



NEW MEXICO BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

Board Newsletter

July 2017



I have had the pleasure of serving on the Board for the past two and one-half years. It has been a very rewarding experience one that I would recommend to anyone who has the opportunity. The Board Chairs that have served during these past few years (all of which remain as present Board members) have provided stability and positive leadership that cannot be taken for granted. In that respect, I am fortunate to inherit a Board that is nearly fully staffed with inertia for further improvement.

As a Board, we are challenged to demonstrate relevancy to the citizens of New Mexico. Professional licensure is not a guarantee, and there are a myriad national and local issues that impact our licensees: ease of comity in other states (license mobility), encouraging new graduates to follow a path to licensure, the rapid technological expansion of the surveying profession, state budgetary austerity, transparency and consistency in disciplinary matters, and many more. Beyond these challenges, the Board has the opportunity to build on our recent successful renewal of the New Mexico Practice Act. Changes to the Act, which were approved during this 2017 regular legislative session, will also necessitate some minor updates to our Rules. One of the more significant changes is the need for each engineering and/or surveying firm doing business in New Mexico to identify a professional licensee (engineer and/or surveyor, as may be applicable) in an affidavit to be filed with the Board. This is a fee-free filing intended to further reduce the potential of unlicensed firms and individuals from offering services to the public. Speaking of fees, I am pleased to announce that the fee for biannual renewal of professional registrants will be reduced by \$25 beginning this next renewal cycle.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to encourage you to attend any of the Board meetings or rules hearings that fit your schedule. Likewise, I encourage you to participate in one of the many professional organizations holding meetings within the state, or take the opportunity to serve as a professional in your community on an advisory board, work group or STEM activity. Our reputation as professionals is reflected in every licensee's individual contribution to the success of our state, and professional engineers and professional surveyors have much to offer.

Karl Tonander, PE is the elected Chairman of the Professional Engineers & Professional Surveyors Board for fiscal year 2017-2018.

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Changes to the Practice Act

Perry Valdez—Executive Director

Every five (5) years the New Mexico Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors must go before the Legislature to request the life of the agency be extended. This year it was the intent of the Board to request the extension and incorporate a few changes to the statutes. The changes vary and generally include language cleanup, adding new definitions, updating existing definitions, and addressing the situation of non-accredited engineering education programs within the United States and from foreign countries. The changes also include a requirement for business entities to identify who the appointed licensed professional engineer/professional surveyor is (the business entities' engineer/surveyor of record) by means of a signed and notarized affidavit.

Changes to the State of New Mexico Engineering and Surveying Practice Act in the 2017 Legislative Session include the following: (Reference: House Bill (HB) 188)

- Bill sections 1 and several other sections throughout the bill update language to gender neutral language.
- Bill section 2 (pgs. 3-9) updates the definitions.
- Bill sections 5 (pg. 12), 7 (pg. 17), 12 (pg. 27) and 16 (pg. 34), as well as, other sections throughout the bill, correct and resolve deficiencies in language and titles.
- Bill section 6 (pg. 12) includes proposed language to address the issue with those applicants who graduated from a non-accredited program, not accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), in addition to, those applicants with foreign degrees.
- The proposed language is to define what is an acceptable engineering degree based on the national definitions from ABET and NCEES. This will allow the Board to review the educational transcripts to determine if the education is equal or exceeds the engineering education national standard as defined by ABET and NCEES in a manner that is defensible and repeatable.
- The rules will further explain when an education evaluation may be necessary from an education evaluation company.
- Bill sections 9 (pg. 19) and 14 (pg. 29) require business entities to identify who is the licensed professional engineer and/or licensed professional surveyor on staff.
- The proposed language is to protect the public from business entities who advertise engineering and/or surveying services without having a licensed professional on staff.
- Engineering case: an individual owned a company, offered engineering and surveying services, but didn't have anyone licensed on staff.
- Surveying case: online mortgage companies offering services and not having a New Mexico professional surveyor on staff, contracting with New Mexico surveyors on a one time basis.
- Bill sections 10 (pg. 22) and 15 (pg. 32) updates gender neutral language, in addition to, clarifying public works projects are not exempt.
- Bill sections 12 (pgs. 27-28) and 17 (pgs. 36-37) update language to public works projects.
- Removes ambiguous language in the Act with respect to public works projects while further strengthening protection of the public.
- 61-23-23-1 and 61-23-27.15 Authority to Investigate – Unlicensed Persons
- Bill section 18 (pg. 38) removal of sixty day requirement.
- Removal of redundancy, requirement in the Minimum Standards of Surveying for New Mexico under 12.8.2.9 K.
- Bill section 19 (pg. 38) extends the agency's sunset.

STATUTE CHANGES ARE IN EFFECT ON JULY 1, 2017.

A Rule Hearing will take place to incorporate the current statute changes into the rules. Information will be accessible on the website once it is available.

2017 RENEWAL INFORMATION

The Board office will e-mail renewal notice reminders out to the email address on file. All odd-numbered licenses need to be renewed by **December 31, 2017**. *A completed renewal must meet the checklist below:*

The online renewal capability is a convenient option to renew your license!

Please note: Paper renewal forms received will take more time to process!



- ☐ **Completed Renewal Form**
- ☐ **Renewal Fee** (please verify the amount is correct due to a reduction in fees)
- ☐ **Completion of thirty (30) professional development hours (PDH) during a biennium of which two (2) hours shall be in ethics. A maximum of ten (10) hours may be earned in self-directed study. Licensees who are newly issued will be required to submit 1.25 PDH hours per month from the date of the initial license.**

Licenses not renewed by December 31, 2017 will be considered expired and will be assessed a penalty late fee!

A maximum of Fifteen (15) PDH hours may be carried forward when a licensee exceeds the biennial requirement.

MEETING SCHEDULE

(Dates and locations are subject to change)

Committee Meeting Dates

August 10, 2017
November 2, 2017
January 11, 2018
April 12, 2018
June 7, 2018

Full Board Meeting Dates

August 11, 2017
November 3, 2017
January 12, 2018
April 13, 2018
June 8, 2018

NCEES NEWS

Julie Samora, PE—Board Member

What is NCEES all about?

The NM Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors (NMBLPEPS) is a member of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). NCEES is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing professional licensure for engineers and surveyors. A key part of NCEES is the development and administering of the examinations used for engineering and surveying licensure in the US. Other important functions of this organization is developing Model Laws and Model Rules to help the state Boards facilitate professional mobility and uniformity throughout the different jurisdictions.

How does the NMBLPEPS benefit from NCEES?

New Mexico works with NCEES to continually improve our language in our Practice Act and Administrative Code and in our day to day operations to provide the best service to our licensees and the Public. The NMBLPEPS uses NCEES first and foremost to administer the engineering and surveying exams but in addition to that, we use NCEES to assist with credential evaluations and records.

How can you as a licensee and potential applicant for a license in NM benefit from NCEES?

The **NCEES Records** program allows currently licensed engineers and surveyors to be better prepared to complete the licensure process in multiple states. Typically, an established NCEES Record will include most of the materials you will need to apply for comity license in additional states and territories. The NCEES will review your materials – college transcripts, exam results, employment verifications, and professional references – and electronically submit them directly to the state licensing board you may be applying to. Check it out on the NCEES website <http://ncees.org/records/>

The **NCEES Credentials Evaluations** is a service provided to state licensing boards and applicants. This program is mainly designed for candidates who have earned their degrees outside the US and are pursuing licensure through one of the member licensing boards of NCEES. Contact the NMBLPEPS if you are not sure about your degree. Typically if the degree is a foreign degree, it may not be accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET [or an EAC-accredited](http://ncees.org/records/ncees-credentials-evaluations/) . If you are referred to the NCEES Credential Evaluation, simply log into MyNCEES and enter your education information and go from there. <http://ncees.org/records/ncees-credentials-evaluations/>

The **MYNCEES Record** offers all licensees a manner to maintain their own “records” system through NCEES. Once you register, you are able to access your MYNCEES “dashboard”. From here, you can establish personal and contact information, education, exam and license verification, work experience, and professional references. In addition, you can register for an exam, access exam preparation materials, review multi-state licensing requirements, and track your professional development hours or continuing professional competency (CPC) hours through the new NCEES CPC tracking.

CPC Tracking (or Continuing Professional Competency). In New Mexico, we refer to these as Professional Development Hours (PDH's). The CPC tracking allows you to enter, upload, and store information on completed courses in an easy manner. You can track your progress and view side-by-side comparisons of the specific states requirements and your completed CPC courses. You can send your CPC transcript electronically to a state licensing board. This new CPC tracking system is a great way for licensees who are licensed in numerous states to track their professional development hours. ***Try it out and it is at no cost to you as a licensee!***

The NCEES Surveying Education Award recognizes surveying/ geomatics programs that have a broad and robust curriculum and best reflect NCEES' mission to advance licensure for surveyors in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The award is intended to encourage programs to engage their students with other professionals, introduce them to both historical and new technology, and promote licensure. (Glen Thurow, PS, NMBLPEPS member in white)



Practice of Surveying (PS) Examinees

David Montoya-Licensing Administrator NMBPEPS

The New Mexico Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors would like to congratulate the following recent examinees who received passing scores on the Practice of Surveying exam. Their dedication to completing the path to professional licensure in New Mexico sets provides leadership for the future of surveying in our State.



The New Mexico State Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors proctored the two-hour State Specific Exam on June 2, 2017 in Las Cruces, NM.

2016-2017 State Specific Passing Examinees

Edgardo	Amaro	Jesus	Favela	Cody	Musick
Charles	Baxley	Timothy	Fish	Daniel	Neer
Mark	Bryant	Pedro	Gonzalez-Ocasio	Daniel	Orris
Paul	Buchele	Matthew	Kneeland	Ry	Rusk
Dean	Christmas	Bradley	Lipscomb	Alec	Thomas
Matthew	Faulkner	William	McLaughlin	Troy	Thomas
		Jonathan	Murphy		

2016-2017 State Specific Passing Examinees

Edgardo	Amaro	Mark	Harp	Cody	Musick
Dean	Christmas	Michael	Hart	Troy	Thomas
		Richard	Laws		

Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Examinees

David Montoya-Licensing Administrator NMBPEPS

The New Mexico Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors would like to congratulate the following recent examinees who received passing scores on the Fundamentals of Engineering exam. The FE represents the first step in the examination leg of the path to professional licensure.

May-June 2017 Passing Examinees

Jesse	Adamczyk	Renae	Hickman	Aayush	Piya
Jason	Alcantar	Liie	Hill	Jesus	Placencia
Caroline	Allen	Joshua	Hodges	Evan	Prichard
Thomas Joseph	Andrego	Abigail	Hoffmann	Dylan	Purcell
Randy	Andrews	Sharbrenai	Holyk	Samuel	Rael
Ty	Antonio	George	Hoover	Alejandro	Ramirez
Bridgette	Aragon	Holden	Hyer	Nisa	Rascon-Pacheco
Tait	Avent	Jack	Ingalls	Danielle	Richards
Philipp	Baldovi	Jacob	James	Assad	Rizvi
Christen	Barger	Olivia	Johnson	Aron	Robbins
Adam	Baros	Luke	Jungmann	Christian	Robles
Benjamin	Baugh	Krista	Kaiser	Jared	Romero
Cameron	Beamsley	manogna	katragadda	Ryan	Romero
Joshua	Begay	Gabriela	Kemm	Ryan	Rose
Gary	Bierner	Gabriel	King	Conner	Rusch
Alexander	Bohlin	Alexander	Kyriakos	Keith	Salais
Samuel	Boykin	Matthew	Langsenkamp	Kody	Salcido
Rebecca	Brink	Aaron	Lardner	Melissa	Sallberg
Forest	Brown	Dylan	Larson	Amancio	Sanchez
Ryan	Burkett	Anthony	Levine	Jerome	Sanchez
Jordan	Cassel	Jeremiah	Leyba	Andrew	Sanford
Wyatt	Castaneda	Estella	Lofftus	James	Scacco
Jerica	Catanach	Joachim	Lohn-Jaramillo	Patrick	Schmidt
Joshua	Catanach	Juan	Lopez Corona	Greg	Seay
Yuhe	Chang	Pierce	Lovesee	Corina	Sedillo
Arno	Cheng	Anthony	Ludwig	Julia	Seymour
Mikhala	Churchman	Stephen	Lujan	Abdul Saleem	Shaik
Samuel	Cloutier	Ian	Lynn	Christopher	Simmons
Stephan	Comeau	Warren	Maestas	Luke	Smith
Dillon	Cottingham	Neff	Malouff	Peter	Smith
Caralyn	Coultas-	Charles	Marshall-Griego	Sally	Smith
	McKenney	Joseph	Martinez	Justin	Squire
Luis	Cuenca Anabia	Eric	Matta	Margaret	Stanley
Aleyna	Donaldson	Erin	Mavis	Chase	Stearnes
Max	Dowis	Michael	McAninch	Emily	Stirrup
Lara	Draelos	Elias	Medina Guereca	Robert	Storey
Nathan	Drumm	Aaron	Melad	William	Sullivan
Michael	Dugas	Jose	Mena Ortiz	Chantel	Taylor
Amber	Duran	Rachael	Miera	John	Terselic
Elliot	Esquivel	Anthony	Milana	Jacob	Thompson
Justin	Evans	Ernest	Miramontes-	Zachary	Thompson
Matthew	Fogarty		Carrera	Dhruv	Tiparti
Seth	Frederick	Ruben	Miranda	Jonathan	Trejo
Andrew	Gabrysiak	Juan	Molinar	Maria	Troyer
Robert	Gaede	Michael	Mortimer	Christopher	Trujillo
Antonio	Gallegos	Dennis	Murphy	Rafael	Ulivarri
Scott	Garner	Michelle	Mwei	Michael	Vigil
Moneeb	Genedy	John	Norman	Thomas	Walker
Cory	Geyer	Oluwatobi	Oke	Zachary	Weeks
Sushil	Ghimire	Gregg	Padilla	Patrick	Whorton
Kole	Glover	Laxmi	Paneru	Madeline	Wiegel
Igor	Goulart	Carl	Peart	Michael	Wiegel
Alexey	Govorov	Benjamin	Pederson	John	Wilson
Christopher	Gustafson	Ryan	Petersen	Kelsey	Wilson
Weston	Hacker	Estevan	Pina	Madeline	Wolberg
Paul	Harms			Colton	Woodruff
Charles	Harris			Qiong	Wu
Kyle	Henderson			Luzheng	Zhang
Reid	Hendricks			Su	Zhang

Practice of Engineering (PE) Examinees

David Montoya-Licensing Administrator NMBPEPS

The New Mexico Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors would like to congratulate the following recent examinees who received passing scores on the Practice of Engineering exam. Their dedication to completing the path to professional licensure sets an example for the next generation of engineers.

October 2016 Passing Examinees

Joshua	Anderson	Eric	Korn	Ethan	Plunkett
Melinna	Boyd	Eric	Lucero	Derek	Reynolds
Jason	Cardon	Alonzo	Martinez	Rudhwan	Rudha Al-Dabbagh
Jonathan	Carey	James	Martinez	Brian	Sackett
Stacey	Chan	Mark	Medina	Saritha	Sathyanarayanan
Tyler	Curley	Sean	Menk	Justin	Schara
Kyle	Deines	Walter	Migdal	Gerardo	Soria
Parker	Fellows	Jin Hwan	Oh	Amelia	Symonds
Stephen	Fussnecker	J Kyle	Olson	Mohammad	Tahat
Jacob	Gomez	Jielin	Pan	Louis	Vigil
Sarah	Gonzales	Yuniesky	Perez	Luzheng	Zhang
Jose	Holguin	Shawna	Pfeiffer	Navid	Zhiani Alijehbaf

April 2017 Passing Examinees

Ashley	Arrossa	Colton	Gragg	Tyler	Robinson
William	Barr	Lucas	Guaderrama	Matthew	Satches
Derek	Belka	David	Gutierrez	Gary	Skelton
Laurin	Bookout	Aubrey	Harris	Emily	Sotelo
Kirsty	Bramlett	Paul	Hausgen	Emma	Starrett
Keaton	Chancellor	Katrina	Horstmann	Andrew	Swartswalter
Wiley	Coffin	Francis	Johnson	Hisham	Tariq
Sheri	Compton	Mario	Martinez	George	Taylor
Tyler	Compton	Matthew	Mathers	Keith	Thompson
Adrian	Dominguez	Michael	Moore	Todd	Tillman
Anthony	Duran	Richard	Negri	Zachary	Troncoso
Christopher	Duran	Keith	Nicovich	Vanessa	Valentin
Andrew	Giesler	Manuel	Palma	Andrew	Varoz
Steven	Gonzales	Sebastian	Pivnicka	John	Williamson

Retirees

David Montoya—Licensing Administrator NMBPEPS

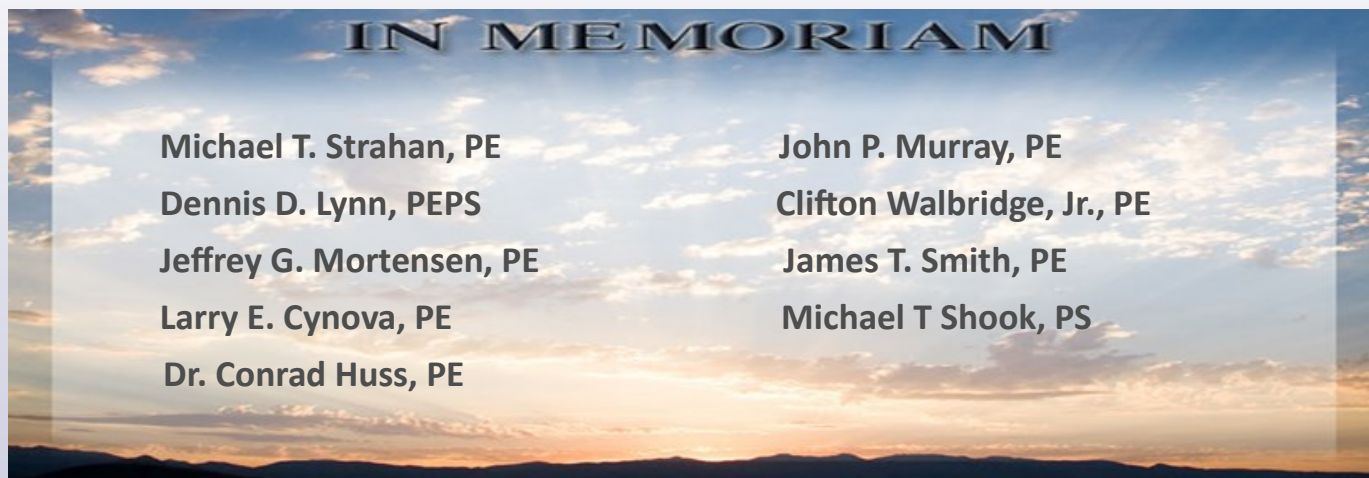
The New Mexico Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors would like to thank the following retirees for their dedicated service to the citizens of New Mexico over many years.

Professional Engineer Retirees

Thomas	Andrews	Douglas	Hanson	Victor	Najar
Duane	Becker	Floyd	Harris, III	Ronald	Nereson
Robert	Bergfalk	Rick	Hartzell	Greer	Pruitt
David	Bloomfield	Guy	Herr	Stephen	Quintana
Tommy	Bogard	Glenn	Hinchcliffe	Leonard	Raymond
John	Bradley	Earl	Hoskins	Darell	Rogers
Charles	Burton	Thomas	Howell	Joan	Schoepfer
Everette	Chartier	John	Kelly	John	Scott
Joseph	Chato	Roy	King	Robert	Sheldon
Shishir	Doctor	Lary	Lenke	James	Smith
William	Dokianos	Donald	Libby	Bruce	Stubbs
Bill	Erwin, Jr	Larry	Londot	Rupert	Tart,
Jesse	Evans	Gary	Mesker	David	Wedell
Ronald	Glaser	Ray	Moore	Franklin	Williams
Edward	Graham, Jr	Michael	Mundt	Michael	Wimberly
Bruce	Hanna	Frank	Nadeau	Roger	Zimmerman

Professional Surveyor Retirees

Bernie	Alarid	Joseph	Chato	Larry	Helsel
Patricia	Apt	Douglas	Critchfield	Robert	Visage
Garland	Burnett	Jerry	Culak		



Fee Changes



**THE BOARD HAS APPROVED A REDUCTION IN FEES
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017 FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Renewal fee Engineers Biennial	\$155.00
Renewal fee Surveyors Biennial	\$155.00
Renewal fee Dual Licenses Biennial	\$310.00
Renewal Penalty fee Biennial	\$155.00
Two year Initial license fee	\$155.00
One year initial license fee	\$75.00

(Initial license fees are based on even or odd license numbers)

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