

The Board of Licensure Report
October 2022
Kyle Elliott, Executive Director

Firm Renewals

All business entity (firm) permits expire on December 31, 2022. The online permit renewal system is open, and you can renew online at: <https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/KBOELS/PERMITAPPLICATION>. Email notifications were sent out on October 18, 2022, and another was sent out on November 1, 2022. These email notifications come from the Kentucky General Government Cabinet, of which the Board of Licensure is a part. Please renew your permit before the expiration date to avoid late penalties.

If you are unsure of your permit or individual license status, please check our online searchable roster for that status. The roster is updated continually and can be found on the Board's website, or here: <http://elsweb.kyboels.ky.gov/kboels-web/SearchableRoster.aspx>. If you have any questions about your license status, contact the Board offices for assistance.

Individual License Renewals 2022

Individual licenses expired on June 30, 2022 for those individuals whose last name begins with the letter L – Z. Any person that missed the renewal deadline may still renew their license online for up to one year from the date of their license expiration, but will have to pay a late renewal penalty of 10% per month, or any part of a month they are late. The Online Renewal takes only a few minutes, and you can pay the renewal fee with a credit card. Please read all of the renewal questions carefully and answer them honestly.

Anyone who renews after September 1 of their renewal cycle year will automatically be audited for compliance with the continuing professional development regulations. Renew by September 1 and your chances of a continuing professional development audit is only 5%. After September 1, those odds increase to 100%.

Access the online renewal system at:
<https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/KBOELS/LicenseRenewal>.

Individual License Renewals 2023

For those individuals whose last name begins with the letter A – K, now is the time to be finalizing your continuing professional development (CPD) hours. Your CPD reporting period is the two calendar years prior to your renewal year, or January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

Computer Based Testing - Update

All NCEES exams are now computer based except for the structural engineering exams. Those are anticipated to become computer based in 2024. I encourage anyone who is considering

taking the structural exams to do so in 2023 (April and October), as there will be significant changes in both length and cost as the exam when it transitions to computer based.

Calendar of Events 2023

January 27	Board of Licensure Meeting	Frankfort, KY
February 19 – 25	National Engineers Week	
March 19 – 25	National Surveyors Week	
April 13 – 14	NCEES Structural Exams	Regional locations only
April 21	Board of Licensure Meeting	Frankfort, KY
July 28	Board of Licensure Meeting	Frankfort, KY
August 15 – 18	NCEES Annual Meeting	Boston, MA
October 26 – 27	NCEES Structural Exams	Regional locations only
October 27	Board of Licensure Meeting	Frankfort, KY

**Board Of Licensure
Enforcement Report**
For The Period
July 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022
Heather L. Baldwin, PE, PLS, Director of Enforcement

Disciplinary Actions

PURE POWER ENGINEERING, INC.

Pure Power Engineering, Inc. was issued a Kentucky engineering business entity permit, #4577, on December 8, 2017. That permit lapsed on December 31, 2020 and has not been renewed or reinstated since that time. The company engaged in the unlicensed practice of engineering in Kentucky by continuing to advertise professional engineering services in Kentucky on its website and by completing four Kentucky engineering projects between January 1, 2021 and September 6, 2022, despite not holding the required engineering permit. Pure Power Engineering, Inc., through its President, Richard Andrew Ivins, acknowledged the violation and agreed to: (1) pay an administrative fine of \$1,000; (2) receive a Letter of Reprimand; and (3) maintain a current and valid Kentucky engineering business entity permit during any time in which it is engaged in providing engineering services in Kentucky. The Board of Licensure approved this Consent Decree on October 28, 2022.

PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING, PLLC

Professional Surveying, PLLC was issued a Kentucky land surveying business entity permit, #670, on May 23, 2008. That permit was placed in inactive status on December 9, 2019, per written request from Roger W. Taylor, Jr., and has not been reinstated since that time. The company

engaged in the unlicensed practice of land surveying in Kentucky by continuing to advertise land surveying services on its website and by completing seventeen Kentucky land surveying projects between July 16, 2020 to July 6, 2021, despite not holding the required land surveying permit. Professional Surveying, PLLC, through its Manager, Roger W. Taylor, Jr., acknowledged the violation and agreed to: (1) pay an administrative fine of \$1,000; (2) receive a Letter of Reprimand; and (3) maintain a current and valid Kentucky land surveying business entity permit during any time in which it is engaged in providing land surveying services in Kentucky. The Board of Licensure approved this Consent Decree on October 28, 2022.

BLEW & ASSOCIATES, P.A.

Blew & Associates, P.A., dba Blew & Associates, Inc., was issued a Kentucky land surveying business entity permit, #919, on February 8, 2017. On April 7, 2022, Blew Land Surveying, Inc., dba Blew & Associates, Inc., and Buckley D. Blew entered into a Consent Order with the Oklahoma State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors for violations of the state of Oklahoma's statutory provisions. The company and Buckley D. Blew together were assessed a total administrative penalty of \$6,000. On July 13, 2022, Blew & Associates, Inc. submitted an application for a business entity permit to practice engineering in Kentucky, which was incomplete. On July 19, 2022, Blew & Associates, Inc. submitted a revised application for a business entity permit to practice engineering in Kentucky and failed to disclose the Oklahoma disciplinary action on that application, engaging in the practice of fraud or deceit in obtaining a license. Blew & Associates, Inc., through its President, Buckley D. Blew, acknowledged the violation and agreed to: (1) pay an administrative fine of \$1,000; (2) receive a Letter of Reprimand; (3) maintain a current and valid Kentucky engineering business entity permit during any time in which it is engaged in providing engineering services in Kentucky; and (4) maintain a current and valid Kentucky land surveying business entity permit during any time in which it is engaged in providing land surveying services in Kentucky. The Board of Licensure approved this Consent Decree on October 28, 2022.

TAYLOR & VIOLA STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS, P.C.

Taylor & Viola Structural Engineers, P.C. was issued a Kentucky engineering business entity permit, #2271, on April 28, 2005. J. Kirk Viola, President, was the only named principal, officer, or director on the application, and James S. Tate, PE #24150, was the only employee designated as being in responsible charge of the company's engineering work in Kentucky. The company's engineering permit lapsed on December 31, 2007, and has not been renewed or reinstated since that time. In 2017, the company engaged in the unlicensed practice of engineering in Kentucky by completing three Kentucky engineering projects, despite not holding the required engineering permit. Subsequently, James S. Tate's Kentucky Professional Engineering (PE)

license lapsed on June 30, 2018, and it has not been renewed or reinstated since that time. On February 1, 2020, J. Kirk Viola sold Taylor & Viola to James S. Tate, and Tate was made president of the company. In October 2020, the company engaged in the unlicensed practice of engineering in Kentucky for a fourth time by completing a Kentucky engineering project while both the company's engineering permit and Tate's PE license were expired. Despite being completed and invoiced by the company, the plan sets for all four projects were issued in the name of James S. Tate, P.E. Structural Engineer, and did not contain the name of the company. Taylor & Viola Structural Engineers, P.C., through its president, James S. Tate, acknowledged the violations and agreed to: (1) pay an administrative fine of \$5,000; (2) receive a Letter of Reprimand; and (3) maintain a current and valid Kentucky engineering business entity permit during any time in which it is engaged in providing engineering services in Kentucky. The Board of Licensure approved this Consent Decree on October 28, 2022.

Non-disciplinary Actions

Cases Closed with a Written Admonishment – 10

PE - admonishments for CPD violations – 9 (2 late renewal audits for 2021, 3 follow up audits for 2022, 3 random audits for 2022, 1 late renewal audit for 2022)

PLS - admonishment for CPD violations – 1 (follow up audit for 2022)

Case Closed with No Action – 2

PE – case closed and set aside, PE license expired

PE – no violation