

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

CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD MARCH 17, 2026

These DRAFT minutes have been 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.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Leonetti, Board Member at 10:00 AM. A roll call was conducted by Joe Bonnell, Board Staff. A quorum was established.

Board members present (constituting a quorum):

- Ed Leonetti, Board Member (Chair)
- Sterling Strait, Board Member (Vice Chair)
- Colin Maynard, Board Member (Secretary)
- John Barry, Board Member
- Brad Rinckey, Board Member
- Samson Shepherd, Board Member
- Jeff Garness, Board Member
- Paul Baril, Board Member (present in the morning; absent after lunch)

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

- Joe Bonnell, Board Staff (Executive Administrator)
- Kelly Johnson, Board Staff (Licensing Examiner)
- Patrick Kase, Division Staff (Investigator)
- Dannie Kerfeld (Investigator)
- Kim Lilly, Division Staff (Paralegal)

- Melissa Dumas - Division Staff (Operations Manager)

Members of the Public and Organization Representatives:

Aaron Blaisdell (NCEES Western Zone Vice President) • Elizabeth Beckett Johnston (NCEES President) • Matt Barusch (CIDQ) • Maurice Brown (NCARB Assistant VP, Advocacy & External Engagement) • Melissa Cannata • Amber Book • Chris Miller • Chandler Alford

Agenda

Agenda Item 1: Mission Statement

Colin Maynard, Board Member read the Board’s mission statement.

Agenda Item 2: Virtual Meeting Notice / Code of Conduct

Joe Bonnell, Board Staff reviewed the virtual meeting code of conduct (expected behavior, chair authority, unacceptable behavior, and potential consequences).

Agenda Item 3: Review/Approve Agenda

On a motion duly made by Colin Maynard, Board Member, seconded by Sterling Strait, Board Member, the agenda was **approved**.

Agenda Item 4: Ethics Disclosures

Board members made disclosures, including:

- Paul Baril, Board Member—no longer serving as AIA Alaska Advocacy Committee Chair.
- Colin Maynard, Board Member—serving as Chair of NCEES UPLG; attending Western Zone and Annual meetings on his own funding.
- Chair Ed Leonetti, Board Member summarized ethics training resources and reminded members about potential conflicts when engaging with industry groups; emphasized abstention when necessary and cautioned about Open Meetings Act implications.

Public Comment (10:00–10:30 AM)

- Aaron Blaisdell encouraged active participation by the Board at NCEES meetings; noted the upcoming Western Zone meeting in Bend (May) and highlighted the forthcoming PLSS exam (October 2027), urging Alaska to consider it as a defensible exam pathway.
- Elizabeth Beckett Johnston expressed concerns about legislative proposals potentially changing Board composition (engineering seats) and diminishing

surveying representation; provided NCEES updates (SE exam time extension; ICOR overlapping practice document; upcoming work on fraudulent seals/digital signatures).

- Matt Barusch and Maurice Brown offered to serve as resources regarding practice overlap guidance, CIDQ exam, and NCARB materials.
- Chris Miller requested more reliable listserv communications and timely board packet distribution; reiterated concern about mechanical/electrical seats and advocated for separate representation.

Agenda Item 5: Adoption of Previous Minutes

The Board adopted minutes for the **November 4–5, 2025** regular meeting and the **January 29, 2026** special meeting. Discussion included correcting the title for “Representative Hall” and removing repetition on page 3 line 11; motion by Sterling Strait, Board Member, second by Colin Maynard, Board Member; **approved**.

Agenda Item 6: Election of Board Officers (FY26)

- **Chair:** Motion by Jeff Garness, Board Member, second by John Barry, Board Member, to elect Ed Leonetti, Board Member as Chair for one additional year; roll-call vote recorded, one “Nay”: Colin Maynard, Board Member; **approved**.
- **Vice Chair:** Motion by Jeff Garness, Board Member, second by Samson Shepherd, Board Member, to elect Sterling Strait, Board Member; roll-call vote recorded, one “Nay”: Colin Maynard, Board Member; **approved**.
- **Secretary:** Motion by Sterling Strait, Board Member, second by Jeff Garness, Board Member, to elect Samson Shepherd, Board Member; roll-call vote recorded; **approved**.
- Term start: July 1, 2026.

Agenda Item 7: Committee & Working Group Assignments

Updated rosters (highlights): Guidance Manual—Brad Rinckey, John Barry; Outreach—Chair Sterling Strait with Brad Rinckey and Samson Shepherd; Investigative Advisory—Chair Jeff Garness with Colin Maynard and Paul Baril; Legislative Liaison—on standby given Governor’s Office directive to the board; Education—Chair transferred to Sterling Strait; Emeritus—Colin Maynard and Elizabeth Beckett Johnston (emeritus). Special committees: AO360 Regulation Planning active; FE Waiver committee closed; Registered Interior Designer (RID) Regulation committee in stand by (vacant interior designer seat for anticipated new board member). Land Surveyors Working Group continues (added Aaron Blaisdell as public member).

Updated roster is included at the end of these minutes as Appendices A.

Agenda Item 8: Division Updates

Melissa Dumas - Division Staff presented the **FY26 Second Quarter Report** (through December 31), noting revenue to date, carry-forward, and investigative/indirect costs; total revenue through February subsequently noted at ~\$955,230; the program remains stable.

Agenda Item 9: Investigative Section Reports

- **Investigative Report:** Patrick Kase, Division Staff reported **13 open cases** (one architect, remainder engineering, 3 land surveyor), status across complaint/intake/investigation; **four** cases closed since the print date (including insufficient evidence closure and advisement letter).
- **Probation Report:** Dannie Kerfeld reported **one** licensee on probation, in compliance, nearing end of probation on **April 17**.
- **License Surrender:** Kim Lilly, Division Staff presented a surrender related to CE cases; upon disclosure of a potential conflict, Jeff Garness, Board Member recused; motion **accepted** via roll call.

Agenda Item 10: National Organization Updates (NCEES / NCARB / CLARB)

- **NCEES:** Colin Maynard, Board Member and Aaron Blaisdell provided updates (Western Zone—Bend, early May; Annual—Henderson, NV, Aug.).
- **NCARB:** Paul Baril, Board Member reported updated ARE practice exams effective **April 27**, and an updated Member Board handbook; Annual Meeting **June 25–27, Minneapolis**.
- **CLARB:** Chair Ed Leonetti, Board Member noted a quiet cycle; ongoing discussion on overlapping practice; continued testing schedules.
- **Delegates / Travel:** The Board set delegates (with alternates where applicable) and will request travel authorization; if not approved, remote/proxy voting pathways will be pursued where allowed:
 - **NCEES:** Primary—Colin Maynard, Board Member; Alternate—Samson Shepherd, Board Member.
 - **NCARB:** Delegate—Paul Baril, Board Member.
 - **CLARB:** Delegate—Ed Leonetti, Board Member.

12:00 PM — Recess / 1:00 PM — Meeting Reconvened (all present).

Agenda Item 11: Legislative Planning Update

Matt Claman (Senator) briefed the Board on **HB 314 / SB 246**, mirroring SB54 with three veto-point modifications: removal of design-build language changes; adjustments to DEC wastewater installer exemption to align with existing regs; maintaining Board size at 11 with redistributed seats among engineering disciplines (and consideration of surveyor-seat options subject to input). Eight-year sunset extension proposed. Board members asked clarifying questions; Board did **not** take a position, per Governor's directive.

Agenda Item 12: AO360 Regulation Reform Plan

The Board affirmed proceeding with **regulation projects** to implement the AO360 plan (packaging changes into multiple rule packets—e.g., CE repeal as a stand-alone packet—while coordinating timelines with the Department of Law). Motion by Colin Maynard, Board Member, second by Sterling Strait, Board Member; roll-call vote recorded; **approved**.

Agenda Item 13: NCARB Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs)

On motion by Colin Maynard, Board Member, second by Jeff Garness, Board Member, the Board **accepted** the NCARB MRAs as acceptable pathways to an NCARB Certificate for applicants seeking Alaska licensure—**Canada, Australia & New Zealand, United Kingdom**, and **South Africa**—subject to Alaska entry requirements (e.g., cold regions/Jurisprudence).

Agenda Item 14: New Business

- **Food Truck Design / Ventilation & Stamping:** The Board discussed distinctions for mobile/portable units vs. permanently installed structures, referencing AHJ requirements (e.g., fire marshal) and when engineering stamps may be triggered (e.g., permanent connection to power/foundation). No formal action taken; members noted case-by-case considerations.
- **Graduation Letters:** The Board **approved** distributing the standard graduation letter to University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA), and University of Washington (UW) graduates (consistent with prior practice and cold-regions course context). Motion by Sterling Strait, Board Member, second by Samson Shepherd, Board Member; **approved**.

Agenda Item 15: Licensing Examiner's Report

Kelly Johnson, Board Staff presented the Examiner's Report (applications by discipline; FE/PE/FS/PS/AKLS exam results; renewal tallies; active/retired counts as of February 16). The report remains available in the Board packet.

Agenda Item 16: Action Item List Review

Colin Maynard, Board Member reviewed and captured **new/updated action items**,

including: outreach/listserv alternatives; AO360 committee drafting of regulatory packets; staff to confirm voting pathways at national meetings; graduate letter distributions; and Chair contact to Boards & Commissions regarding vacancies.

Agenda Item 17: Consent Agenda

On a motion duly made by Colin Maynard, Board Member, seconded by Sterling Strait, Board Member, the consent agenda was **approved**.

Consent agenda is included at the end of these minutes as Appendices B.

Agenda Item 18: Board Calendar—Committee/Working Group Meetings & Regular Meetings

Set/confirmed:

- **AO360 Special Committee: April 1, 2026, 12:00 PM (AKT)**
- **Investigative Advisory Committee: April 8, 2026, 12:00 PM (AKT)**
- **Planning & Implementation Committee (Strategic Plan): April 22, 2026, 12:00 PM (AKT)**
- **Land Surveyors Working Group: May 13, 2026, 12:00 PM (AKT)**
- **Next regular Board meetings: May 5–6, 2026; tentative one-day meeting on August 11, 2026 (to be reconfirmed in May).**

Agenda Item 19: Board Member Closing Comments

Members expressed cautious optimism regarding AO360 timelines and appreciation for staff support; noted apprehension about legislative timing and Board continuation; interest in future in-person venues where possible.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **2:32 PM**.

Respectfully submitted:

Joe Bonnell, Board Staff (Executive Administrator)

Approved:

Chair (signature/date to be recorded upon Board approval at the next regular meeting)

Appendices A: Committee and Working Group Rosters

Effective: March 2026

Not all committees and working groups meet each quarter; meetings occur as needed based on business requirements.

Standing Committees

Guidance Manual Committee

- **Brad Rinckey** (Chair)
- **John Barry**
- **VACANT**

Outreach Committee

- **Sterling Strait** (Chair)
- **Brad Rinckey**
- **Samson Shepherd**

Investigative Advisory Committee

- **Jeff Garness** (Chair)
- **Colin Maynard**
- **Paul Baril**

Legislative Liaison Committee

- **Colin Maynard** (Chair)
- **Ed Leonetti**
- **Paul Baril**
- **Jeff Garness**

Planning and Implementation Committee

- **Colin Maynard** (Chair)
- **Ed Leonetti**
- **Sterling Strait**
- **Jeff Garness**

Education Committee

- **Sterling Strait** (Chair)
- **John Barry**
- **Paul Baril**

Emeritus Status

- **Colin Maynard** (Chair)
 - **Elizabeth Beckett Johnston** (Emeritus)
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Special Committees

AO 360 Regulatory Planning Committee

- **Ed Leonetti**
- **Jeff Garness**
- **Samson Shepherd**
- **Sterling Strait**
- **Colin Maynard**

Registered Interior Designer Regulation Committee

- **Ed Leonetti**
 - **Paul Baril**
 - **Colin Maynard**
 - **VACANT (Interior Designer)**
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Working Groups

Land Surveyor Education Working Group (through 12/31/2026)

- **Brad Rinckey** (Chair)
- **John Barry**
- **Jake Maxwell** (Public Member)
- **Aaron Blaisdell** (Public Member)

Appendices B: Consent Agenda

Approved Applicants

The following applicants were approved for registration by comity or examination. Information in applicant files supersedes these minutes.

Applicant List

- License 246762 – Arianna Schall – Approved
- License 246990 – Bruce Preston – Approved
- License 247144 – Eric Siler – Approved
- License 246707 – Gary Golla – Approved
- License 247118 – John Hughes – Approved
- License 246784 – Jeremy Hayes – Approved
- License 246959 – Joshua Buono – Approved
- License 246696 – Andrew Ferguson – Approved
- License 246822 – Dane Hansen – Approved
- License 247174 – Daniel Dombroski – Approved
- License 246356 – Hayden Gluck – Approved
- License 247167 – Matthew Chase – Approved
- License 245363 – Michael Judge – Approved
- License 244932 – Theodore Grover – Approved
- License 247018 – Tyler Sayles – Approved
- License 247832 – Luke Kistner – Approved
- License 246764 – Nathan Kimmel – Approved
- License 246660 – Fatir Dhillon – Approved
- License 246743 – Jeffrey Hardwick – Approved
- License 246741 – Joshua Schultz – Approved
- License 247393 – Sean Cary – Approved
- License 246201 – Becky Skondre – Approved
- License 246678 – Jessee Bogenoff – Approved
- License 246471 – Samuel Rowswell – Approved
- License 246256 – Scott Elfen – Approved

- License 229874 – Matthew Hooti – Approved
- License 246585 – Oscar Gomez Diaz – Approved
- License 246422 – Anthony Mason – Approved
- License 246217 – Becky Skondre – Approved
- License 248895 – Charles Field – Approved
- License 246709 – Mark McVay – Approved
- License 245849 – Jeremy McKeon – Approved
- License 247905 – Nelson Whitson – Approved
- License 247251 – Scott Stoneman – Approved
- License 248806 – Sean Hayter – Approved
- License 248279 – Xavier Jones – Approved
- License 248382 – Anthony Chambers – Approved
- License 248625 – Eric Wilson – Approved
- License 246094 – Jeremy Appt – Approved
- License 247772 – Jordan Pelphrey – Approved
- License 246096 – Paul Eggers – Approved
- License 247379 – Timothy Shepherd – Approved
- License 248044 – Theresa Harris – Approved
- License 245654 – Cory Jassen – Approved
- License 243995 – Alexander Itsekson – Approved
- License 247835 – Bogdan Podgomiak – Approved
- License 247409 – Brett Hart – Approved
- License 215288 – Danh Vu – Approved
- License 246860 – Daniel Koster – Approved
- License 236494 – Paul Rasmussen – Approved
- License 249401 – Robert Wohlforth – Approved
- License 235735 – Brenden Adams – Approved
- License 249030 – Kevin Johnson – Approved
- License 249301 – Arturo Vasquez – Approved
- License 250217 – Matthew Sipes – Approved
- License 248805 – Stephen Sims – Approved
- License 249736 – Adam Carlton – Approved
- License 248464 – Brian Ciampitti – Approved
- License 242055 – Erin Lau – Approved
- License 249216 – Jaden Stewart – Approved
- License 247884 – Ratnayesuraj Ratnasamy – Approved

- License 238230 – Scott Lawrence – Approved
- License 247667 – Stephen Svatek – Approved
- License 248982 – Lawrence Naab – Approved
- License 248517 – Michael Abraham – Approved
- License 248130 – Elizabeth Vaughan – Approved
- License 246797 – Brett Carlson – Approved
- License 249070 – Zachary Davidson – Approved

Conditionally Approved Applicants

The following applicants were conditionally approved for registration by comity or examination. Information in applicant files supersedes these minutes.

Applicant List

- License 247784 – Michael Lynch – CA-CRC
- License 247172 – Robert Warshefski – CA-CRC
- License 248068 – Brett Feichtinger – CA-JQ
- License 246890 – Gavin Smith – CA-JQ
- License 245830 – Jason Hendrix – CA-CRC
- License 247296 – John Harshbarger – CA-JQ
- License 247275 – Jason Carroll – CA-CRC
- License 245781 – Eric Michal – CA-JQ
- License 245490 – Jose Farias – CA-CRC
- License 246588 – Michael Naber – CA-CRC
- License 249064 – Anthony Beauchamp – CA-JQ & CRC
- License 241702 – Christopher Settles – CA-JQ
- License 248659 – Lucas Reed – CA-JQ & CRC
- License 244137 – Will Waylander – CA-JQ
- License 248426 – Saige Ballock-Dixon – CA-JQ & CRC
- License 248492 – Matthew Knippenberg – CA-CRC
- License 238429 – George Cvancara – CA-2 Months WEV & Exam
- License 248562 – Kristi Boon – CA-JQ
- License 242451 – Matthew Mercer – CA-JQ
- License 248110 – Noah Jones – CA-CRC
- License 247634 – Sean Hamblet – CA-CRC
- License 248247 – Xiaoting Li – CA-JQ & CRC
- License 248695 – Ian Shoebridge – CA-CRC

- License 249146 – Cullen Keen – CA-CRC
- License 249346 – Jef Roberts – CA-CRC
- License 249033 – Peter Iskander – CA-CRC
- License 250358 – Thomas Proebstle – CA-CRC
- License 250055 – William Foster – CA-CRC
- License 248420 – Aaron Kilgore – CA-CRC
- License 249432 – Nicola Brusa – CA-JQ & CRC
- License 249248 – Jenna Barker – CA-JQ
- License 248419 – Sierra Ferretti – CA-JQ
- License 249532 – Christopher Gambles – CA-CRC
- License 227729 – Trevor Robason – CA-AKLS
- License 249936 – Edward Drake – CA-CRC
- License 248971 – Patrick Leonard – CA-CRC
- License 250215 – Matthew Spencer – CA-CRC
- License 250068 – Jonathan Emenheiser – CA-CRC
- License 248467 – John Carlyle – CA-JQ & CRC
- License 242357 – William Carlson – CA-WEV
- License 249008 – John Lillquist – CA-CRC
- License 249209 – Matthew Waldner – CA-AKLS

AELS Action Items (March 2026)

Below are the **ongoing** and **new** action items from the March 2026 AELS Board Meeting.

Ongoing Items

Investigative Committee

- **Priority 2** – Develop an inspection checklist to guide investigators through proactive construction-site AELS checks. (Ongoing)
- **Priority 2** – Establish a plan for proactively checking lapsed COAs to determine if entities are still practicing and searching for unlicensed AELS activity. (Ongoing)
- **Priority 2** – Create a table on moral turpitude crimes that may impact licensure; update 36.320 accordingly. (Ongoing)
- **Priority 2** – Barrier Crime List work (additional ongoing regulatory development). (Ongoing)

Legislative Liaison Committee

- **Priority 3** – Review CEU regulations to identify issues with reinstating late registrants and understand impacts of audit status. (Ongoing)

Staff

- **Priority 1** – Notify board members when a military exemption license is imminent. (Ongoing)
- **Priority 2** – Poll the MBA Forum on how other states handle individuals applying after already agreeing to work a project. (Ongoing)
- **Priority 2** – Poll the MBA Forum on handling Naval Architects and Marine Engineers and whether ships require PE licensure. (Ongoing)
- **Priority 3** – Update Work Experience Verification form to collect discipline-specific verifier information. (Ongoing)
- **Priority 3** – Research historical data on surveyor licensure numbers over the past decade. (Ongoing)
- **Priority 1** – Discipline numbers applying for licensure to the Education Committee. (Ongoing)

Education Committee

- **Priority 2** – Report on progress developing asynchronous courses. (Ongoing)

Outreach Committee

- **Priority 2** – Develop FAQ on licensure prior to proposing work or making bids. (Ongoing)

Chair / Board Members

- **Priority 1** – Identify regulation waiver requests. (Ongoing)
 - **Priority 1** – Field Design Letter preparation for board review. (Ongoing)
 - **Priority 1** – Review of seal regulations. (Ongoing)
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New Items (as of March 17, 2026)

Board Chair

- **Priority 1** – Reach out to Boards & Commissions regarding vacancies. (New)

AO360 Committee

- **Priority 2** – Start regulation project related to AO360. (New)

Staff

- **Priority 1** – Address board ability to vote at national organizations. (New)
- **Priority 2** – Prepare outgoing letters to universities for graduates. (New)