



Texas Board of Professional
Engineers and Land Surveyors

TBPE eNewsletter - December 16, 2019

Happy Holidays



We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the engineering and surveying communities a safe and happy holiday season.

TBPELS Dates and Deadlines

December 24-27, 2019 - Agency closed for Christmas Holidays.

December 31, 2019 - Renewal Deadline for firms, P.E.s, R.P.L.S. and L.S.L.S

December 31, 2019 - January 2, 2020 - TBPELS will close at noon on December 31st and reopen on January 2, 2020. Renewal payments due 12/31/19 must be postmarked before the deadline or late fees will apply.

January 9, 2020 - Engineering Ethics Webinar

January 15, 2020 - RPLS Application Deadline for April Exams

February 19-20, 2020 - TBPELS Committee and Board Meetings
These meetings will be held at the TBPELS Building. The regular quarterly Board meeting will be live streamed on YouTube for remote viewing.

December Renewals

Invoices have been mailed for all payment types. Please ensure payment online or by mailing in a check **postmarked** by the expiration date to avoid late fees.

P.E. Renewals

Please ensure payment online or by mailing in a check postmarked by the expiration date to avoid a late fee. Don't forget to include the signed renewal coupon. Invoices and temporary pocket cards can be printed from the online site.

<https://engineers.texas.gov/echo>

Engineering Firm Renewals

Please ensure payment online or by mailing in a check postmarked by the expiration date to avoid a late fee. Late fees and delinquent renewals can be paid online.

<https://engineers.texas.gov/echo>

R.P.L.S and L.S.L.S. Renewals

Please ensure payment online or by mailing in a check postmarked by the expiration date to avoid a late fee. Don't forget to include the signed renewal coupon.

<http://txls.texas.gov/renewals/>

If you still need continuing education, online courses are now free.

<http://txls.texas.gov/continuing-ed/online.php>

Surveying Firm Renewals

Please ensure payment online or by mailing in a check postmarked by the expiration date to avoid a late fee. Don't forget to include the signed renewal coupon.

<http://txls.texas.gov/firm-renewal/>

Law and Rules Updates

The new TBPELS Law and Rules Document includes statute changes to the Occupations Code related to the merger of the two professions as well as recently approved rule changes to the engineer waiver of examinations requirement. The document below has changes indicated in the left margin of the document.

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

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 TBPE/TBPELS website for information and instructions to submit your resume.

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

Webinars and Outreach

TBPELS gives face to face outreach presentations and webinars, as available and at no charge, all over the state to license holders, associations, societies, and engineering companies.

Please note: events with fewer than 25 participants should be scheduled as an online webinar.



Webinars are given on ethics to provide an up-to-date overview of agency activities, case studies, and a review of professional ethics topics. The free webinars have been so well received that in 2019, we added additional events each month. One ethics webinar will be held each month in addition to the multiple webinars one month prior to each quarter's expiration date. Refer to the webinar page for registration links, specific dates and times.

Next P.E. Ethics Webinar - Thursday, January 9, 2010, 10 a.m. - Registration is Open Now

Surveying Advisory Committee Created

At the September 26, 2019, Interim Board Meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (TBPELS), the Board voted to appoint the following members to the Surveying Advisory Committee per Texas Occupations Code §1001.216(a) for a period of six (6) months.

Manuel (Manny) Carrizales, RPLS
Mary Chruszczak, RPLS
William (Davey) Edwards, RPLS, LSLS
Jon Hodde, RPLS
Coleen Johnson, RPLS
Paul Kwan, RPLS

https://engineers.texas.gov/downloads/PELS_Committee_PressRelease.pdf



Position Open for Full-Time Special Projects Coordinator/Land Surveyor III

Refer to the TBPE/TBPELS website for the job description and instructions to apply.

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

Board Meeting Updates

Several meetings have been held since our last eNewsletter.

September 26, 2019 Interim Board Meeting

[Audio Video Recording*](#)

This brief meeting of the new merged agency was essential to appoint new members to the Surveying Advisory Committee, discuss the merger of the two agencies and approve an operating budget.



November 13-14, 2019

Committee Meetings and Regular Quarterly Board Meeting

[Audio Video Recording*](#)

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://engineers.texas.gov/disciplinary.htm>

Policy Advisory Opinion #52

Waiver of sealing Requirements for a Petrochemical building a facility in Texas owner prior to the municipality approving the plans for construction or permitting construction utilizing said design. <https://engineers.texas.gov/policy.htm#pao52>

* The meeting recordings have been posted on the agency YouTube Channel. Viewing these recordings qualifies for continuing education credit under the category of self-directed study. A maximum of five credit hours may be accrued for self-directed study.

Merge of Engineers and Surveyors

On June 16, 2019, Governor Greg Abbott signed an historic piece of legislation that merged the regulation of the practices of engineering and land surveying into one board. Effective September 1, 2019, HB1523 created the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. We want you to know that we are doing everything possible to make this transition as smooth as possible. We have developed a landing page with links to all items related to the merger of the two agencies.

Linked documents include an FAQ page, legislation and all documents related to the merger. We have a sign-up page in case you want to be notified of specific issues or know someone who would like to receive these updates.

<https://engineers.texas.gov/tbpels.html>

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