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Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

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Regular Quarterly Board and Committee Meetings

February 24-25, 2021 Board and Committee Meetings

Meetings were held via Zoom for Board members and presenters. The public attended via a live YouTube stream.



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

Disciplinary Actions

All enforcement actions approved in the Board meeting 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 May 19-20, 2021. Refer to our website for agendas and links to attend the meetings.

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

Previous Meeting Recordings

The meeting recordings have been posted on the agency YouTube Channel. Viewing these recordings or attending the live stream qualifies for continuing education credit under the category of self-directed study. A maximum of five credit hours may be accrued for engineer self-directed study. The maximum credit for surveyors is four hours.

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

87th Legislative Session

The session runs through May 31, 2021. TBPELS staff is currently monitoring legislation for bills that may impact the professions it regulates. The bills listed below refer to Professional Engineering or Professional Land Surveying directly or have a direct impact on the practice of those professions.

<https://pels.texas.gov/legislature87.html>



TBPELS Exam News

April 22-23, 2021 - PE and SE Exams
Exam Updates - <https://ncees.org/april-2021-exam-administration-updates/>

Exam Prep Materials - <https://ncees.org/exams/exam-preparation-materials/>

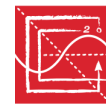
April 16, 2021 - RPLS, LSLs and RCP Exam Day
Proctored by TBPELS staff at the Norris Center in Austin, Texas. Exam authorizations are being emailed to all examinees. If you have questions, please contact staff at:

licensing@pels.texas.gov

Exam Day Guidelines -

https://pels.texas.gov/downloads/SurveyorExams2020_Guidelines.pdf

Refer to [NCEES](#) for further information.



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Law and Rules Updates

TBPELS has completed the migration of the surveying rules to their new chapters. The final versions have been filed with the Texas Register. TBPELS is updating the Law and Rules Reference Booklet and will post it by mid-April. The current rule booklet and future versions can be found on the agency website.

<https://pels.texas.gov/downloads/lawrules.pdf>

Webinars and Outreach

TBPELS provides online outreach presentations at no charge to license holders, associations, societies, and companies.

Due to an abundance of caution related to safety, TBPELS is currently not scheduling face-to-face meetings until further notice. Webinars and video conferences are being held. Schedule your event by clicking on the link below.

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

Ethics Webinar

April 1, 2021, 10-11 a.m.

The Board is offering these one-hour, free ethics webinars to assist licensees with meeting their ethics requirements. Each webinar provides an up-to-date overview of agency activities, case studies, and a review of professional ethics topics.

[Registration Link](#)

RPLS Application 101 - Process Overview

April 28, 2021, 12-1 p.m. CDT

This webinar is an overview of everything you need to know to apply to be an RPLS or an SIT in Texas. We will cover application requirements, forms, processes, etc. The audience is current SITs or individuals considering becoming an RPLS in the future.

[Registration Link](#)

Refer to the webinar page for registration links, specific dates, and times.

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



Vacancies

Agency Positions

TBPELS has openings for two Investigators. Refer to the page link below for the job descriptions and instructions to apply.

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

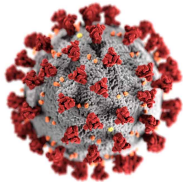
Technical Experts Needed

We are looking for qualified technical experts to assist the Board in making effective determinations on engineering and surveying enforcement cases.

We are currently accepting resumes of Texas Licensed Professional Engineers (PE), Texas Registered Professional Land Surveyors (RPLS), and Licensed State Land Surveyors (LSLS) who are experts in their field.

Refer to the website for information and instructions to submit your resume.

https://pels.texas.gov/technical_experts.htm



COVID-19 News and Updates

NCEES Update

NCEES has released information about examinations and the Coronavirus.

Please visit the NCEES page for more information.

<https://ncees.org/latest-information-on-covid-19-response/>

TBPELS Facility Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Agency staff is currently working both in the physical office and remotely to serve our customer's needs. As always, we have multiple ways to submit paperwork and contact our staff:

- You can email us at info@pels.texas.gov. This is the most effective way to get your questions answered.
 - You can mail in paperwork to the office. Send it to TBPELS, 1917 S. Interstate 35, Austin, TX 78741.
 - If you need to drop off paperwork at the office, please use the dropbox to the right of the front door.
 - Staff members are also monitoring voicemails and returning phone calls. Call the agency number at 512-440-7723 and follow the prompts to reach the best division to assist you.
 - The following webpage has additional information regarding COVID-19:
<https://pels.texas.gov/covid19.htm>
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