



**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20**  
**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 boards were in attendance and constituted a quorum.

Southern Zone member boards	Members	Emeritus	Staff	Total
1. Alabama	3	0	3	6
2. Arkansas	3	0	2	5
3. Florida PE	4	0	3	7
4. Florida PS	3	2	0	5
5. Georgia	5	0	3	8
6. Kentucky	7	0	3	10
7. Louisiana	11	3	5	19
8. Mississippi	2	0	1	3
9. North Carolina	8	2	4	14
10. Oklahoma	4	1	4	9
11. Puerto Rico	4	0	2	6
12. South Carolina	6	1	1	8
13. Tennessee PE	4	0	0	4
14. Tennessee PS	3	0	0	3
15. Texas	7	2	3	12
16. U.S. Virgin Islands	3	0	1	4
17. Virginia	3	1	1	5
Total	80	12	36	128

**Call for additional agenda items**

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

**Approval of minutes from 2025 Southern Zone interim meeting**

Minutes from the Southern Zone interim meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas, in April 2025 were posted on the NCEES website and emailed to MBAs. Secretary Bergeron asked for any changes, and there were none. The Florida surveying board moved to adopt the minutes, and Texas seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Zone committee reports**

**Leadership Development Committee**

Chair Chimin (Jimmy) Chao, P.E. (SC) gave an update on the First-Time Attendee Breakfast.

**New business**

Vice President Kelly opened the floor for discussion.

Kathleen (Kate) Nobsbisch (VA) discussed the motion to add an MBA to the board of directors.

Iarelis (Ia) Hall, P.S.M. (FL-PS) and Christopher Green (FL-PS) discussed a bill in the Florida session to remove all boards, and it did not pass.

Samuel (Wes) Tripp III (NC) and Andrew Ritter (NC) discussed two lawsuits in North Carolina having to do with unlicensed drone operation and an unlicensed engineer as a case expert witness.

Kathy Hart (OK) and Christopher Knotts, P.E. (LA) clarified the Advisory Committee on Council Activities (ACCA) motion in the annual meeting.

**Adjournment**

Vice President Kelly adjourned the Southern Zone Business Session 1 at the annual meeting at 11:43 a.m.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 21  
BUSINESS SESSION 2**

**Call to order**

Southern Zone Vice President James Kelly, P.E. (VA) called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

**Roll call**

Southern Zone Secretary Linda Bergeron, P.E. (LA) performed roll call. All Southern Zone member boards were in attendance.

**New business**

Vice President Kelly opened the floor for discussion.

A straw poll was performed to see which boards are adopting the PLSS exam. The results were as follows: Florida, Mississippi, and Oklahoma.

The Virginia board's motion to have an MBA on the board of directors was discussed.

The Oklahoma substitute motion for ACCA Motion 1 was discussed.

**Adjournment**

Vice President Kelly adjourned the Southern Zone annual meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Linda Bergeron, P.E.  
NCEES Southern Zone Secretary