

The Board of Licensure Report
April 2025
Kyle Elliott, PLS, Executive Director

Individual License Renewals

The online individual license renewals have opened on the Board's website. If your last name begins with a letter A through K, your individual license is up for renewal this year and will expire on June 30, 2025. Please renew your license at: <https://kyboels.ky.gov/Renewals/Pages/default.aspx>. License renewal payments may be made with a credit card or by electronic check. The online renewal process is quick and secure. Please make sure you answer the renewal questions honestly and completely. Renewing early saves the Board mailing and printing costs.

All licenses renewed after June 30 will be automatically assessed a 10% late renewal fee for each month or portion of a month the renewal is late. While KRS 322.160 allows a licensee to renew his or her license for up to one year after it expires, that licensee is not authorized to practice his or her profession while his or her license is expired per KRS 322.180.

Finally, during the renewal process, please make sure the Board has up to date contact information for you. It is your responsibility to notify the Board of any changes of address.

Upcoming Regulatory Change Proposals

As required by KRS 13A.3102 and 3104, the Board of Licensure is in the process of reviewing all the administrative regulations in 201 KAR Chapter 18. We will soon be filing proposed updates with the Legislative Research Commission to the following administrative regulations:

201 KAR 18:040, Fees (no fee changes proposed),

201 KAR 18:060, Rejections,

201 KAR 18:072, Experience, and

201 KAR 18:080, Display of licenses.

In addition, based upon amendments made to KRS 322.040 during the 2025 legislative session, we will be proposing a new administrative regulation, 201 KAR 18:096.

Effective Regulatory Changes

On March 4, 2025, proposed changes to the following regulations became effective:

201 KAR 18:010, Classes of applicants for licensure for professional engineering and land surveying,

201 KAR 18:030, Engineer in training and land surveyor in training certificates,

201 KAR 18:115, License reinstatement for professional engineers and land surveyors,

201 KAR 18:192, Continuing professional development for professional land surveyors, and

201 KAR 18:196, Continuing professional development for professional engineers.

These updated regulations can be seen at the Legislative Research Commission website, here: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/titles/201/018/>.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT

For The Period

January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025

Heather L. Baldwin, PE, PLS, Director of Enforcement

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

CHRISTOPHER M. CULLINAN
CARPENTER & CROSS, LLC

On April 21, 2023, Christopher M. Cullinan entered into a Consent Decree with the Board of Licensure for failing to respond to a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) audit notice for the 2021/2022 reporting period within 30 days and failing to complete 30 professional development hours (PDH) for the 2021/2022 reporting period, and for aiding and abetting his company, Carpenter & Cross, LLC, in the unlicensed practice of engineering. Among other terms, Cullinan was required to complete and provide proof of completing 30 PDH for the 2023/2024 reporting period by January 10, 2025. Cullinan failed to meet this term of the Consent Decree.

On January 13, 2025, Cullinan was notified that he was in default of the April 21, 2023, Consent Decree and that he had 14 days to cure the default, or his professional engineering license would be suspended, and the business entity permit of Carpenter & Cross, LLC would be suspended. Cullinan did not respond or submit evidence of completing 30 PDH for the 2023/2024 reporting period. Christopher M. Cullinan's professional engineering license was **SUSPENDED**, and the business entity permit of Carpenter & Cross, LLC was **SUSPENDED** on January 28, 2025.

After the suspensions were in effect, Cullinan had 30 days to cure the default, or his professional engineering license would be revoked, and the business entity permit of Carpenter & Cross, LLC would be revoked. On February 28, 2025, Cullinan was sent a notice of default and revocation, and he was given 14 days to cure the default. Cullinan did not respond or submit evidence of completing 30 PDH for the 2023/2024 reporting period. Christopher M. Cullinan's professional engineering license was **REVOKED**, and the business entity permit of Carpenter & Cross, LLC was **REVOKED** on March 17, 2025.

THOMAS E. EATON, PE #9721

On December 30, 2023, Thomas E. Eaton, PE #9721, renewed his Kentucky PE license six months late, subjecting him to a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) audit due to late renewal for the 2021/2022 reporting period. Eaton did not respond to the CPD audit notice within 30 days, as required. On March 6, 2024, Eaton submitted some CPD documentation, but did not have evidence of completing 30 professional development hours (PDH) for the

2021/2022 reporting period. After Eaton failed to respond to numerous subsequent attempts by Board staff to contact him regarding his deficiency, an Administrative Complaint was filed on November 18, 2024, for his failure to respond to the CPD audit notice within 30 days, failure to submit evidence of completing 30 PDH during the 2021/2022 reporting period, failure to cooperate with a Board investigation, and for renewing his PE license without meeting the CPD requirements. Eaton did not respond to the Notice of Administrative Complaint nor participate in a telephonic Prehearing Conference held on January 17, 2025. On March 18, 2025, the Hearing Officer issued Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommended Order of Default Judgment which recommended that the Board be granted default judgment and enter a Final Order revoking Eaton's PE license. The Board of Licensure accepted and adopted the Hearing Officer's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and ordered Thomas E. Eaton's PE license, #9721, to be REVOKED by Final Order entered on April 11, 2025.

TRIUMPH SERVICES, LLC

Triumph Services, LLC is a limited liability company organized in the state of Ohio. The company entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors on February 13, 2024. On December 16, 2024, the company applied for a Kentucky business entity permit to practice engineering and failed to disclose the Ohio disciplinary action on its application in violation of KRS 322.180(1). The subsequent investigation found that the company had offered to provide and provided engineering services for one project in Kentucky prior to applying for and being issued a business entity permit to practice engineering in violation of KRS 322.060(1)(a). To resolve the investigation, the company, through its president Jared Perry, entered into a Consent Decree with the Board and agreed to: (1) receive a Letter of Reprimand; (2) pay a fine of \$2,000 within 30 days; and (3) maintain a current and valid business entity permit for any period of time in which the company is providing engineering services in Kentucky. The Board of Licensure approved this Consent Decree on April 11, 2025.

ALISON GWYNN, PE #33090

On May 14, 2024, Alison Gwynn, PE #33090, renewed her Kentucky PE license eleven months late, subjecting her to a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) audit due to late renewal for the 2021/2022 reporting period. Gwynn did not respond to the CPD audit notice within 30 days, as required, and failed to respond to numerous subsequent attempts by Board staff to contact her. On November 18, 2024, an Administrative Complaint was filed against Gwynn for her failure to respond to the CPD audit notice within 30 days, failure to submit evidence of completing 30 professional development hours (PDH) during the 2021/2022 reporting period, failure to cooperate with a Board investigation, and for renewing her PE license without meeting the CPD requirements. To resolve the complaint, Gwynn entered into a Consent Decree with the Board and agreed to: (1) receive a Letter of Reprimand; (2) complete the 3 PDH Texas Tech Engineering Ethics course prior to June 30, 2025; (3) complete and provide evidence of completing 30 PDH to satisfy her CPD obligation for the 2021/2022 reporting period prior to June 30, 2025; (4) complete and provide evidence of completing 30 PDH to satisfy her CPD obligation for the 2023/2024 reporting period prior to June 30, 2025; (5) not renew her PE license until she has completed the 3 PDH Texas Tech Engineering Ethics course and completed the CPD requirement for the 2021/2022 and 2023/2024 reporting periods; and (6) complete an

additional 30 PDH to satisfy her CPD obligation for the 2025/2026 reporting period by December 31, 2026, and provide evidence of completion to the Board by January 10, 2027. The Board of Licensure approved this Consent Decree on April 11, 2025.

DALTON TYLER HANKINS, PE #35185

On February 1, 2024, Dalton Tyler Hankins, PE #35185, renewed his PE license seven months late, subjecting him to a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) audit due to late renewal for the 2021/2022 reporting period. Hankins did not respond to the CPD audit notice within 30 days and did not submit evidence of completing 30 professional development hours (PDH) during the 2021/2022 reporting period. On March 20, 2024, Hankins was issued a Written Admonishment for these violations. He was scheduled for another CPD audit for the 2023/2024 reporting period and was sent notice of that audit on December 10, 2024. On January 7, 2025, Hankins submitted evidence of completing 30 PDH on January 6 and 7, 2025, after the end of the 2023/2024 reporting period. To resolve the investigation, Hankins entered into a Consent Decree with the Board and agreed to: (1) receive a Letter of Reprimand; (2) pay a fine of \$1,000 within 60 days; (3) not renew his PE license until he has paid the \$1,000 fine; and (4) complete an additional 30 PDH to satisfy his CPD requirement for the 2025/2026 reporting period by December 31, 2026, and provide evidence of completion to the Board by January 10, 2027. The Board of Licensure approved this Consent Decree on April 11, 2025.

CHRISTOPHER A. JONES, PE #27430

On September 11, 2023, Christopher A. Jones, PE #27430, was selected for a random audit of his Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credits for the 2021/2022 reporting period. Jones did not respond to the CPD audit notice within 30 days, did not maintain his CPD records, and did not submit evidence of completing 30 professional development hours (PDH) during the 2021/2022 reporting period. On December 18, 2023, Jones was issued a Written Admonishment for these violations. He was scheduled for another CPD audit for the 2023/2024 reporting period and was sent notice of that audit on December 10, 2024. Jones submitted 1.5 PDH during the 2021/2022 CPD audit that could be applied to the 2023/2024 reporting period and submitted an additional 2 PDH on January 10, 2025, leaving him 26.5 PDH short of the 30 PDH required for the 2023/2024 reporting period as of January 10, 2025. Jones did not submit evidence of completing 30 PDH for the 2023/2024 CPD audit within 30 days, did not maintain his CPD records, and did not have evidence of completing 30 PDH for the 2023/2024 reporting period. To resolve the investigation, Jones entered into a Consent Decree with the Board and agreed to: (1) receive a Letter of Reprimand; (2) pay a fine of \$2,000 within 60 days; (3) provide proof of completing an additional 26.5 PDH to satisfy his CPD requirement for the 2023/2024 reporting period within 60 days; (4) not renew his PE license until he has paid the \$2,000 fine and completed the CPD requirement for the 2023/2024 reporting period; and (5) complete an additional 30 PDH to satisfy his CPD requirement for the 2025/2026 reporting period by to December 31, 2026, and provide evidence of completion to the Board by January 10, 2027. The Board of Licensure approved this Consent Decree on April 11, 2025.

MARTHA ELISABETH HYDE, PE #20255

On October 10, 2023, Martha Elisabeth Hyde, PE #20255, renewed her PE license four months late, subjecting her to a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) audit due to late renewal for the 2021/2022 reporting period. Hyde did not submit evidence of completing 30 professional development hours (PDH) during the 2021/2022 reporting period. On November 30, 2023, Hyde was issued a Written Admonishment for this violation. She was scheduled for another CPD audit for the 2023/2024 reporting period and was sent notice of that audit on December 10, 2024. Hyde submitted 7 PDH during the 2021/2022 CPD audit that could be applied to the 2023/2024 reporting period and submitted an additional 16 PDH on January 10, 2025, leaving her 7 PDH short of the 30 PDH required for the 2023/2024 reporting period. To resolve the investigation, Hyde entered into a Consent Decree with the Board through which she placed her PE license in “retired” status in lieu of other penalties. The Board of Licensure approved this Consent Decree on April 11, 2025.

STEVEN JAMES BOUNCHAREUNE, PE #34907

On September 29, 2023, Steven James Bouchareune, PE #34907, renewed his PE license three months late, subjecting him to a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) audit due to late renewal for the 2021/2022 reporting period. Bouchareune did not respond to the CPD audit notice within 30 days, did not have evidence of completing 30 PDH during the 2021/2022 reporting period, and did not have evidence of completing 30 PDH for the 2021/2022 reporting period when he renewed his PE license on September 29, 2023. On February 1, 2024, Bouchareune was issued a Written Admonishment for these violations. He was scheduled for another CPD audit for the 2023/2024 reporting period and was sent notice of that audit on December 10, 2024. On January 10, 2025, Bouchareune submitted evidence of completing 30 PDH on January 10, 2025, after the end of the 2023/2024 reporting period. To resolve the investigation, Bouchareune entered into a Consent Decree with the Board through which he placed his PE license in “inactive” status in lieu of other penalties. The Board of Licensure approved this Consent Decree on April 11, 2025.

NON-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Cases Closed with a Written Admonishment – 11

PE – admonishments for CPD violations – 6 (late renewal audits 2024)

PLS – admonishments for CPD violations – 3 (late renewal audits 2024)

Firm (engineering) – practicing engineering with an expired permit – 1

Firm (land surveying) – practicing land surveying with an expired permit – 1

Case Closed with an Educational Letter – 4

PE – educational letter about the definition of responsible charge – 1

PE licensed in another jurisdiction – practicing engineering and using the post-nominal PE designation on a Kentucky project – 3

Case Closed with No Action – 6

PE licensed in another jurisdiction – no violation – 1

PE – no violation – 2

PLS – no violation – 1

Firm (engineering) – no violation – 2