

**The Board of Licensure Report**  
**April 2023**  
**Kyle Elliott, Executive Director**

**Board of Licensure Member and Officer Updates**

On February 1, 2023, Governor Beshear appointed Mr. James Knoth, PLS, of Benton, Kentucky, to the Kentucky State Board of Licensure to replace Chris Gephart, PLS, of Fort Wright, whose term had expired. On that same day, Governor Beshear appointed Mr. Kyle Chism, PE, of Frankfort, Kentucky to the Board of Licensure to replace Ryan Griffith, PE, of Lexington, whose term had expired. Both Mr. Knoth and Mr. Chism will be serving terms that expire on January 1, 2027.

Because of the new appointments, the Board held a special called meeting on February 10, 2023, to elect new Board officers. The following were elected to serve as Board officers for 2023:

Don Pedigo, PLS – Chair  
J.C. Pyles, PE – Vice Chair  
Nicole Galavotti, PE – Secretary/Treasurer

The following will serve as committee chairs for 2023:

J.C. Pyles, PE – Chair of the Engineering Committee  
Josh Calico, PLS – Chair of the Surveying Committee  
Josh Calico, PLS – Chair of the Continuing Professional Development Committee  
Greg Meredith, PE, and Josh Calico, PLS as co-chairs of the CPD Task Force Committee.

The Board of Licensure welcomes new members Mr. Knoth and Mr. Chism to these new appointments, and thanks departing members Mr. Gephart and Mr. Griffith in fulfilling their duties to their professions by serving the Board in protecting the citizens of the Commonwealth.

**Individual License Renewals**

Email renewal notices were sent out on April 6 to all licensees whose last name begins with a letter A – K, whose license(s) will expire on June 30, 2023. Prior to June 1, 2023, we will mail paper renewal notices to those who have not renewed early. Renewing early saves the Board mailing and printing costs.

Everyone can renew their license online at:  
<https://kyboels.ky.gov/Renewals/Pages/default.aspx>. You can make the renewal payment by 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.

All licenses renewed after June 30 will be automatically assessed a 10% late renewal fee for each month or part of a month the renewal is late. While KRS 322.160 allows an individual to

renew his or her license late for up to one year after it expires, that licensee is not authorized to practice their profession while the license is expired per KRS 322.180.

Finally, during the renewal process, make sure the Board has your latest contact information. It is your responsibility to notify the Board of any changes in addresses.

### **Calendar of Events 2023**

April 27 – 29	NCEES Zone Meetings	Houston, TX
July 27	Board Committee Meetings	Frankfort
July 28	Board of Licensure Meeting	Frankfort
August 15 – 18	NCEES Annual Meeting	Boston, MA
October 26 – 27	NCEES Exam Administration (Structural)*	Regional locations only
October 26	Board Committee Meetings	Frankfort
October 27	Board of Licensure Meeting	Frankfort

\* This is the last time the Structural exams will be offered as pencil and paper exams.

### **Surveying Exams**

One of the most frequent questions I have been asked this past year is about the number of upcoming candidates for land surveying licensure. I am pleased to pass along that the number of surveying exams administered have gone up each year since 2019, except for 2020 (many testing centers were closed due to COVID). In calendar year 2022, there were nineteen fundamentals of surveying (FS) exams administered, and twenty-two principles and practice of surveying (PS) exams administered. This year, nine FS exams and six PS exams have been administered already, and an additional eleven individuals have registered to take the FS exam and five have registered to take the PS exam. While registering and taking the exams does not equate to new licensed land surveyors yet, it does show that the pipeline for land surveyors is growing and that the downward trend since the four-year degree requirement went into effect in June 2011 has changed for the better.

## **BOARD OF LICENSURE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

For The Period

**January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023**

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

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

**CHRISTOPHER M. CULLINAN, PE #30608**

On June 14, 2022, Christopher M. Cullinan renewed his Professional Engineering (PE) license twelve months late, subjecting him to a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) audit due

to late renewal. Cullinan failed to respond to the June 21, 2022 notice of audit within 30 days, as required. For the audit, Cullinan had evidence of 4 Professional Development Hours (PDH) of allowable CPD for the 2019/2020 reporting period, 26 PDH deficient of the 30 PDH required. He also submitted evidence of completing 8 PDH in 2021 and 24 PDH in 2022. Of the 32 PDH, 26 PDH were applied to the 2019/2020 audit period, and 6 PDH could be used to satisfy the requirements of the 2021/2022 reporting period. As a result of the audit, Cullinan was issued a Written Admonishment on August 19, 2022. He was admonished for (1) failing to respond to the audit notice within 30 days, (2) failing to obtain 30 PDH during the 2019/2020 reporting period, and (3) engaging in the practice of fraud or deceit in obtaining a license by representing on his June 14, 2022 online renewal application that he had complied with the CPD requirements, when he had not complied. He was also notified that enforcement staff would be performing an audit of his CPD credits for the 2021/2022 reporting period, and that he would need to complete an additional 24 PDH prior to December 31, 2022 to pass the audit. On December 9, 2022, Cullinan was sent notice of the audit for the 2021/2022 reporting period. Cullinan again failed to respond to the notice within 30 days, as required. For the audit, Cullinan submitted 26 PDH completed in January 2023, after the end of the 2021/2022 reporting period, in violation of the CPD regulations.

During the CPD audit investigation, it was also discovered that Cullinan aided and abetted his company, Carpenter & Cross, LLC, in the unlicensed practice of engineering. The company advertises engineering services in Kentucky on its website and provided engineering services for six Kentucky projects without obtaining a Kentucky business entity permit, as required by KRS 322.060. To resolve the investigation, Cullinan agreed to: (1) receive a Letter of Reprimand from the Board; (2) pay a fine of \$1,000 within 60 days; (3) maintain a current and valid business entity permit for Carpenter & Cross, LLC for any period of time in which the company is providing engineering services in Kentucky; (4) complete and provide proof of completing 30 PDH for the 2023/2024 reporting period by January 10, 2025; and (5) not renew his Kentucky PE license until he has completed and provided proof of his CPD obligation for the 2023/2024 reporting period. The Board of Licensure approved this Consent Decree on April 21, 2023.

## CARPENTER & CROSS, LLC

Carpenter & Cross, LLC is a limited liability company organized in the state of Ohio in December 2017. During an investigation of the company's owner, Christopher M. Cullinan, it was discovered that the company was advertising engineering services in Kentucky on its website without a business entity permit as required by KRS 322.060. Further investigation revealed that the company had provided engineering services for six Kentucky projects in 2019 and 2020 without the required permit. During the investigation, the company applied for and received a business entity permit to practice engineering in Kentucky. To resolve the investigation, the company, through its president Christopher M. Cullinan, agreed to: (1) receive a Letter of

Reprimand from the Board; (2) pay a fine of \$1,000 within 60 days, (3) maintain a current and valid business entity permit for any period of time in which the company is providing engineering services in Kentucky; (4) notify the Board in writing of any change in status of the professional engineer(s) in responsible charge of the engineering work in Kentucky within 14 days. The Board of Licensure approved this Consent Decree on April 21, 2023.

## **NON-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

### **Cases Closed with a Written Admonishment – 12**

PE - admonishments for CPD violations – 5 (late renewal audits)

PLS - admonishment for CPD violations – 3 (late renewal audits)

PE – other violations – 1

PLS – other violations – 1

Firm (engineering) – no permit – 1

Firm (engineering) – falsely answering questions on business entity permit application – 1

### **Cases Closed with Educational Letter - 1**

Unlicensed practice (engineering)

### **Case Closed with No Action – 2**

PE – allegations not substantiated

Firm (engineering) – no violation