/2024

11/13/2024

From 2023 to present, the Board has had 6 Cases:

2- Consent Orders

4- Final Orders

The executive director and board chair were part of the US/UK Delegation to London to discuss the proposed MRA between the two countries.

The 2024 General Assembly session saw one agency bill pass to change the very unique quorum requirements in place. Architect, PEs and LSs remain unaffected by Universal Licensing.

We continue to work on the mandatory 25% reduction in regulatory requirements which are to be promulgated by the end of 2025 to coincide with the end of the current administration. There will be additional regulatory meetings added as we work through the regulatory process.

We are working on workflow documents as we prepare to transition to a new licensing system. The first phase will transition the beginning of 2025. Our board will be in a later phase.

We are gearing up for our Agency-wide Board Member Training on October 10 & 11 at Great Wolf Lodge.

Governor Youngkin visited our Agency on March 12th and the executive director was recognized by the Governor for her contributions to the Agency and the Commonwealth.

Respectfully
submitted,
Kate
Nosbisch,
Hon. AIA VA
Executive
Director