

The Board of Licensure Report
April 2026
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 L through Z, your individual license is up for renewal this year and will expire on June 30, 2026. 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.

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 have recently filed proposed updates with the Legislative Research Commission regarding the following administrative regulations:

201 KAR 18:072, Experience, and
201 KAR 18:150, Standards of practice for professional land surveyors.

The proposed changes to the standards of practice for professional land surveyors came about from a request of the Kentucky Association of Professional Surveyors (KAPS). KAPS spent more than a year developing proposed changes prior to submitting to the Board of Licensure. The Board, under then Chair Joshus Calico, PLS, appointed a Task Force composed of Board of Licensure members, and representatives from KAPS, NSPE-KY, and ACEC. The Board of Licensure approved the proposed amendments as recommended by the Task Force.

Both proposed amendments to the regulations can be found here: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/titles/201/018/>.

Board of Licensure Scholarships

House Bill 49, sponsored by Representative Emily Calloway (R-37), passed the 2026 Kentucky General Assembly unanimously. This bill, which will become effective in July of 2026, will

authorize the Board of Licensure to provide scholarships to engineering and land surveying students enrolled in programs at Kentucky universities. The scholarships will be funded with five dollars from every individual license renewal fee, from Board of Licensure assessed penalties and fines, and from budgeted funds approved by the Kentucky General Assembly. Individual license renewal fees will not be raised to fund the scholarships.

At the April 10, 2026, Board of Licensure meeting, Chair Ryan Griffith, PE, appointed a Special Scholarship Committee to begin working on a new Administrative Regulation for the administration of the scholarships. Special thanks to Representative Calloway for her support of this bill; Board of Licensure public member and First-Year Engineering Senior Lecturer at UK, Doug Klein; NSPE-KY and ACEC Executive Director Russ Romine; NSPE-KY President Stephanie Blain, PE; ACEC-KY President Richard Tutt, PE; KAPS President Ben Shinaberry, PLS; NSPE-KY Legislative Chair Andy Barber, PE; KAPS Legislative Chair Christopher Morris; and Board of Licensure General Counsel Jake Miller.

BOARD OF LICENSURE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

For The Period

January 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026

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

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

THE LEXIS GROUP, LLC

The Lexis Group, LLC, is a limited liability company organized in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. On October 26, 2020, prior to employment with the Lexis Group, LLC, Rhett P. Sloan, PLS #4419, entered into a Consent Order with the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board for aiding and assisting his firm in the unlicensed practice of land surveying. On August 26, 2025, The Lexis Group, LLC, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors for failing to report a prior disciplinary action on a certificate of authorization renewal application. On October 30, 2025, The Lexis Group, LLC, applied for a business entity permit to practice both engineering and land surveying in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and designated Sloan as its professional land surveyor in responsible charge. On that application, The Lexis Group, LLC, answered “no” to the question of whether or not the business entity or any principal, officer, or employee in responsible charge had been subject to a disciplinary action by a professional licensing jurisdiction. By failing to disclose the October 26, 2020, Louisiana Consent Order and August 26, 2025, Ohio Settlement Agreement on its business entity permit application, The Lexis Group, LLC, provided misinformation to the Board in violation of KRS 322.180(1). To resolve the investigation, The Lexis Group, LLC, through its Principal and COO, Bryan J. Teschke, 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 30 days; and (3) maintain a current and valid business entity permit for any period of time in which the company is providing engineering and/or land surveying services in Kentucky. The Board of Licensure approved this Consent Decree on April 10, 2026.

KEITH G. WINSTEAD, PLS #3870

During the investigation of another matter, Board staff reviewed a plat of survey prepared by Thoroughbred Engineering and certified by Keith G. Winstead, PLS #3870, on August 19, 2021. After it was found that the plat contained numerous standard of practice deficiencies, Winstead was asked to submit his five most recent plats for standards of practice review. A review of those plats revealed that Winstead failed to comply with the relative positional accuracy requirement on one plat, in violation of 201 KAR 18:150, Section 7(5); failed to monument or reference monument all corners on all six plats, in violation of 201 KAR 18:150, Section 9(2); failed to reference monument an inadequate monument on two plats, in violation of 201 KAR 18:150, Section 9(8); failed to include numerous items that are required to be on a plat of survey on all six plats, in violation of 201 KAR 18:150, Section 10(5); and failed to graphically delineate the portion of the boundary that was surveyed on one plat, in violation of 201 KAR 18:150, Section 12(3). These violations constitute misconduct, gross negligence, and/or misconduct in the practice of land surveying, in violation of 201 KAR 18:150, Section 3(1) and KRS 322.180(2) and (3). To resolve the investigation, Winstead 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; and (3) have his professional land surveyor license placed on probation for two years with quarterly project reviews. The Board of Licensure approved this Consent Decree on April 10, 2026.

BRUCE J. VETTER, PE #27490

On September 5, 2024, Bruce J. Vetter, PE #27490, was selected for a random audit of his Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credits for the 2022/2023 reporting period. Vetter did not submit evidence of satisfying the 30 PDH requirement during the 2022/2023 reporting period and did not have evidence of completing the CPD requirement prior to his PE license renewal. On October 8, 2024, Vetter was issued a Written Admonishment for violations of 201 KAR 18:196, Section 2(1), and KRS 322.290(16)(b). Vetter was scheduled for another CPD audit for the 2024/2025 reporting period and was sent notice of that audit on December 10, 2025. Vetter responded to the audit notice on December 31, 2025, but did not submit evidence of satisfying the 30 PDH requirement for the 2024/2025 reporting period. After he was notified of his deficiency, Vetter submitted evidence of completing the 30 PDH requirement for the 2024/2025 reporting period on January 9, 2026, after the end of the reporting period. To resolve the violations of 201 KAR 18:196, Section 2(1) and 2(4) and KRS 322.180(3), Vetter 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 2026/2027 reporting period by December 31, 2027, and provide evidence of completion to the Board by January 10, 2028. The Board of Licensure approved this Consent Decree on April 10, 2026.

CHAD CHRISTOPHER LORITZ, PE #31892

On April 30, 2024, Chad Christopher Loritz, PE #31892, renewed his PE license and falsely claimed that he was licensed as a professional engineer in Kentucky prior to January 1, 1972. On May 2, 2024, he was sent notice of audit for the 2022/2023 reporting period for an invalid

exemption claim. Loritz did not submit evidence of satisfying the 30 PDH requirement during the 2022/2023 reporting period and did not have evidence of completing the CPD requirement prior to his PE license renewal. On July 1, 2024, Loritz was issued a Written Admonishment for violations of 201 KAR 18:196, Section 2(1), and KRS 322.290(16)(b). Loritz was scheduled for another CPD audit for the 2024/2025 reporting period and was sent notice of that audit on December 10, 2025. Loritz responded to the audit notice on December 29, 2025, but did not submit evidence of satisfying the 30 PDH requirement for the 2024/2025 reporting period. After he was notified of his deficiency, Loritz submitted evidence of completing the 30 PDH requirement for the 2024/2025 reporting period on January 5, 2026, after the end of the reporting period. To resolve the violations of 201 KAR 18:196, Section 2(1) and 2(4) and KRS 322.180(3), Loritz entered into a Consent Decree with the Board and agreed to: (1) receive a Letter of Reprimand; (2) pay a fine of \$1,000 in \$200 installments within 6 months; and (3) complete an additional 30 PDH to satisfy his CPD requirement for the 2026/2027 reporting period by December 31, 2027, and provide evidence of completion to the Board by January 10, 2028. The Board of Licensure approved this Consent Decree on April 10, 2026.

BRADLEY STEPHEN PETRI, PE #29123

On April 29, 2025, Bradley Stephen Petri, PE #29123, renewed his PE license ten months late, subjecting him to a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) audit due to late renewal for the 2022/2023 reporting period. Petri did not respond to the CPD audit notice within 30 days, did not submit evidence of satisfying the 30 PDH requirement during the 2022/2023 reporting period, and did not have evidence of completing the CPD requirement prior to his PE license renewal. On October 6, 2025, Petri was issued a Written Admonishment for violations of 201 KAR 18:196, Section 8(5), 201 KAR 18:196, Section 2(1), and KRS 322.290(16)(b). Petri was scheduled for another CPD audit for the 2024/2025 reporting period and was sent notice of that audit on December 10, 2025. Petri did not respond to the audit and did not submit evidence of satisfying the 30 PDH requirement for the 2024/2025 reporting period. To resolve the violations of 201 KAR 18:196, Section 8(5), 201 KAR 18:196, Section 2(1) and 2(4), and KRS 322.180(3), Petri 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) complete and provide proof of completing an additional 25.5 PDH to satisfy the CPD requirement for the 2024/2025 reporting period within 60 days; (4) not renew his PE license until he has paid the \$2,000 fine and completed his CPD requirement for the 2024/2025 reporting period; and (5) complete an additional 30 PDH to satisfy his CPD requirement for the 2026/2027 reporting period by December 31, 2027, and provide evidence of completion to the Board by January 10, 2028. The Board of Licensure approved this Consent Decree on April 10, 2026.

JO C. TUCKER, PE #14707

On September 5, 2024, Jo C. Tucker, PE #14707, was selected for a random audit of her Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credits for the 2022/2023 reporting period. Tucker did not submit evidence of satisfying the 30 PDH requirement during the 2022/2023 reporting period. On October 11, 2024, Tucker was issued a Written Admonishment for a violation of 201 KAR 18:196, Section 2(1). Tucker was scheduled for another CPD audit for the 2024/2025 reporting period and was sent notice of that audit on December 10, 2025. Tucker responded to

the audit notice on January 5, 2026, but did not submit evidence of satisfying the 30 PDH requirement for the 2024/2025 reporting period. After she was notified of her deficiency, Tucker indicated that she would like to retire her Kentucky PE license. To resolve the violations of 201 KAR 18:196, Section 2(1) and 2(4) and KRS 322.180(3), Tucker 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 10, 2026.

ROBERT LEE SMITH, PE #25643

On June 5, 2024, Robert Lee Smith, #25643, renewed his PE license and falsely claimed that he was licensed as a professional engineer in Kentucky prior to January 1, 1972. On June 10, 2024, he was sent notice of audit for the 2022/2023 reporting period for an invalid exemption claim. Smith did not submit evidence of satisfying the 30 PDH requirement during the 2022/2023 reporting period and did not have evidence of completing the CPD requirement prior to his PE license renewal. On June 25, 2024, Smith was issued a Written Admonishment for violations of 201 KAR 18:196, Section 2(1), and KRS 322.290(16)(b). Smith was scheduled for another CPD audit for the 2024/2025 reporting period and was sent notice of that audit on December 10, 2025. Smith failed to respond to the audit notice prior to the January 10, 2026, deadline and did not submit evidence of satisfying the 30 PDH requirement for the 2024/2025 reporting period. After he was notified of his deficiency, Smith indicated that he would like to retire his Kentucky PE license. To resolve the violations of 201 KAR 18:196, Section 8(5), 201 KAR 18:196, Section 2(1) and 2(4), and KRS 322.180(3), Smith entered into a Consent Decree with the Board through which he placed his PE license in “retired” status in lieu of other penalties. The Board of Licensure approved this Consent Decree on April 10, 2026.

LEIGH PALMER HARRISON, PE #23592

On October 14, 2025, Leigh Palmer Harrison, PE #23592, renewed his PE license four months late, subjecting him to a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) audit due to late renewal for the 2023/2024 reporting period. Harrison did not respond to the CPD audit notice within 30 days and did not respond to several subsequent attempts to contact him. On February 20, 2026, the Board filed an Administrative Complaint against Harrison for four charges. After he was notified of the pending charges, Harrison submitted evidence of satisfying the 30 PDH requirement during the 2023/2024 reporting period on February 24, 2025, and two of the charges in the Administrative Complaint were dismissed. To resolve the other two charges in the Administrative Complaint, Harrison entered into a Consent Decree with the Board for violations of 201 KAR 18:196, Section 8(5), failure to respond to a notice of CPD audit within 30 days, and 201 KAR 18:142, Section 10(2), failure to cooperate with the Board in an investigation. These violations also constitute a violation of KRS 322.180(3). Harrison agreed to place his PE license in “retired” status in lieu of other penalties through the Consent Decree. The Board of Licensure approved this Consent Decree on April 10, 2026.

NON-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

PE – failure to include contact information on work product – 2
PLS – standards of practice violations - 1

Educational Letter – 1

PE – used “registered” instead of “licensed” on professional engineer seal

Case Closed with No Action – 4

PE – no violation – 2

Firm (engineering) – no violation – 1

Firm (dual) – no violation – 1