



**STATE BOARD FOR ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING AND GEOLOGY
OFFICE OF THE PROFESSIONS**

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Thursday, March 12, 2026 – 9:30 A.M.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Primary Board Members Present:

- J. Martin, P.E. (Chair)
- B. Holbriiter, L.S. (Vice Chair)
- J. Janora, P.G. (remote in Buffalo, NY)
- R. Frandina, P.E., L.S. (remote in Buffalo, NY)
- M. Rygel, P.G.
- T. Mitchell, P.E. (remote in Rochester, NY)
- P. VanHaverbeke, L.S.
- S. Alampalli, P.E.
- D. D'Angelo, P.E.
- G. Marcus, P.E. (remote in Hauppauge, NY), arrived at approximately 9:39 A.M.
- R. Nogle, P.E. (remote in Buffalo, NY)
- S. Porter, L.S.
- R. Watt, P.G. (remote in Buffalo, NY)
- F. Flanagan, L.S. (remote in Hauppauge, NY)

Extended Board Members Present:

- None

Primary Board Members Absent:

- L. Woods, P.E.

Department Personnel:

- E. Greppo – Executive Secretary (ES)
- K. Fitzgerald – Associate in Professional Education
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Visitors:

- R. Alweis, P.E., NYSED Interior Design Board Member (remote in Hauppauge, NY)
- Mark Kriss – NYSSPE
- Mike Burrige – ACEC NY
- John Nadeau – NYSCPG, departed the meeting at 12:23 P.M.
- Campbell Wallace – NYSCPG, arrived at 10:23 A.M., departed the meeting at 12:23 P.M.

1. Call to Order – Open Session

ES called the Open Session to order at 9:32 A.M.

2. Introductions

Board members, department staff, and visitors provided brief introductions.

3. Meeting Minutes

The Open Session meeting minutes from December 11, 2025, were reviewed.

Motion – Alampalli/Porter: Approve December 11, 2025, meeting minutes pending two (2) terminology corrections.

PASSED, with three (3) abstentions (Vice Chair Holbritter, Member Alampalli and Member Flanagan).

4. Chair Report

Chair Martin said that interviews are being conducted by NYSED for potential future Board Members. Vice Chair Holbritter deferred commentary to committee reports.

5. Executive Secretary Report

- ES has included Board committee activity summary memos in the board packet to improve meeting efficiencies. In future open session packets, all past and upcoming events will be moved to a more centralized tracker.
- Three (3) current P.E. Board Members are slated to conclude their second (2nd) term in 2028. NYSED will attempt to stagger new Board Member appointments over the next few years for succession and knowledge transfer.
- The Public Board Member position remains vacant. ES has reached out to professional associations asking that they notify their clients that the Board Office is soliciting nominations for qualified nominees. The public member must be a consumer of either professional engineering, land surveying, or professional geology services and may not hold interests in the organization, financing, or delivery of interior design services.
- Pages 8-9 of the Open Session packet contains the Board Office Report, including Board Member Reappointments, Education Program Approval, NYSED/OP/Staff Outside Activities, License Statistics, and Office of Professional Discipline action.

6. Professional Engineering (P.E.) Committee Report

Chair Nogle went through the full list of recent past and upcoming meetings, webinars, and events, as listed on page 1 (6.a.) in the Open Session packet. Page 12 contains a summary of the committee meeting held in January 2026.

7. Land Surveying (L.S.) Committee Report

Chair Holbritter shared that he attended an NCEES Examinations for Professional Surveyors (EPS) committee meeting in South Carolina on December 11, 2025. The meeting included a presentation by Dr. Jones of Pearson Vue on exam psychometrics. A NCEES Colonial States Board of Surveyor

Registration (CSBRS) virtual meeting was held on 12/19/2025. A Colonial States exam is maintained for use at the discretion of member states; a follow-up committee meeting will be held during May's NCEES Combined Northeast-Central Interim Zone meeting.

A second Examinations for Professional Surveyors (EPS) committee meeting was held in South Carolina on January 22, 2026, which included discussion of a potential geospatial (non-boundary) exam.

Among other topics, the committee will continue discussion on land surveyor qualifications for wetland mapping. The full list of recent past and upcoming meetings, webinars, conferences, workshops, and presentations are listed on pages 1-2 (6.b.) in the Open Session packet. Pages 13-16 contain a summary of the committee meetings held in January and March 2026.

8. Professional Geology (P.G.) Committee Report

Chair Watt remarked that a committee meeting was held in January 2026. He provided updates on draft licensure qualifying education guidance (packet page 17). Two outreach committee meetings were held with NYSCPG in January and March 2026, in part to optimize collaboration on common initiatives. Streamlining NYSED Licensure Qualifying education institution Forms 20T and 20F were discussed during the March 2026 committee meeting (packet page 18). The full list of recent past and upcoming meetings, workshops, and conferences is listed on page 2 (6.c.) in the Open Session packet.

ES shared that the career pages for all four (4) professions are under update.

9. Access & Outreach to the Professions Committee Report

In Chair Woods absence, ES noted that many of the outreach activities are interwoven though committee work. Municipality facilitated outreach work continues in committee.

10. Education Committee Report

Chair Mitchell reported that the department approved a new B.S. Civil Engineering program at New York Institute of Technology. Additional details on programs currently under review will be shared in Executive Session.

11. Legislation Committee Report

Chair Janora commented that the committee did not hold a committee meeting since the last board meeting and continues to monitor legislation.

Pages 19-20 in the open session packet contain the legislative tracker. Briefly mentioned bills include S6202C/A2571A related to grandfathered corporations, S6482/A5622 related to 12-year geology ladder, S7263/A6545A related to chatbots and S4591/A7379 with S5364/A6269, both related to indemnification.

12. Project Delivery Methods Committee Report

Chair D'Angelo commented that no committee meetings have been held since the last Board meeting. The committee is monitoring NYS legislation and budget bill, along with transportation at the national level. Member D'Angelo discussed ongoing business associated with his role on the Transportation Research Board.

13. Break

Open session adjourned for a break at 10:58 A.M. and resumed at 11:08 A.M.

14. Continuing Business

- i. **Fraudulent Use of Seals:** ES included a reference article (pages 26-30 in the open session packet) that discusses the risks of unauthorized use of an architect's or engineer's seal. ES reported that NCEES will be assembling a committee or task force to look at this issue, and he expects to hear more at the upcoming Zone meeting.
- ii. **ICOR Practice Overlap Report:** ES solicited high-level thoughts and concerns from the Board, particularly from a public protection perspective. He will develop a draft based on the comments made and will circulate it to the Board for review. The report can be found on pages 32-129 in the open session packet. Of note, the report did not include Professional Geology as part of the practice overlap guidance. Portions of the report do not appear to align with NYS statute on scope of practice.
- iii. **Experience and Examination Decoupling, along with Land Surveyor Licensure Qualifications (new business):** ES reviewed the current NYS Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) requirements and requested board comment on the existing configurations. He also commented that public health/safety/welfare must be considered with all recommendations (e.g., will changes create harm). Board Members provided questions and comments related to the general decoupling of experience and examination. The ES noted that applicants are applying to other jurisdictions to take their licensure exams before completing their licensure qualifying experience. Board Members discussed the potential benefits and drawbacks of decoupling, including public perception and the impact on professional growth. Members noted the importance of maintaining high licensure standards and the need to justify any changes to the current requirements.

Motion – Holbritter/Martin: The L.S. committee will review the Land Surveyor Routes for Admission to the F.S., P.S., and NYS-Specific Examinations and provide recommendations to the Department as appropriate (p. 130 open session packet).

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion – Martin/ Alampalli: The P.E. and P.G. committees will each discuss examination and experience decoupling and provide recommendations to the Department as appropriate .

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. New Business, continued

- i. **NCEES Member Board Administrator (MBA) on NCEES Board of Directors:** ES solicited Board feedback on NCEES proposing adding an MBA position to the Board of Directors. Discussion noted that not every MBA is licensed and many jurisdictions, including New York, may not be able to participate due to conflicts of interest. The discussion also considered whether this position would utilize an existing Board position or create a new one. ES will send summary of feedback and conversation will be tabled until more information has been received from NCEES.
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- iii. **Certificates of Authorization (CoA):** ES will develop draft licensee awareness correspondence regarding CoA's. Information on the 'Industrial Exemption' may be referenced for P.E. related outreach. The draft will be circulated via email for Board comment.

16. Resolution for Executive Session and Adjournment

Motion – Porter/Holbriiter: Move to adjourn open session at 12:50 P.M and move to Executive Session following a 10-minute break.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Greppo
Executive Secretary

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