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## Focus on Compliance

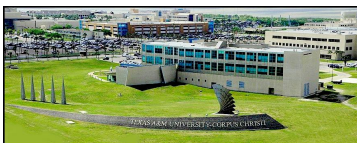
### Signing and Sealing Professional Work

The Board's primary requirements regarding all professional engineering and land surveying work is that it is done competently and ethically, that it meets all applicable codes and standards, and that it protects the health and welfare of the public. To ensure engineering and surveying work is done in a manner consistent with these requirements, all work must be done directly by or under the direct supervision of the professional responsible for the work. Engineers and surveyors demonstrate this control and oversight has occurred by adding their official seal and signature to their final work product before it is released from their control.

[Click here for the rest of the article.](#)

*As part of our ongoing commitment to education and outreach we are adding a new section to our eNewsletters related to compliance, enforcement and ethics issues. We will cover a different topic each newsletter as a reminder and example of the importance of different aspects of your professional practice.*

*If you have suggestions about a topic for us to consider addressing in a future issue, please email your idea to the Board at: [info@pels.texas.gov](mailto:info@pels.texas.gov)*



### Corpus Christi Regional Advisory Conference

**March 28, 2022, 9:30-3:00 CDT  
Free Conference & Lunch!**

As part of its ongoing commitment to engagement and outreach, the Texas Board of

Register today at <https://pels.texas.gov/corpus>

The deadline is March 21, 2022!

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## New and Reappointed Board Members

On January 13, 2022, Governor Greg Abbott appointed Karen Friese, P.E. and reappointed Albert Cheng and Catherine H. Norwood, P.E. to TBPELS for terms set to expire on September 26, 2027. Karen Friese, P.E. of Austin is the President and CEO of K Friese & Associates, Inc.



Karen Friese, P.E.

For further information, go to the official [Press Release](#).

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## Board and Committee Meetings

### February 9-10, 2022, Board Meeting

Meeting was held virtually and streamed via YouTube.

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 from May 11-12, 2022. 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's 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>

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## Exam News

### Engineer Exams

- P.E. exams are all computer-based except structural exams which are still paper-and-pencil.
- P.E. Structural Exams are April 21-22, 2022.
- Exam Prep Materials - <https://ncees.org/exams/exam-preparation-materials/> Refer to NCEES for specific exam dates and deadlines - <https://ncees.org/exams/schedule/>



### Land Surveyor Exams

- April 8, 2022 - Exam Day at Norris Conference Center in Austin Texas.
- Exam Day Guidelines - <https://pels.texas.gov/downloads/SurveyorExamGuidelines.pdf>

## NCEES seeks Professional Surveyors for Exam Development

NCEES is currently seeking licensed professional surveyors and mapping scientists to participate in a professional activities and knowledge study, or PAKS, for the Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) exam. The results of this study will be used to update the exam's specifications.

The news release is posted online at <https://ncees.org/ncees-seeks-professional-surveyors-and-mapping-scientists-expertise-and-advice>

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## Webinars and Outreach

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

The following guidelines are followed:

- 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 next webinar is April 14, 2022 at 10 a.m. CDT

The Board is offering these one-hour, free ethics webinars to assist license and registration holders 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 is open.

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

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## Agency Vacancies

We have openings for an Investigator II and Program Specialist. For job descriptions and instructions to apply visit:

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



### TBPELS Board Members:

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