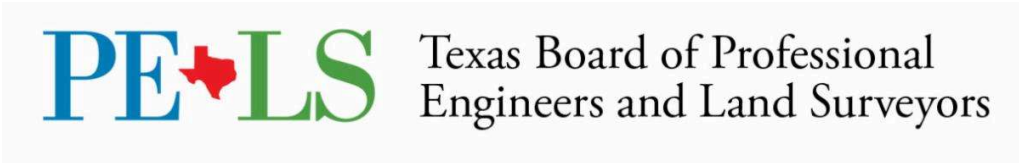


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Focus on Compliance

Ensuring Completeness, Care, and Diligence in Your Work

Professional engineers and land surveyors unquestionably hold expertise in highly technical, specialized fields. People who hire engineers and land surveyors rely on these licensees to provide complete, accurate, and technically sound work products. Part of your professional responsibility as a professional engineer or land surveyor is to ensure that your work product is complete, accurate and technically sound prior to releasing it from your control.

Your client or anyone reviewing your work product should be able to rely on that your work product as final and complete. The Board has gotten feedback from regulatory reviewers that they are seeing an increase in engineering and surveying work that is not representative of a final work product and contains errors and basic mistakes that are not indicative of professional practice. They feel that some engineers and surveyors are using the regulatory reviews as a de facto quality control review to catch the errors for them.

As a reminder, Board rules require the following standards of licensees:

- Licensees shall ensure their work product meets all applicable requirements of federal, state and local statutes, codes, regulations, rules, ordinances and standards. (See Board Rule 137.63 for engineers and 138.63 for land surveyors.)
- Licensees shall protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and work should meet generally accepted standards and procedures of their profession

(See Board Rule 137.55 for engineers and 138.55 for land surveyors.)

- Licensees shall issue statements only in an objective and truthful manner (See Board Rule 137.57 for engineers and 138.57 for land surveyors.)
- Licensees shall be competent and only practice only in their areas of competence. (See Board Rule 137.59 for engineers and 138.59 for land surveyors.)

If you need to release a preliminary document for any purpose, the purpose of the document should be clearly identified, and a caveat should be put on the document indicating that it is preliminary and not a final work product and the purpose for which the document is being released and limiting its use to that purpose. However, marking a work product as preliminary does not exclude the licensee from the expectation that the work is technically sound. See Board Rule 137.33(e) or 138.33(e) for further guidance on how engineers and land surveyors, respectively, should properly notate any preliminary documents.

For reference, a copy of the Act and Board Rules can be found [here](#).



Board and Committee Meetings

May 15-16, 2024, Board Meeting

Agendas, minutes, and recordings are available at <https://pels.texas.gov/boardmeetings.htm>

Disciplinary Actions

All enforcement actions approved by the Board are posted on the TBPELS website. Enforcement actions are reported based on the date of the Board meeting at which the actions were taken.

<http://pels.texas.gov/disciplinary.htm>

Future Meetings

The next meetings will be held on August 07-08, 2024. Refer to our website for agendas and links to attend the meetings.

<https://pels.texas.gov/boardmeetings.htm>

Board Meeting Recordings

The recording of the May 2024 regular board meeting has been posted on the agency's meeting page at <https://pels.texas.gov/boardmeetings.htm>.

Viewing the live stream or recording of the Board meetings qualifies for continuing education credit under the category of self-directed study. Engineers may accrue a maximum of five credit hours per renewal cycle may be accrued for self-directed study. The maximum credit for surveyors is four hours per renewal cycle.

Career Opportunities

We currently have openings for the following positions:

- Investigator

For job descriptions and instructions to apply visit:

<https://pels.texas.gov/employment.htm>



Exams

National Engineering and Surveying Exams

All NCEES exams (PE, PS, FE, FS) are now computer-based. Refer to NCEES for specific exam dates and deadlines - [NCESS Exam Schedule](#)

2024 TBPELS Surveyor Exam schedule

The Texas Specific Surveying Exam (TSSE) will be offered June 21, 2024, and October 18, 2024.

The Licensed State Land Surveyor Exam (LSLS) will be offered on October 18, 2024.

Please see the TBPELS website for more exam application deadlines and information - [Surveying Exam Schedule](#)



Outreach and Webinars

Schedule an Outreach

TBPELS provides online outreach presentations at no charge to license holders, associations, societies, and companies. The following guidelines are used in reviewing outreach requests:

- The default method of presentation is via webinar.
- A minimum of 50 attendees is recommended for a face-to-face presentation request.
- All requests are subject to review and approval.
- Request processing can take up to 14 working days.
- Please submit your request at least three (3) weeks prior to the proposed date of the event.
- Rescheduling will require a new request.
- Presentations are typically 1 hour in length.



Request an event by clicking on the link below:

<https://pels.texas.gov/outreach.html>

Engineer and Surveyor Ethics Webinars

The Board offers a monthly one-hour, free ethics webinars to assist license and registration holders with meeting their continuing education requirements. Each webinar provides an up-to-date overview of agency activities, case studies, and a review of professional ethics topics.

The next ethics webinars will be on June 12th and 13th, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Registration for future webinars will open a month prior to webinars. Please note that each registration is capped at 1,000 attendees per webinar and will close when this cap is reached.

To sign up for an ethics webinar click link below:

<https://pels.texas.gov/webinars.html>

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