



ALASKA BOARD OF REGISTERED ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, AND LAND SURVEYORS

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING AUGUST 5, 2025

BOARD PACKET

State of Alaska
Board of Registration for Architects,
Engineers, and Land Surveyors

MISSION STATEMENT

The board's mission is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare through the regulation of the practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, and landscape architecture by:

- ensuring that those entering these professions in this state meet minimum standards of competency, and maintain such standards during their practice; and**
- enforcing the licensure and competency requirements in a fair and uniform manner.**



Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

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- Because CBPL and its boards value a diversity of views and opinions, all board members, invited guests, members of the public, and division staff will be treated with respect.
- Be considerate, respectful, and collaborative with fellow participants.
- Demonstrate understanding that the board is following a business agenda and may reasonably change it to ensure meeting efficiency. Unless invited ahead of time to address the board, the chair may recognize members of the public to speak for a limited time during the public comment period.
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ALASKA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, AND LAND SURVEYORS TENTATIVE AGENDA



AUGUST 5, 2025

Board Members

Edward Leonetti

*Landscape Architect
(Chair)*

Sterling Strait

*Civil Engineer
(Vice Chair)*

Colin Maynard

*Civil Engineer
(Secretary)*

Paul Baril

Architect

Vacant

Architect

John Barry

Mining Engineer

Samson Shepherd

*Electrical/Mechanical
Engineer*

Jeffrey Garness

*Engineer
Other than those listed.*

Vacant

Land Surveyor

Brad Rinckey

Land Surveyor

Vacant

Public Member

MEETING DETAILS

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

MEETING START TIME:	9:00 AM
MORNING BREAK:	10:15 AM
PUBLIC COMMENT:	11:30 AM – 12:00 PM
LUNCH BREAK:	12:00 PM
AFTERNOON BREAK:	2:15 PM
END TIME:	4:00 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING ZOOM LINK (REGISTRATION REQUIRED):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/6pLOSwjvR9ORvfikrwsp8A>

MEETING ID: 821 0334 6515

Board Staff

Joseph Bonnell
Executive Administrator

Kelly Johnson
Licensing Examiner

AGENDA, AUGUST 5TH

AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE ORDER BELOW; ANY ITEM WITH A SET TIME WILL OCCUR AT THE SPECIFIED TIME AND OTHER AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE MOVED PRIOR TO OR AFTER AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD.

SEE PAGE 1 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND BREAK TIMES.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
2. MISSION STATEMENT/VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE
3. ETHICS DISCLOSURES
4. REVIEW/APPROVE AGENDA
5. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. MEETING MINUTES, MAY 21-22, 2025
 - b. OUTREACH REPORTS
 - c. MONTHLY APPLICANTS REVIEWED BY BOARD OR STAFF, MAY – AUGUST 2025
6. BOARD MEMBER OPENING REMARKS
7. INVESTIGATIVE REPORT
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. INVESTIGATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 - b. DECOUPLING SPECIAL COMMITTEE
9. DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING UPDATES
 - a. QUARTERLY DIVISION REPORT
 - b. ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #358 UPDATES
 - i. BOARD DELEGATE VOTING
10. NATIONAL ORGANIZATION UPDATES
 - a. NCEES
 - i. ISSUES/TOPICS FOR ABM
 - b. NCARB
 - i. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING REPORT
 - c. CLARB
 - i. ISSUES/TOPICS FOR ABM
11. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. CE AUDIT UPDATE
 - b. LETTER TO GOVERNOR REQUESTING REGULATION PROJECT WAIVER
12. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNER REGULATION
 - i. AO #358 WAIVER
 - b. ADEC REGULATIONS DISCUSSION 18 AAC 72
 - c. ENGINEER INTERN AND ENGINEER IN TRAINING TITLE USAGE
 - d. BOARD VACANCIES
13. APPLICANT REVIEW
 - a. FAYZUL KABIR
 - b. STOYAN ATANASOV

14. LICENSING EXAMINER'S REPORT
15. READ APPLICANTS INTO RECORD
16. REVIEW ACTION ITEM LIST
17. BOARD CALENDAR
 - a. SET COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP MEETING DATES AND ASSIGNMENTS
 - b. SET PRELIMINARY DATES FOR 2026 QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS
18. BOARD MEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS
19. ADJOURN

NEXT QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER 4-5, 2025

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
***ALASKA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR ARCHITECTS,
ENGINEERS, AND LAND SURVEYORS***

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING HELD **MAY 21-22, 2025**
**These are DRAFT minutes prepared by staff of the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional
Licensing.
They have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.**

Location: Remote meeting held via ZOOM.

Day 1, May 21, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Edward Leonetti at 9:04 AM.

Board members present, constituting a quorum:

Edward Leonetti, Landscape Architect (*Vice Chair*)
Sterling Strait, Civil Engineer, Structural Engineer (*Secretary*)
Paul Baril, Architect
John Barry, Mining Engineer
Samson Shepherd, Mechanical Engineer
Colin Maynard, Civil Engineer, Structural Engineer
Bradford Rinckey, Land Surveyor

Board Chair Jeffrey Garness, Environmental Engineer, joined the meeting at 10:30 AM.

Attending from the Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing:

Joseph Bonnell, Executive Administrator
Sara Neal, Executive Administrator
Kelly Johnson, Licensing Examiner
Patrick Kase, Investigator
Glenn Saviers, Deputy Director

Providing a presentation for CLARB:

Matt Miller, CEO of CLARB

Agenda Item 2: Mission Statement/Virtual Meeting Notice

Agenda Item 3: Ethics Disclosures

None Reported.

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2 **Agenda Item 4: Review/Approve Agenda**

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4 The following amendments were proposed:

- 5 1. Day 1, May 21
- 6 a. Add to CLARB Organization Update, CLARB CEO Matt Miller to present Proposed Resolutions for
 - 7 CLARB ABM,
 - 8 b. Add to Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing Updates, Discussion on
 - 9 Governor's Administrative Order No. 358,
 - 10 c. Add the following applicants to be reviewed;
 - 11 i. Justin Risley
 - 12 ii. Phylicia Cicilio
 - 13 iii. Fayzul Kabir
- 14 2. Day 2, May 22
- 15 a. Add Decoupling Special Committee Report

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17 **On a Motion duly made by Colin Maynard, seconded by Paul Baril and approved unanimously, it was**
18 **RESOLVED to approve the agenda as amended.**

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20 **Agenda Item 5: Consent Agenda**

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22 *Action Item: For next February's meeting (2026), review which universities to send graduation letters to*
23 *and that letters should also go to architectural graduates and not just engineering graduates.*

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25 **On a Motion duly made by Colin Maynard, seconded by Sterling Strait and approved unanimously, it**
26 **was RESOLVED to approve the consent agenda as presented.**

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28 **Agenda Item 6: New Board Member Welcome**

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30 New board member Samson Shepherd was welcomed to the board.

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32 **Agenda Item 7: National Organization Updates**

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34 **NCEES**

35 Maynard reported that there was no report due to board members not being permitted to travel for attendance
36 at the Western Zone Meeting due to Administrative Order No. 358. There was no option for virtual attendance.
37 It was also noted that there will likely not be an option for virtual attendance at the upcoming Annual Business
38 Meeting either. Maynard suggested that the board seek a waiver in order to attend the Annual Business
39 Meeting as that is where the national standards are set.

40
41 Maynard sat in on the National Council of Structural Engineering Associations Structural Licensing Committee
42 meeting and was informed the beginning in 2026 the SE tests will have an extra hour in the breadth exam
43 portions effectively extending the testing time for these portions from 5 hours to 6 hours. Additional changes
44 from the most recent PAX study will take effect in 2027.

45
46 NCEES will be releasing a resolutions book for boards to review prior to voting at the Annual Business Meeting.
47 The board will be able to review this book at the upcoming August board meeting and decide how the board
48 delegate to NCEES will vote if they are permitted to travel. There is no option for proxy voting.

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2 NCARB

3 Barill reported that there was no report, and none expected from the upcoming Annual Business Meeting due to
4 board members not being permitted to travel for attendance due to the aforementioned Administrative Order.
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6 Bonnell noted that staff are working with NCARB on setting up the board delegate, Paul Barill, to be able to vote
7 remotely and that certain plenary sessions do have a virtual attendance option.
8

9 9:26 AM Matt Miller, CLARB CEO, joined the meeting.
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11 CLARB

12 Miller gave a presentation on the seven proposed resolutions to be voted on at the upcoming Annual Business
13 Meeting. Resolutions centered around changes to CLARB bylaws regarding leadership, election of officers and
14 requirements regarding attendance at certain membership meetings.

15 *Presentation slides may be found in the board packet.*
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17 9:57 AM Matt Miller left the meeting.
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19 **Agenda Item 8: Strategic Plan, July 1, 2025-June 31, 2026 Introduction**

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21 The Vice Chair introduced the framework of the AELS Board Strategic Plan, noting that the plan is built around
22 the board's mission statement. Discussion will be on Day 2, agenda item 25 under the Planning Implementation
23 Committee Report.
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25 10:13 AM Recessed for break.
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27 10:30 AM Called to Order, all present. Chair Garness joined the meeting. Deputy Director Glenn Savors joined
28 the meeting.
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30 **Agenda Item 10: Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing Updates**
31 **Quarterly Division Report**
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33 Deputy Director Savors presented the quarterly board financial report for FY 25 3rd Quarter.
34 *Report may be found in the board packet.*
35

36 HB158/SB145 Professional Licensing, Temporary Permits

37 The Deputy Director presented the bills to the board. They have been introduced by the Governor and are in
38 regards to universal temporary licensure. The bill would allow an individual coming from another state where
39 there are substantially equivalent license requirements in that state, the individual will be able to get a
40 temporary license for 6 months while applying for a permanent license while in Alaska.
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42 Maynard remarked that in previous versions of these bills the AELS board was included in the exemptions list
43 and that the board has unique requirements for licensure in Alaska including the Cold Regions Design course
44 requirement. It was also noted that individuals may still get a job within Alaska without a professional license,
45 however they cannot open or operate their own company within the state until properly licensed.
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47 The Deputy Director will bring this detail "up the chain" to attempt to get the AELS board's licenses exempt.
48 Maynard volunteered, as Chair of the Legislative Liaison Committee, and is willing to testify in support of the bill.

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2 The Deputy Director then spoke regarding the Federal Service Member Civil Relief Act (SCRA) which was
3 amended to include "licensure portability", which is already a federal law, stating that active duty military and
4 who in good standing in all states where they hold a professional license are entitled to the same license in the
5 state they are moving to under orders. Although this is federal law, and therefor already required, the bill is
6 putting the requirements into State law in order to create a "cleaner" process.
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8 The Division will take any future SCRA applicant to the Department of Law for clarification on if the scope of the
9 Alaska license is the same as other state's licenses due to the Alaska Cold Regions Course requirement. Currently
10 there have been no applicants for the AELS board, although some individuals have applied in error (i.e..
11 Submitted wrong application type).
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13 *Action Item: The board will send to the Deputy Director specific reasons for why the professions*
14 *regulated under the AELS board is out of the scope of the SCRA amendment.*
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16 *Action Item: Staff will send out an email via Listserv informing the recipients of the current board*
17 *vacancies.*
18

19 Governor's Administrative Order (AO) No. 358

20 Maynard noted that travel and regulation projects are important for the board and that due to travel credits and
21 where payments for legal services come from (licensing fees) no money is being saved by restricting these
22 activities. In addition the board statutes state that the board will adopt regulations in accordance with national
23 standards which requires board member attendance at the national meetings to be aware of and participate in
24 changes to these standards.
25

26 Strait recommended that the board focus on travel as this is "paid for by somebody else" (the AELS board pays
27 annual fees to the associations for license application services which payments also include provisions for travel
28 credits) and the AO notes that waiver requests may be made when necessary to protect the safety of the public
29 which is part of the mission statement of the board.
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31 *Action Item: The board will send waiver requests for each discipline requesting travel to the various*
32 *national conferences.*
33

34 11:00 PM Deputy Director Savors left the meeting.
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36 **Agenda Item 11: Public Comment**

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38 The board received a letter from NCEES in response to SB54, which was sent to the Legislature by the
39 organization.

40 *A copy of the letter may be found in the board packet.*
41

42 The board received an email from Lucas Smith, a member of the public, with regards to SB54 and was also sent
43 the Legislature.

44 *A copy of the email may be found in the board packet.*
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46 Kyle Rankins inquired about the FE waiver that the board has been discussing. Staff Joseph Bonnell replied that
47 the public comment period was for comments directed to the board or for their consideration, however it was
48 not a discussion period for answering questions; the topic in question will be discussed the next day during the

committee reports and any additional questions may be directed to board staff via regular email or phone channels.

Agenda Item 13: Old Business

Annual Report

The Vice Chair introduced the Annual Report for FY2025. Maynard and Chair Garness recommended adding the need to fill the current vacant seats on the board and the future addition of seats to the board when SB54 will be signed by the Governor. Maynard also recommended adding the previous board members to the board roster contained within the report.

On a Motion duly made by Colin Maynard, seconded by Jeffrey Garness and approved unanimously, it was RESOLVED to approve the FY25 Annual Report as amended.

Regulation Project Update, 12 AAC 36.146-990

Bonnell presented the notes from the Department of Law (LAW) regarding the regulation project. The only note needing attention from the board was for 12 AAC 36.185(j) with the recommendation from LAW being the ten year period referenced in the regulation begins at “substantial completion” rather than replicating wording from AS 09.10.055 which uses the term “last act”. LAW noted that the “last act” may not be a definable until a civil claim is filed, essentially making the proposed regulation difficult to enforce and would be open to multiple and varied legal interpretations that may contradict.

On a Motion duly made by Colin Maynard, seconded by Jeffrey Garness and approved unanimously via roll call vote, it was RESOLVED to accept the regulation project for 12 AAC 36.146-990 as amended by the Department of Law.

The Vice Chair asked if the board wanted to seek an exemption from Administrative Order No.358 for this regulation project. Maynard and Chair Garness voiced support for seeking an exemption.

A straw poll was conducted with the board supported seeking an exemption.

Action Item: Chair Jeffrey Garness will work with staff to write a letter to the Governor’s office requesting an exemption from Administrative Order No.358 to allow the regulation project for 12 AAC 36.146-990 to proceed.

12:07 PM Recessed for lunch.

1:00 PM Called to Order, all present.

The board continued with

Agenda Item 13: Old Business

Regulation Project Update, 12 AAC 990(44)

Bonnell reported that this project is still with the Department of Law and there has been no update.

CE Update

1 Bonnell reported that a letter was sent to Connie Yi by the Division Paralegal where the recipient has a specified
2 time frame to respond. As of this board meeting the recipient has not responded, however they were included
3 on the agenda to allow time if they had responded. No other updates for the CE audit.

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5 Staff Report on Inquiries Revealing Potential Practice Without a License

6 Bonnell presented the report which had been requested by the board during the February (2025) Quarterly
7 Board Meeting. *Report may be found in the board packet.*

8 Maynard and Barry noted that responding to an RFP and receiving a bid is offering to practice without a license
9 and moving forward are requesting that staff send to investigations.

10 AS 08.48.295 was reviewed which covers civil penalties for unregistered or unauthorized practice.

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12 *Action Item: For staff to poll the NCEES Member Board Administrator (MBA) form how other states*
13 *respond to inquiries regarding unlicensed individuals responding to an RFP within their jurisdiction.*

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15 **Agenda Item 14: New Business**

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17 3rd Party Vendors/Prefabricated Products

18 The Chair presented the topic; a manufacturer designs and constructs a structure (prefab) outside of Alaska, to
19 be installed in place in Alaska. The question was what is the board's stance on this practice?

20
21 Staff presented an excerpt of the minutes from the August 2011 board meeting.

22 *Excerpt may be found in the board packet.*

23
24 Maynard commented that his understanding of the decision was that if the engineer was working for the
25 company performing the engineering for the prefabrication, that company would need to get their corporate
26 authorization (COA) with the Alaska board and that engineer need to be licensed within the state as well. If the
27 engineer was a consultant to the company, then the engineer needed the COA. However, this decision was
28 limited to pre-engineered metal buildings.

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30 Shepherd explained from his experience as a mechanical engineer that when you purchase a piece of
31 premanufactured equipment it may be seismically rated and certified. However any stamped documents
32 associated with the housekeeping pad, the supporting structure or the civil area around it does not come from
33 the supplying vendor. In contrast with pre-engineered metal buildings the stamped documents for the
34 supporting structure and the structure itself are performed by the supplying vendor.

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36 Maynard clarified that in those instances typically the foundation for pre-engineered buildings are designed by
37 the project engineer with the necessary specifications provided by the supplying vendor for anchoring the
38 structure to the foundation.

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40 The Vice Chair recapped the board's position; if it is a piece of equipment, it will not need an engineer registered
41 in Alaska to stamp documents, however and foundation or supporting structure or if it is a pre-engineered metal
42 building it will require an Alaska registered engineer and authorized corporation to stamp the necessary
43 engineering documents.

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45 Firms Offering Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering Services (Ship Construction)

46 Bonnell presented a situation that came up regarding naval architecture firms that work with in-state companies
47 and design of new ships where the design and engineering of the vessel is performed out of state, however the

1 vessel will be supplied to a local company within Alaska. Once such example is with new ferries for the Alaska
2 Marine Highway System.

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4 Strait added that the question is interesting as the ship while it may be intended for service in Alaska, it will
5 likely also see service in other locations outside of Alaska, and visa versa with a ship being constructed for
6 another jurisdiction coming to Alaska to operate.

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8 Maynard noted that new vessels will be designed to U.S. Coast Guard standards (SOLAS or ABS), while the Naval
9 Architecture and Marine Engineering license also covers docks. The suggestion being ship construction would be
10 covered by the certifying agencies while structures located within Alaska such as a dock would fall under the
11 board's jurisdiction. Rinckey concurred with Maynard.

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13 Barry noted that the NCEES Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering exam was primarily related to ship
14 construction and not docks or piers.

15
16 Strait suggested that although the board has adopted the Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering license the
17 board may not be the appropriate entity to be administrating it and that there are organizations such as the U.S.
18 Coast Guard, SOLAS and ABS that are better suited to the task. The board likely adopted this license as it is an
19 exam offered by NCEES.

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21 *Action Item: For staff to poll the NCEES Member Board Administrator (MBA) form how other states*
22 *regulate naval architecture and engineering services related to ship construction.*

23 24 Board Vacancies

25 An action item has already been made regarding this topic, during the discussion under agenda item 10.

26 27 Agenda Item 16: Applicant Review

28 29 Ali El Ezzy

30 Ali is the first applicant via the UK MRA, and staff are requesting the board as whole to review. Future
31 applications may be handled via the standard monthly review process.

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33 **On a Motion duly made by Sterling Strait, seconded by Jeffrey Garness and approved unanimously, it**
34 **was RESOLVED to approve the application for Ali El Ezzy.**

35 36 Joshua Flock

37 Application was forward for full board review due to work experience being verified by a licensed Mechanical
38 Engineer and not a Civil Engineer. The applicant is applying to be a Civil Engineer.

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40 **On a Motion duly made by Colin Maynard, seconded by Jeffrey Garness and approved unanimously, it**
41 **was RESOLVED to approve the application for Joshua Flock.**

42 43 R. Icardo Castano

44 Application was forward for full board review due to work experience being verified by a licensed Mechanical
45 Engineer and not a Civil Engineer. The applicant is applying to be a Civil Engineer.

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47 **On a Motion duly made by Sterling Strait, seconded by Brad Rinckey and approved unanimously, it**
48 **was RESOLVED to approve the application for R. Icardo Castano.**

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2 Fayzul Kabir

3 Application was forward for full board review regarding work experience verification.
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5 Mayard explained the applicants work experience was as a research assistant at the University of Alaska
6 Fairbanks (UAF) with the exception of 18 months when the applicant worked for the Department of
7 Environmental Conservation (DEC). The question is whether the board will allow research at a university to be
8 considered responsible charge work and if working towards a PHD may also count towards work experience.
9

10 The Chair requested to abstain from the vote due to a personal conflict; some work performed by Chair Garness
11 is reviewed by the DEC and this individual applicant. Barry also requested to abstain for similar reasons. The Vice
12 Chair, who was conducting the meeting, approved the requests.
13

14 **On a Motion duly made by Sterling Strait, seconded by Brad Rinckey and approved via roll call vote, it**
15 **was RESOLVED to find the application for Fayzul Kabir incomplete according to AS 12 AAC**
16 **36.063(c)(1); to accept as sub-professional experience for the time while performing research for their**
17 **PhD, and that sixteen (16) months responsible charge experience is still required or the applicant may**
18 **provide additional information or justification of the time they are desiring to be used as responsible**
19 **charge.**
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21 **YES: Baril, Shepherd, Maynard, Strait, Rinckey, Leonetti**

22 **NO: None**

23 **ABSTAIN: Barry, Garness**
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25 2:51 PM Recessed for break.
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27 3:06 PM Called to Order, all present.
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29 The board continued with

30 **Agenda Item 16: Applicant Review**
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32 Sam Grasso

33 Application for comity was forwarded for board to review applicants' math/science education equivalency.
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35 Maynard explained the applicant is thirteen (13) hours short in math and science in their bachelor's degree, has
36 been working for 19 years and licensed for 11 years outside of Alaska.
37

38 **On a Motion duly made by Colin Maynard, seconded by Brad Rinckey and approved unanimously, it**
39 **was RESOLVED to conditionally approve the application for Sam Grasso. The conditions to be met are**
40 **completion of an approved Cold Regions Course and to complete the jurisprudence examination.**
41

42 Adel Poursharif

43 Application was forward for full board review due to work experience being verified by a licensed Civil Engineer
44 and not an Electrical Engineer. The applicant is applying to be an Electrical Engineer.
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46 **On a Motion duly made by Colin Maynard, seconded by John Barry and approved unanimously, it was**
47 **RESOLVED to find the application for Adel Poursharif incomplete according to 12 AAC 36.063(a)(3)and**

request a work experience verification from an electrical engineer or two (2) letters of reference from electrical engineers.

Michael Candler

Application was forward for full board review due to work experience being verified by a licensed Civil Engineer and not an Environmental Engineer. The applicant is applying to be an Environmental Engineer.

On a Motion duly made by Sterling Strait, seconded by Samson Shepherd and approved unanimously, it was RESOLVED to approve the application for Michael Candler.

Carol Qing Li-No

Application was forward for full board review regarding request for FE waiver according to 12 AAC 36.090.

On a Motion duly made by Samson Shepherd, seconded by Brad Rinckey and approved unanimously, it was RESOLVED to approve the FE waiver in accordance with 12 AAC 36.090.

James Van Horne

Application was forward for full board review due to work experience being verified by a licensed Environmental Engineer and not a Mechanical Engineer. The applicant is applying to be a Mechanical Engineer.

On a Motion duly made by Sterling Strait, seconded by Brad Rinckey and approved via roll call vote, it was RESOLVED to approve the application for James van Horne.

**YES: Barry, Strait, Rinckey, Baril, Shepherd, Leonetti
NO: Maynard, Garness**

Justin Risley

Application was forward for full board review due to work experience being verified by a licensed Civil Engineer and not an Environmental Engineer. The applicant is applying to be a Civil Engineer.

On a Motion duly made by John Barry, seconded by Colin Maynard and approved unanimously, it was RESOLVED to approve the application for Justin Risley.

Phylcia Cicilio

Application was forward for full board review regarding work experience verification was completed by someone other than the applicant's supervisor.

Strait noted that the applicant form does allow for an explanation when an applicant's verifier is not their supervisor. Maynard clarified that there is no requirement for an applicant's verifier to be their supervisor.

On a Motion duly made by Sterling Strait, seconded by Colin Maynard and approved unanimously, it was RESOLVED to approve the application for Phylcia Cicilio.

Agenda Item 17: Questions from Staff Regarding Specific Procedures

Staff requested if the board would consider a matrix for applications where the applicant's work is being verified by an engineer in a different discipline than what the applicant is applying for.

- 1 The board declined to make a matrix at this time.
- 2
- 3 Recessed for the day at 4:14 PM.
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DRAFT

1 **Day 2, May 22, 2025**

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3 The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Edward Leonetti at 9:00 AM. Quorum with all members present.

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5 9:00 AM Division Investigator Patrick Kase joined the meeting.

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7 **Agenda Item 20: Investigative Report**

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9 Kase presented the Investigative Report for January 25th through May 15, 2025.

10 *Report is available in the board packet.*

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12 **Agenda Item 21: Committee Reports**

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14 Investigative Advisory Committee

15 The Vice Chair reported that the committee has not met since the previous quarterly board meeting and then
16 presented possible regulation language that had been drafted by Deputy Director Saviors.

17 *Proposed language is available in the board packet.*

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19 Some background was provided by the Vice Chair explaining that this is a regulation project that has been
20 ongoing for approximately two years and is an attempt to provide the board with clearer regulations regarding
21 professional conduct of licensees and related disciplinary action.

22
23 **On a Motion duly made by Colin Maynard, seconded by Sterling Strait, it was moved to accept the**
24 **presented regulation language and move it forward when permitted under AO #358.**

25
26 Discussion on the motion by Strait stated the purpose of the regulation was to address incidents outside of the
27 practice of the board, where criminal acts had been committed and the board may not want to license the
28 individual based on those acts. Currently the board is only able to address the act if it is related to the practices
29 regulated by the board.

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31 Bonnell noted that the Division may only investigate actions that are disclosed, or some other evidence
32 presented. The board does not have authority to perform criminal background checks.

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34 The Vice Chair then asked Investigator Kase on the authority of the board to respond to such actions.

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36 Kase responded that there are disciplinary guidelines located within administrative code that refers to the
37 board's ability to issue public reprimands or revoke registrations. Items listed in code are related to
38 incompetence as it relates to actual practice of the licensed profession. Kase also noted that the Office of
39 Administrative Hearings has determined that it is necessary for the board to prove a nexus between the actual
40 crime and the licensed practice. It was further explained that failure to disclose a crime itself may represent a
41 violation, but the crime itself would not have a nexus for disciplinary action.

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43 The Vice Chair remarked that it appears the board may be no further towards their goal with the proposed
44 language than before

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46 Neal added that the Deputy Director goal was to provide language that would allow the board to add back
47 specific professional fitness questions to the applications, however the question of what the board would be
48 allowed to do with that information remained.

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2 After further discussion, a straw poll was performed which showed the board members preference to create a
3 list of actions that would be considered moral turpitude along with a statute of limitation noted for each action.
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5 **The prior motion was tabled by Colin Maynard, seconded by Sterling Strait.**
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7 Maynard requested the proposed language be moved back to committee.
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9 *Action Item: The Investigative Advisory Committee will create a list of actions to be considered moral*
10 *turpitude for the board to review and to add in language to the proposed regulation to allow the board*
11 *to use criminal history when disciplining.*
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13 9:36 AM Division Investigator Kase left the meeting.
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15 Education Committee

16 Strait provided a report on the committee's activities.

17 *Report is available in the board packet.*
18

19 Strait asked board staff for an update on the status of the Continuing Education (CE) Tracker forms on the
20 website.
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22 Bonnell reported that the CE Tracker forms had been removed by the Division's publication team without prior
23 knowledge or approval from board staff. Staff will be meeting the Deputy Director to discuss the reason for the
24 removal of the forms and the possibility of restoring them to the website.
25

26 Strait noted that the forms should always be available to the public.
27

28 Strait continued with the committee report and moved on the topic of proposed core competences for the Cold
29 Regions Course (CRC) requesting the board approve the list with the goal being to then take the list to the CRC
30 providers for their consideration and develop a course that would meet this requirement.

31 *List of proposed core competencies is available in the board packet.*
32

33 The Vice Chair recommended adding the topic of snow storage and removal planning along with vegetation or
34 plantings. The Vice Chair also recommended adding stormwater management which is critical in certain areas
35 such as Anchorage.
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37 Strait asked if stormwater management is a regional topic or fall under knowing your local environment and is
38 there anything specific to Alaska about it? Leonetti noted that he was not certain.
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40 The Chair recommended adding the topic of the seasonal nature of construction. Strait will add that to the list.
41

42 Maynard, referring back to the topic of stormwater management, remarked that due to the prolonged cold
43 weather in Alaska, it does create unique scenarios. Some of this is covered in the Northern Design class
44 regarding geotechnical and structural. This could fall under the topic of site planning and snow storage.
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46 Strait stated the path forward now is to approach the CRC providers.
47

48 Strait completed his report.

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2 Outreach Committee

3 Strait provide a report on the committee's activities.

4 *Report is available in the board packet.*

5
6 The Committee met with only Strait and board staff Joseph Bonnell attending. It was recommended that, due to
7 lack of response, the committee return to the topic of the newsletter in the fall and decide as a board if they
8 want to continue with one for 2026.
9

10 Staff are requesting the board compose a letter that may be sent to procurement officials with the State of
11 Alaska to remind them of the licensing requirements for individuals or companies submitting proposals for RFPs.
12 This letter may also be useful for distribution to local municipalities.
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14 The topic of doing outreach efforts outside of board meetings and the board's interest in these was presented.
15 Maynard supported the idea of separate outreach events, especially in light of recent travel restrictions.
16

17 10:17 AM Recessed for break.
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19 10:33 AM Called to Order, all present.
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21 The board continued with

22 **Agenda Item 21: Committee Reports**

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24 Legislative Liaison Committee

25 Maynard presented the report summarizing the events of SB54 including providing testimony during the
26 legislative hearings. Current status of SB54 is having passed the legislature and is now awaiting transmittal to the
27 Governor.
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29 *An email record containing the testimony is located in the board packet.*

30 Maynard recommended that the board start a working group to begin looking at registered interior designer
31 regulations to begin the process of identifying what sections will need to be addressed, and then when and
32 interior designer is assigned to the board they can start to have input on those sections.
33

34 It was recapped that SB54 has passed, HB215 is now dead, and HB158 and SB145 were discussed the day prior
35 during the Division's report. The Vice Chair asked if a motion should be made to allow Colin Maynard, as the
36 Legislative Liaison Committee Chair to be board delegate, authorized to testify on behalf of the board regarding
37 HB158 and SB145.
38

39 Bonnell responded that he had discussed this with Deputy Director Savors and it was recommended that since
40 the legislative session is adjourned until January, the bill will not be moving, and the board should wait until the
41 proposed amendment the board is seeking has been submitted.
42

43 Maynard disagreed with waiting until the amendment has been submitted, and would rather have the authority
44 from the board to present the board's position prior to the amendment so as to support or oppose as necessary.
45 Maynard did agree that a motion may not be necessary this meeting or until November, however it should be
46 made before the legislative session reconvenes in January.
47

1 *Action Item: The Legislative Liaison Committee will track HB158 and SB145, and for the board to approve*
2 *Colin as the delegate to testify on behalf of these bills before the legislature in the November quarterly*
3 *board meeting.*

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5 **On a Motion duly made by Colin Maynard, seconded by Brad Rinckey and approved unanimously, it**
6 **was RESOLVED to send a memo to the Division requesting an exemption from HB158 and SB145 based**
7 **on the board's discussion the day prior.**
8

9 Planning and Implementation Committee

10 The Vice Chair presented the strategic plan for July 1, 2025 to June 21, 2026 (FY26) for discussion and
11 modification from the prior year's plan.

12 *A copy of the Strategic Plan for FY26 may be obtained from the board staff.*
13

14 **On a Motion duly made by Colin Maynard, seconded by Brad Rinckey and approved unanimously, it**
15 **was RESOLVED to approve the strategic plan as amended.**
16

17 Agenda Item 26: Special Committee and Working Group Reports

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19 FE Waiver Special Committee

20 Maynard provided the report for this committee and proposed regulation language was presented to the board.
21 *Proposed regulation language is available in the board packet.*
22

23 It was suggested editing the proposed language containing the twenty (20) year requirement in 12 AAC
24 36.090(a) to fifteen (15) years.
25

26 **On a Motion duly made by Colin Maynard, seconded by Jeffrey Garness and approved unanimously**
27 **via roll call vote, it was RESOLVED to approve the proposed regulation project language for 12 AAC**
28 **36.090 as amended to change 20 years post-graduate engineering experience to 15, and to forward**
29 **this language to the Department of Law for review once permitted to do so.**
30

31 Responsible Charge Working Group

32 The Chair presented the report; stating that after discussion it was determined the best course of action was to
33 wait until next year to allow for NCEES to complete their update to the national standards they recommend.
34

35 The Vice Chair, under authority from the Chair, disbanded the working group until next year.
36

37 Land Surveyor Working Group

38 Barry provided the report. The Committee met and discussed the goals of the committee to look at the
39 education requirements for licensure. Former board member Jake Maxwell presented at the recent conference
40 of the Alaska Society of Professional Land Surveyors and received feedback opposing changes to the education
41 requirements.
42

43 Rinckey noted that they only had the previous two (2) renewal cycles of licensee information and that he
44 wanted to work with staff to gather more information.
45

46 Barry referenced back to the discussion during the February board meeting where it had been proposed to
47 establish 45 required credits, however members of the board pushed back that model law only included 30. It

1 was recommended to review the number of credits and compare the curriculums of several schools offering
2 Land Surveying.

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4 *Action Item: For the Land Surveyor Working Group to research curriculum at various universities and*
5 *report back.*

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7 *Action Item: For Brad Rinckey to work with board staff to compile a report of historical license data for*
8 *up to 20 years if possible.*
9

10 12:01 PM Recessed for lunch.

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12 12:59 PM Called to Order, all present.

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14 The board continued with

15 **Agenda Item 26: Special Committee and Working Group Reports**

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17 Decoupling Special Committee

18 Bonnell reported that this committee did not meet due to scheduling conflicts.

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20 The Chair provided a recap on the committee's assignment. Several divergent opinions were expressed
21 regarding if there should be decoupling.

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23 The Vice Chair explained that the objective for today was to give the committee direction for moving forward.

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25 Maynard suggested that the board allow the committee to have its discussions and then report back for the
26 board to weigh in.

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28 Strait opposed this action noting that the board seemed divided over the overall course of action and was
29 reluctant to put forth effort into a discussion that will ultimately not produce anything due to the divergent
30 opinions on the board.

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32 Maynard pointed to the board's strategic plan that it does contain direction for the board to pursue decoupling,
33 and the committee will need to develop the course of action to accomplish this. The fact that there are some
34 opinions opposing the idea of decoupling does not change the fact that the board has already voted to pursue
35 decoupling on more than one occasion.

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37 Strait noted that he was looking for clear direction from the board so as to avoid a similar discussion from earlier
38 in the meeting regarding barrier crimes where the matter was remanded back to the committee.

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40 A straw poll was conducted and it was found the majority of members supported full decoupling with 2 in
41 opposition.

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43 **On a Motion duly made by Sterling Strait, seconded by Jeffrey Garness and approved via roll call vote,**
44 **it was RESOLVED to open a regulation project for 12 AAC 36.063 and 065.**

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46 **YES: Rinckey, Barry, Shepherd, Strait, Garness, Leonetti**

47 **NO: Maynard,**

48 **Absent: Baril**

Action Item: Decoupling Committee will propose language for decoupling; allowing applicants to take the PE Exam prior to obtaining work experience.

Agenda Item 28: Licensing Examiners Report

K. Johnson presented the report. Forty (40) applications were reviewed by the board and staff for the third quarter of FY25 (January to April 2025). Report was made on comity and exam number of applicants. As of the current board meeting, we have not received the results back from the AKLS exam taken in April.

The License Examiner's Report is available in the board packet.

Agenda Item 29: Read Applicants into Record

On a Motion duly made by Secretary Sterling Strait, seconded by Colin Maynard, it was unanimously RESOLVED to APPROVE the following list of applicants for registration by comity and examination with the stipulation that the information in the applicants' files will take precedence over the information in the minutes.

License #	First Name	Last Name	License Type
235155	Forrester	Cook	Civil Engineer
233903	Brant	Makowski	Mechanical Engineer
227280	Joshua	Flock	Civil Engineer
234264	R.	Castano	Civil Engineer
237908	Phylisia	Cicilio	Electrical Engineer
239470	Justin	Risley	Environmental Engineer
236935	Michael	Candler	Environmental Engineer
236666	ALI	Ezzy	Mechanical Engineer
231442	James	Van Horne	Mechanical Engineer

On a Motion duly made by Secretary Sterling Strait, seconded by Colin Maynard, it was unanimously RESOLVED to CONDITIONALLY APPROVE the following list of applicants for registration by comity and examination with the stipulation that the information in the applicants' files will take precedence over the information in the minutes.

License #	First Name	Last Name	License Type
238002	Emily	Hess	Architect
237429	Grant	Epple	Architect
234665	Margaret	Morgenstern	Architect
238797	Albert	Sonafrank	Civil Engineer
239368	Devki	Rearden	Civil Engineer
235283	Jhon	Landicho	Civil Engineer
108335	Joshua	Kunz	Civil Engineer
238712	Marianne	Price	Civil Engineer
238273	Martin	Woodby	Civil Engineer

237986	Matthew	Njaa	Civil Engineer
237845	Patrick	Rainwater	Civil Engineer
117989	Quinn	Thoman	Civil Engineer
233898	Robert	Roecker	Civil Engineer
218316	Ross	Boling	Civil Engineer
237404	Stephanie	Klaysmat	Civil Engineer
237267	Jacob	Buchanon	Electrical Engineer
237743	Tyler	Tremont	Electrical Engineer
235310	Courtney	Holston	Environmental Engineer
237285	Drew	Lindow	Land Surveyor
207970	James	Calvin	Land Surveyor
234261	Seth	Kiester	Land Surveyor
238238	Anna	Knight	Mechanical Engineer
235112	Chrisalyn	Johnson	Mechanical Engineer
236587	Emory	Mildon	Mechanical Engineer
238816	Merrick	Jackinsky	Mechanical Engineer
237911	Nathaniel	Solnit	Mechanical Engineer
237745	Raymond	Kangas	Mechanical Engineer
234209	John	Miller	Structural Engineer
235995	Sam	Lo Grasso	Civil Engineer

On a Motion duly made by Secretary Sterling Strait, seconded by Colin Maynard, it was unanimously RESOLVED to find the following list of applicants for registration by comity and examination INCOMPLETE with the stipulation that the information in the applicants' files will take precedence over the information in the minutes.

License #	First Name	Last Name	License Type
234360	Adel	Poursharif	Electrical Engineer
237913	Fayzul	Kabir	Environmental Engineer

Agenda Item 30: Review Action Item List

Secretary Sterling Strait reviewed the action items with the board.

A copy of the Action Item List may be obtained from board staff.

Agenda Item 31: New Committee Assignments and Set Meeting Dates

The Vice Chair solicited interest from the board members regarding which committees they would like serve on.

Maynard noted that the Legislative Liaison Committee will likely not be meeting for the next six months, and probably not until the after the November quarterly board meeting.

Discussion took place on the make-up of a special committee to work on regulations for registered interior designers once SB54 becomes law. The Vice Chair suggested that the committee will most likely be made up of three (3) individuals, the board chair, an architect and an interior designer.

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2 The Chair authorized the creation of the new Special Committee on Registered Interior Designer Regulation. The
3 members will be decided by the new board chair in a future meeting.
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5 The committee and working group rosters were updated.

6 *The Board Committee and Working Group Roster is available from board staff.*
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8 The following committees were scheduled:

9 A) The Investigative Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on July 18th at 12:00 PM.

10 B) The Decoupling Special Committee is scheduled to meet on July 28th at 12:00 PM.
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12 **Agenda Item 32: Travel Policy Updates for Board Meetings in FY26**
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14 Bonnell indicated that this topic was no longer needed as the Governor's Administrative Order restricting travel
15 pre-empts the new policy.
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17 **Agenda Item 33: Upcoming Calendar**
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19 The August quarterly board meeting was rescheduled to August 5-6, 2025.
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21 The November quarterly board meeting was scheduled for November 4-5, 2025.
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23 **Agenda Item 34: Board Member Comments**
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25 The Vice Chair gave each board member an opportunity to express any comments regarding the meeting.
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27 The Chair thanked Vice Chair Edward Leonetti for conducting the meeting on both days on his behalf.
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29 Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.
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Respectfully submitted:

Joseph Bonnell, Executive Administrator

Approved:

Edward Leonetti, PLA, Chair
Alaska Board of Registration for Architects,
Engineers, and Land Surveyors

Date: _____

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PROBATION REPORT

DATE: July 23, 2025
TO: AEL - State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, Land Surveyors
THROUGH: William "Billy" Homestead, Senior Investigator *BH*
FROM: Dannie Kerfeld, Investigator
SUBJECT: Probation Report for the August 6, 2025 Meeting.

The following information was compiled as a Probation report to the Board for the period of May 16, 2025 thru July 23, 2025; This report includes probationers who are in compliance with their agreements; non compliant probationers and probationer requests to the Board.

There are currently **One (1)** licensee's on probation as of the date of this report. Since the last probation report, **Zero (0)** licensee's were released from probation.

The following is a complete list of individuals on probation for this Board that are in compliance with their Board agreements.

Name	Case Number	Start of Probation	End of Probation
Floyd TETPON	2021-000056	04/17/2025	04/17/2027

The following is a complete list of individuals on probation for this Board that are not in compliance with their Board agreements.

Name	Case Number	Start of Probation	End of Probation	Disposition Date
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The following is a complete list of individuals on probation for this Board that are suspended.

Name	Case Number	Start of Probation	End of Probation	Disposition Date
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The following is a complete list of individuals on Non-Disciplinary Consent Agreements (Monitoring Status) for this Board. All individuals are in compliance with their agreements.

Name	Case Number	Start of Probation	End of Probation	Disposition Date
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The following were released after probation completion.

Name	Case Number	Start of Probation	End of Probation
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Board Requests:

END OF REPORT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 358 UPDATE

On May 9th the Governor issued Administrative Order (AO) 358. One item on the AO was to implement “a freeze on the promulgation of new regulations by all agencies.” The Division has received clarifying information regarding what this means for work on regulations as state employees. The intent is that **state employees will not** be working on regulations projects. Since board members are not state employees, they may continue to work on regulations projects.

Here's what's still allowable for board staff:

- Board liaisons may continue working with their respective board chair about including regulations projects on the agenda,
- The board liaison, regulations specialist, or other staff may answer questions about the regulations process and next steps,
- Staff may continue to draft meeting minutes that cover regulations discussions,
- Staff may make a note of regulations that need to be updated so they can be worked on in the future as problematic or burdensome regs are identified through day-to-day work.

Here's what's **not** allowable (unless we receive a waiver for the specific regulations project ahead of time):

- Staff may not help draft regulations or take on research that is directly related to regulation changes the board is working on,
- Staff may not complete the staff portion of the Project Opening Questionnaire or help the board complete the other portions of the Project Opening Questionnaire required for regulation projects
- The Regulations Specialist may not work on drafting regulations, nor can they submit any project without a waiver to LAW.
- Staff may not do thorough reviews of statutes and regulations to look for division-recommended changes/improvements,
- Staff may not advance division-recommended regulations for board review.

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Jessalynn Rintala, Environmental Program Specialist IV
Department of Environmental Conservation

FROM: April Simpson, Alaska Administrative Code Coordinator 
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

DATE: July 14, 2025

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Department of Environmental Conservation

Department of Environmental Conservation regulations re: Wastewater - Construction
Inspection Definition (18 AAC 72.511 - .518; .990)

Attorney General File:	2024200513
Regulation Filed:	7/14/2025
Effective Date:	8/13/2025
Print:	255, October 2025

cc with enclosures: Beth Parsons, Paralegal 2
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July 11, 2025

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
Lieutenant Governor
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110015
Juneau, AK 99811-0015

Re: *18 AAC 72.511-.518; .990: DEC - Wastewater - Construction Inspection
Definition*
Our file: 2024200513

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Department of Environmental Conservation after the close of the public comment period.

In response to concerns from the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors regarding the former terms "supervise construction" and "construction supervision" in the wastewater disposal regulations, and how the definition of those terms could be interpreted to impact the scope of a registered engineer's responsibilities, the regulations now set out a definition of "inspect construction" and "construction inspection," that more tightly express a registered engineer's function, and make conforming amendments across the wastewater disposal regulations.

The December 1, 2024 public notice and the July 10, 2025 order adopting changes both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

We have made a technical correction to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060. The correction is incorporated into the attached copy of the regulations.

Sincerely,

TREG TAYLOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: Rebecca C. Polizzotto
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Legislative Research Section

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CC w/enclosure: Jessalynn Rintala, Regulations Contact
Department of Environmental Conservation

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Department of Law

ORDER ADOPTING CHANGES TO REGULATIONS
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

The attached four pages of regulations, dealing with the term "Construction Inspection", are adopted and certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Department of Environmental Conservation adopts under the authority of AS 44.46.020; AS 44.46.025; AS 46.03.020; AS 46.03.050; AS 46.03.100; AS 46.03.110; and AS 46.03.710 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

In considering public comments, the Department of Environmental Conservation paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken. The Department of Environmental Conservation also gave special attention to alternate practical methods in this regulatory action as required by AS 46.03.024.

The regulation changes adopted under this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor as provided in AS 44.62.180.

Date: 7/10/2025


Signed by: 
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Randy Bates, Commissioner

April Simpson for

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on

July 14, 2025, at 10:50a.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

for 
Lieutenant Governor *Nancy Dahlstrom*

Effective: August 13, 2025.

Register: 255, October 2025.

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Dahlstrom", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**NANCY DAHLSTROM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

18 AAC 72.511(b) is amended to read:

(b) A conventional onsite wastewater system that serves any combination of residential dwellings or commercial buildings owned by the same entity with a total facility-wide design flow of not more than 2,500 gallons per day may be installed without prior department approval if the system is installed by a person whose work is completed according to a registered engineer's design and the engineer **inspects** [SUPERVISES] construction. (Eff. 10/1/2023, Register 247; am 8 / 13 / 2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 44.46.020 AS 46.03.050 AS 46.03.110
AS 46.03.020

The introductory language of 18 AAC 72.550(a) is amended to read:

(a) **The person described in 18 AAC 72.511(a) - (c)** [A PERSON WHO PLANS TO INSTALL A SYSTEM UNDER 18 AAC 72.511] shall notify the department at least one day before beginning construction or modification of the system. The notification must **be on a form provided by the department and** include

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The introductory language of 18 AAC 72.550(c) is amended to read:

(c) Not later than 90 days after completing the installation or modification of a conventional onsite wastewater system under 18 AAC 72.511, the person **described in 18 AAC 72.511(a) - (c)** [RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE SYSTEM] shall register the system by submitting a completed documentation of construction, using a form provided by the department and including

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(Eff. 10/1/2023, Register 247; am 8 / 13 / 2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 44.46.020 AS 46.03.020 AS 46.03.100
AS 44.46.025 AS 46.03.050

The introductory language of 18 AAC 72.611(a)(5) is amended to read:

(5) **is one for which** the registered engineer, or a person under the responsible charge of the registered engineer, **inspects** [SUPERVISES] construction as necessary to

...

(Eff. 10/1/2023, Register 247; am 8 / 13 / 2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 44.46.020 AS 46.03.050 AS 46.03.100
AS 46.03.020

18 AAC 72.650(a) is amended to read:

(a) A registered engineer **described in** [WHO PLANS TO INSTALL A SYSTEM UNDER] 18 AAC 72.611(a) shall notify the department at least one day before beginning construction or modification of the alternative onsite wastewater system. The notification must **be on a form provided by the department and** include

(1) the legal description and physical address of the property where the installation or modification will occur, including directions to the site;

(2) the name and telephone number of the **registered** engineer responsible for the system **design, construction inspection,** [INSTALLATION] and documentation; and

(3) the scheduled date of the installation or modification.

The introductory language of 18 AAC 72.650(c) is amended to read:

(c) Not later than 90 days after completing the installation or modification of an alternative wastewater system under 18 AAC 72.611(a), the registered engineer **described in 18 AAC 72.611(a)** [RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE SYSTEM] shall submit to the department a completed registration package that includes

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(Eff. 10/1/2023, Register 247; am 8 / 13 / 2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 44.46.020 AS 46.03.020 AS 46.03.100
AS 44.46.025 AS 46.03.050

The introductory language of 18 AAC 72.990(16) is amended to read:

(16) "construction **inspection** [SUPERVISION]" or "**inspects** [SUPERVISING] construction" means [PROVIDING OVERSIGHT AND DIRECTION DURING CONSTRUCTION SUCH THAT] the **registered** [SUPERVISING] engineer, or a person under the **registered** [SUPERVISING] engineer's responsible charge

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18 AAC 72.990(78) is amended to read:

(78) "sealed" means prepared by a registered engineer or a person under that engineer's **responsible charge** [DIRECT SUPERVISION], and bearing the signature and seal of that engineer as required under AS 08.48.221 and 12 AAC 36.185;

Register 255, October 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

18 AAC 72.990(100) is repealed:

(100) repealed 8 / 13 / 2025 ;

(Eff. 4/1/99, Register 149; am 3/25/2001, Register 157; am 1/17/2002, Register 161; am 7/29/2006, Register 179; am 5/12/2016, Register 218; am 10/1/2023, Register 247; am

8 / 13 / 2025, Register 255)

Authority:	AS 44.46.020	AS 46.03.050	AS 46.03.110
	AS 46.03.020	AS 46.03.100	AS 46.03.710

Re: EI vs EIT

From Colin Maynard <akbosco@aol.com>

Date Fri 2025-07-11 2:22 PM

To John B. Pekar <john.pekar@kinneyeng.com>

Cc Bonnell, Joseph K (CED) <joseph.bonnell@alaska.gov>; Ed Leonetti <ed.leonetti@coffman.com>

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John:

My recollection is that people who are not licensed cannot use one of the protected terms: professional engineer and the 14 engineering disciplines (i.e., civil engineer, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer, etc.). One must have a license to use professional engineer and have a license in that discipline to use one or more of the others.

I do not think that there is a ban on using either Engineering Intern or Engineer-In-Training. Neither of those are a protected term, as far as I know.

Thirty or more years ago, I discovered that the term engineer is not a protected term, hence maintenance engineers, train engineers, waste engineers (i.e., garbage men), among other terms that are not engineers at all. In addition, one could invent another descriptor building engineer, but would need to be licensed in one of the disciplines to do work for the public and sign drawings. The only caveat is that an engineer who falls under the various statutory exemptions might be able to use the protected terms other than professional engineer (that is a question for the lawyers). So an individual working for Chugach Electric and only working on their facilities might be able to call themselves an electrical engineer. That is a gray area about which I am uncertain how the Department of Law would land.

I have copied Joe Bonnell, the Board Executive Administrator, and Ed Leonetti, the Board Chair, so they can decide if the Board needs to discuss at our meeting next month or add to the Board Policies and Historical Information document so that it is readily available to the industry and public.

Colin

On Friday, July 11, 2025 at 01:21:57 PM AKDT, John B. Pekar <john.pekar@kinneyeng.com> wrote:

Hi Colin,

Does the AELS Board have an official position on the use of EI or EIT?

My understanding is that the two are interchangeable, but it is up to state licensing boards to decide which term to use.

We thought there was past guidance on the topic, but we have not been able to find any references.

Thank you,

John

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Request for AELS Board Guidance on Professional Standards

From Michael Erdman <akcivilengineer@gmail.com>

Date Mon 2025-07-28 2:59 PM

To Bonnell, Joseph K (CED) <joseph.bonnell@alaska.gov>

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Joseph,

As we discussed by phone back in May, I'm requesting direction from the Board on the proper standard of practice for Engineers providing design and inspection services for residential onsite wastewater (septic) systems.

Within the Mat-Su Borough, it is common practice for Engineers to meet with excavation contractors onsite, and to do a septic system "field design". This involves assessing the site and surrounding area, inspecting and logging a test hole, performing a percolation test if required, and providing the contractor with minimum design parameters such as septic tank size and soil absorption system type, size, and depth. The system design requirements are typically provided to the installer verbally, or via a field design sketch. The Engineers then perform periodic inspections during construction and prepare a Documentation of Construction form and record drawings, which are signed and sealed in accordance with ADEC requirements.

The question is whether the current practice of providing an informal "field design" is acceptable, or if these designs must be documented with an engineer's seal and signature. It is perhaps relevant to the discussion that this work generally falls within the exemption contained in AS 08.48.331(a)(6)(C), and is performed with design and inspection by a Professional Engineer only when the owner or contractor has elected to do so as one of the means specified to meet ADEC requirements under 18 AAC 72 (as opposed to installation by a homeowner or certified installer).

Thank you very much for your assistance. Please call or email if you have any questions.

Regards,

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FAYZUL KABIR

At the prior board meeting held on May 21st, Fayzul's application was reviewed by the board. The following motion was made:

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY STERLING STRAIT, SECONDED BY BRAD RINCKEY, AND APPROVED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE, IT WAS RESOLVED TO FIND THE APPLICATION FOR FAYZUL KABIR INCOMPLETE ACCORDING TO 12 AAC 063(C)(1); TO ACCEPT AS SUB-PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR THE TIME WHILE PERFORMING RESEARCH FOR THEIR PHD, AND THAT 16 MONTHS RESPONSIBLE CHARGE IS STILL NEEDED OR THE APPLICANT MAY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR JUSTIFICATION OF THE TIME DESIRING TO BE USED AS RESPONSIBLE CHARGE.

After communicating this decision to the applicant, it was discovered that the board had previously approved another applicant in February 2025 who had applied using the same individual for a work experience reference, William Schnabel, Dean of the UAF College of Engineering and Mines. This applicant is Md Ubnyl Hasan.

As the question by the board during their discussion of Fayzul's application was regarding whether the board will allow research at a university to be considered responsible charge work and if working towards a PHD may also count towards work experience, and considering the board had previously accepted this type of experience in February, the applicant has requested their application be reviewed again while considering this information that was not available to the board during the initial review.

STOYAN ATANASOV

The applicant was reviewed by board members John Barry and Samson Shepherd in July.

The applicant was forwarded for full board review by John Barry with the following reasons given:

Stoyan Atanasov is missing one science class either chemistry or biology. Since his credentials evaluation is marked "not equivalent" by NCEES his application has to go to the board where it should be approved.

AELS Board - Ongoing Action Item List

Priority:
1) Next 30 days
2) Before next meeting
3) 6 - 12 months

Date	Strategic Plan Reference	Priority	Assigned	Item Description	Status
5/8/2024	2(a)	2	Investigative committee	Develop an 'inspection checklist' to guide investigators through a proactive construction site AELS check	Ongoing
8/22/2024	2(c)	3	Legislative liaison committee	Review CEU regulations to identify issues with reinstating registrants who renew late and understand why being under audit changes one's ability to renew their license.	Ongoing
8/22/2024	2(a)	2	Investigative Committee	Establish plan to have investigator proactively check on lapsed COA's to determine if they are still practicing. Also, use the 'phone book' (google?) to look for entities offering AELS services and ensuring they have an active COA.	Ongoing
11/14/2024			Legislative liaison committee	Past expired license regulation project	Duplicate
11/14/2024		2	Education Committee	Reach out to UAA re: core competencies	Duplicate
2/12/2025			Staff	Update policy to allow for an Environmental Engineering degree to obtain a CE license	Complete
2/12/2025			Staff	Update policy to allow Computer Engineering & Computer science degrees to get an EE license	Complete
2/12/2025			Education Committee	Review full list of degrees in policy to see if there are any other ABET degrees that should be included in list	Complete
2/12/2025			Outreach Committee	Discuss how to educate community on not proposing without license	Duplicate
2/12/2025			Special Committee	Special Committee on decoupling: Barry,Becket-Johnston & Strait	Complete
2/12/2025			C. Maynard	Reg project: FE Waiver	Complete
2/12/2025			Staff	Compile historical information on business proposing and contracting for work in Alaska prior to obtaining a license. Request opinion from department of law	Complete
2/12/2025			Emeritus Committee	Send in emeritus status to NCEES	Complete
2/12/2025		2	Investigative Committee	Barrier crime discussion on a board policy	Ongoing
5/21/2025	1(b)	3	Staff	Ensure future graduate letters are distributed to all professions. Review which universities to send letters to during next February board meeting.	New
5/21/2025	1(a)	1	Colin, Paul, Ed Staff to Coordinate	Request an exemption to allow AELS board members to travel and attend national organization meetings. One letter each for NCEES, CLARB, and NCARB.	New
5/21/2025	1(a)	3	Colin	Testify on behalf of the AELS Board in support of HB158/SB145 on temporary licensure	New
5/21/2025	1(a)	1	Staff	Division and Staff to give notice to board members if/when a military exemption license is imminent.	New
5/21/2025	1(a)	1	Colin Maynard	Memo to Division (Glenn) explaining AELS Board opinion on the importance of the Cold Regions Design course for ensuring licensees can protect public health, safety, and welfare.	Complete
5/21/2025	1(d)	1	Staff	Send out email to mailing list notifying licensees of open AELS Board positions	New
5/21/2025	2(a)	1	Jeff Garness	Letter to the office of the governor requesting that the regulation project continues to move forward.	New
5/21/2025	2(a)	2	Staff	Poll the MBA Forum: How do other states deal with individuals applying for a license after they have already agreed to work a project in the jurisdiction?	New
5/21/2025	2(a)	2	Staff	Poll the MBA Forum: How do other states deal with Naval Architects and Marine Engineers? Do ships built in their jurisdiction require this PE license?	New

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AEELS Board Committee and Working Groups Roster

August 2025

Standing Committees

Guidance Manual

Brad Rinckey (Chair)

Outreach

Samson Shepherd
Sterling Strait (Chair)
Brad Rinckey

Investigative Advisory

Ed Leonetti
Colin Maynard (Chair)

Legislative Liason

Colin Maynard (Chair)
Jeff Garness
Ed Leonetti
Paul Baril

Planning and Implemenation

Ed Leonetti
Sterling Strait
Jeff Garness (outgoing Chair June 30)
Colin Maynard (Chair eff. July 1)

Education

Sterling Strait
Colin Maynard
John Barry (Chair)
Paul Baril

Emeritus Status

Elizabeth Beckett Johnston (Emeritus)
Colin Maynard (Chair)

Special Committees

Decoupling

Sterling Strait (Chair)
John Barry
Elizabeth Beckett Johnston (Public Member)

FE Waiver

Colin Maynard
Jeff Garness

Registered I.D. Regulation

Ed Leonetti
Vacant (Architect)
Vacant (Interior Designer)

Working Groups

ADEC- through 12/31/2025

Jeff Garness
John Barry

Land Surveyor Education

Jake Maxwell (Public Member)
Brad Rinckey
John Barry