

KENTUCKY STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF LICENSURE MEETING
APRIL 10, 2026**

KENTUCKY ENGINEERING CENTER
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ryan Griffith, PE, Chair
Gregory Meredith, PE, Vice Chair
Don Pedigo, PLS, Secretary/Treasurer
Kyle Chism, PE
James Knoth, PLS
Rudolph Buchheit, Ph.D.
Clint Goodin, PE, PLS
Michael Vickers, PE

MEMBERS ABSENT: Douglas Klein
Kevin Walsh, Ph.D.
Joshua Calico, PLS

STAFF PRESENT: Kyle Elliott, PLS, Executive Director
Heather Baldwin, PE, PLS, Director of Enforcement
Jake Miller, J.D., General Counsel
Wanda Jordan, Executive Assistant
Sarah Uzzle, Assistant to the Director
Shane Beaubien, Board Investigator
Caleb Houchens, Board Investigator

GUESTS PRESENT: Jimmy Chao, PE, NCEES Southern Zone Vice President
Russ Romine, Executive Director NSPE-KY, ACEC-KY

1. Opening of Meeting – Ryan Griffith called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

1.1 Approval of Agenda – Gregory Meredith made a motion to move Item 5.3 NCEES Southern Zone Vice President, Jimmy Chao, PE, and Item 5.4 National Society of Professional Engineers – Kentucky, to immediately follow agenda item 1.3. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Meredith moved to approve the updated agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

1.2 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest – Mr. Griffith asked if any member had a conflict with any agenda item. No members indicated a conflict.

1.3 Approval of Minutes – Michael Vickers moved to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2026, meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. Information - Enforcement

2.1 Franklin Circuit Court - None

2.2 Actions of the Executive Director

2.2.1 Closed Cases – Heather Baldwin presented a tabulation of cases closed during the first calendar quarter of 2026 with actions other than disciplinary actions. Don Pedigo moved to accept the Closed Cases listing. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Action Items - Enforcement

3.1 Board Actions - None

3.2 Settlement Agreements/Consent Decrees

3.2.1 The Lexis Group, LLC – Ms. Baldwin presented the terms of the Settlement Agreement with The Lexis Group, LLC, and asked for the Board’s approval. Kyle Chism moved to approve the terms of the agreement. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3.2.2 Keith G. Winstead, PLS – Ms. Baldwin presented the terms of the Settlement Agreement with Keith G. Winstead, PLS, and asked for the Board’s approval. James Knoth moved to approve the terms of the agreement. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3.2.3 Bruce J. Vetter, PE – Ms. Baldwin presented the terms of the Settlement Agreement with Bruce J. Vetter, PE, and asked for the Board’s approval. Clint Goodin moved to approve the terms of the agreement. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3.2.4 Chad Christopher Loritz, PE - Ms. Baldwin presented the terms of the Settlement Agreement with Chad Christopher Loritz, PE, and asked for the Board’s approval. Mr. Meredith moved to approve the terms of the agreement. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3.2.5 Bradley Stephen Petri, PE - Ms. Baldwin presented the terms of the Settlement Agreement with Bradley Stephen Petri, PE, and asked for the Board’s approval. Mr. Chism moved to approve the terms of the agreement. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Board also directed Board staff to investigate whether Mr. Petri had engaged in the practice of engineering during the period of time in which his Kentucky license was expired.

3.2.6 Jo C. Tucker, PE - Ms. Baldwin presented the terms of the Settlement Agreement with Jo C. Tucker, PE, and asked for the Board's approval. Mr. Knoth moved to approve the terms of the agreement. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3.2.7 Robert Lee Smith, PE - Ms. Baldwin presented the terms of the Settlement Agreement with Robert Lee Smith, PE, and asked for the Board's approval. Mr. Pedigo moved to approve the terms of the agreement. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3.2.8 Leigh Palmer Harrison, PE - Ms. Baldwin presented the terms of the Settlement Agreement with Leigh Palmer Harrison, PE, and asked for the Board's approval. Mr. Chism moved to approve the terms of the agreement. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Action Items – Other

4.1 Financial Report – Kyle Elliott presented the financial report for the third fiscal quarter of 2026. Mr. Meredith moved to accept the financial report. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4.2 Ad Interim Actions of the Executive Director – Mr. Elliott presented the Ad Interim actions for the first calendar quarter of 2026. Mr. Chism moved to accept the Ad Interim report. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4.3 Applications

4.3.1 Denied/Rejected Applications – Mr. Elliott presented the list of denied and rejected applications for the first calendar quarter of 2026. Mr. Pedigo moved to accept the denied and rejected application list. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4.4 Executive Committee

4.4.1 April 9, 2026, meeting – Mr. Griffith updated the Board about the Executive Committee meeting from the previous day.

4.4.1.1 Proposed 201 KAR 18:120, Replacement of license certificates and business entity permit certificates

– Mr. Griffith made a motion from the Executive Committee to approve the proposed changes to 201 KAR 18:120, Replacement of license certificates and business entity permit certificates. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4.4.1.2 Special Committee – Mr. Griffith discussed the need to prepare one or more administrative regulations for the Board’s new ability of offer and provide engineering and land surveying scholarships. He appointed himself, Greg Meredith, Don Pedigo, Josh Calico, and Doug Klein to the Special Scholarship Regulation Committee. Mr. Griffith will chair the committee.

4.4.2 January 29, 2026, Committee Meeting Minutes – Mr. Griffith presented the Executive Committee meeting minutes from the January 29, 2026, meeting and made a motion from the Committee for the Board to accept those minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4.5 Engineering Committee

4.5.1 April 9, 2026, meeting – Mr. Meredith updated the Board about the Engineering Committee meeting from the previous day.

4.5.1.1 Appeal of the Executive Director’s January 28, 2026, Denial of Samuel Malinowsky’s Application for Endorsement Licensure as a Professional Engineer – Mr. Meredith informed the Board that Samuel Malinowsky appeared at the Engineering Committee meeting to appeal Mr. Elliott’s denial of his PE license endorsement application. Mr. Malinowsky had failed to disclose four disciplinary actions against his professional licenses in other jurisdictions. Mr. Meredith made a motion from the Engineering Committee for the Board to: (1) uphold the Executive Director’s January 28, 2026, denial of Mr. Malinowsky’s Application for Endorsement as said application was correctly denied for the reasons set forth therein based on the information available to the Board’s Executive Director on January 28, 2026; and (2) afford Mr. Malinowsky the opportunity to obtain a Kentucky professional engineer license by way of endorsement upon Mr. Malinowsky: (a) reapplying for a Kentucky professional engineer license that includes both honest and complete answers to all application questions; and (b) completing six (6) professional development hours in professional ethics approved by the Board. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4.5.1.2 Application for Reinstatement of Jason Root, Kentucky Professional Engineer License #26447 - Mr. Meredith discussed the Application for Reinstatement of Jason Root. Mr. Root was initially licensed in Kentucky as a professional engineer on January 12, 2009, PE #26447, and his license expired on June 30, 2020. Since his license expired, he

has continued working in the engineering profession, primarily on federal projects. Mr. Meredith made a motion from the committee for the Board to approve Mr. Root's Application for Reinstatement. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4.5.2 January 29, 2026, Committee Meeting Minutes – Mr. Meredith presented the Engineering Committee meeting minutes from their January 29, 2026, meeting and made a motion from the Committee for the Board to accept those minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4.6 Surveying Committee

4.6.1 April 9, 2026, meeting – Mr. Pedigo updated the Board about the Surveying Committee meeting from the previous day.

4.6.1.1 Application for Reinstatement of Darrell Hurt, Kentucky Professional Land Surveyor License #3687 – Mr. Pedigo discussed the Application for Reinstatement of Darrell Hurt. Mr. Pedigo noted that Mr. Elliott left the meeting room and was not present during the Committee's consideration of Mr. Hurt's application due to a potential conflict of interest. Mr. Pedigo informed the Board that Mr. Goodin had made a motion to lay the Reinstatement Application of Darrell Hurt on the table, and set a special called virtual Surveying Committee meeting for May 11, 2026, at 9:00 A.M., EST, to discuss negotiations between the Board's General Counsel and Mr. Hurt and his counsel regarding a proposed agreed order of reinstatement and to take no action on the Application of Reinstatement of Darrell Hurt. No action was taken in relation to the Reinstatement Application by the Board.

4.6.1.2 Request for a Board-Approved Program – Vincennes University Surveying Technology Program – Mr. Pedigo discussed the January 23, 2026, request of Jessica Hess, PS, Program Coordinator Surveying Technology for Vincennes University, to add Vincennes University's Surveying Technology Program to the Board's list of approve curriculum for professional land surveying licensure in Kentucky. Mr. Pedigo made a motion from the committee to approve the Bachelor of Science in Surveying Management described in the 2025-2026 Vincennes University Academic Catalog as a "board-approved program" for the education component necessary for licensure as a professional land surveyor in the Commonwealth of Kentucky pursuant to KRS 322.045(1)(c). The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4.6.2 January 29, 2026, Committee Meeting Minutes – Mr. Pedigo presented the Surveying Committee meeting minutes from their January 29, 2026, meeting and made a motion from the Committee for the Board to accept those minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. Information Items – Other

5.1 General Update from the Executive Director - Mr. Elliott provided the Board with recent activity of the Board of Licensure's staff.

5.2 Kentucky/National Quarterly Exam Results – Mr. Elliott provided a summary of the engineering and surveying exam results from the first calendar quarter of 2026.

5.3 NCEES Southern Zone Vice President, Jimmy Chao, PE – Mr. Chao addressed the Board regarding NCEES, objectives and initiatives of NCEES, and some of the benefits NCEES offers of which the Board could take advantage. Mr. Chao also indicated it would be a great opportunity for the Commonwealth of Kentucky should Don Pedigo be elected as the NCEES Southern Zone Secretary at the upcoming Southern Zone Meeting.

5.4 National Society of Professional Engineers – Kentucky – Russ Romine updated the Board on recent and upcoming events from the National Society of Professional Engineers, Kentucky.

5.5 Kentucky Association of Professional Surveyors – none

5.6 2026 Legislative Update and Administrative Regulations update
Mr. Miller updated the Board about the 2026 General Assembly and updated the Board about the current status of the work on our administrative regulations.

5.7 2026 NCEES Annual Meeting, August 18 – 21, 2026, Henderson, NV – Mr. Elliott proposed the funded delegates to the Annual Meeting as follows:

Ryan Griffith, as Chair,
Greg Meredith, as Vice Chair,
Don Pedigo, as Secretary/Treasurer,
Clint Goodin, first time attendee,
Mike Vickers, first time attendee, and
Heather Baldwin, enforcement attendee

Mr. Pedigo made a motion for the Board to fund Board members Kyle Chism, James Knoth, and Joshua Calico, and Board staff Jake Miller

and two enforcement staff members to attend the NCEES Annual Meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- 6. Adjournment** – There being no further business, Mr. Goodin moved to adjourn. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Ryan Griffith, PE, Chair