

# MISSISSIPPI

## Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors



---

P. O. Box 3

Jackson, MS 39205

Telephone (601)359-6160

[www.pepls.state.ms.us](http://www.pepls.state.ms.us)

---

*Richard Turner, PE, PS, President*

*James Q. Dickerson, PE/PS, Vice-President*

*Shannon D. Tidwell, PS, Secretary*

*Joe W. Byrd, PS, Member*

*Rosemary Brister, CPA, Exec. Director*

*Terrell W. Temple, PE/PS, Member*

*Raymond Dearman, PE/PS, Member*

*Ronald K. Phillips, PS, Member*

*Bill Waters, PE, Member*

*Joseph E. Lauderdale, PE, Member*

---

Fall, 2009

NEWSLETTER

Twenty-third Edition

---

### *PS Licensure Law Revised by State Legislature*

The 2009 Legislature has revised Mississippi's Professional Surveyor licensure law to encourage and promote college coursework to applicants for Professional Surveyor licensure and Surveyor Intern enrollment. The Mississippi Association of Professional Surveyors (MAPS) supported this legislation; it reflects the growing need for advanced knowledge and skills in the surveying profession.

This revision brings Mississippi's PS licensure laws into alignment with the surrounding states, requiring a minimum of 4 years of qualifying surveying experience for those applicants with the highest level of surveying education. Applicants may still qualify with no college coursework, but they will be required to have 12 years of experience. The revisions become effective in 2012 for Surveyor Intern applicants, and in 2016 for Professional Surveyor applicants.

The Board wishes to give special recognition to the following individuals for their consistent efforts in promoting this legislation: Matt Rankin, Joe Byrd, Chad Ainsworth, Terry Jackson, Jason Pepper, Tim Brewer, Eugene Stenum, Ronnie Leggitt, Debra Byrd and members of the MAPS Board, and especially Trey Bobinger, MAPS' representative at the legislature. Finally, we wish to thank Representative Angela Cockerham and Senator Gary Jackson for their sponsorship.

## **Puerto Rican court awards damages to NCEES in exam theft case**

The U.S. District Court in Puerto Rico has ruled in favor of NCEES in a civil suit involving damages exceeding \$1 million. The judgment resulted from the case of a civil engineering licensure candidate who was found with recording and transmitting equipment during the October 2006 administration of the Principles and Practice of engineering exam in Mayaguez.

The chief proctor confronted the candidate and discovered she was concealing a host of recording and transmitting devices. Working with materials provided by law enforcement, NCEES determined that she had recorded the Civil PE exam and established that she had performed a similar operation with the FE exam, which records show she attempted in October 2005 at the same location. As a result of these exam breaches, NCEES had to remove all compromised material from its exam item banks, resulting in the damages awarded in the civil suit. In estimating damages, NCEES takes into account the time, travel, and work hours required of NCEES staff, psychometric consultants, and subject-matter experts who are involved with the development and review of exam content.

Prior to the judgment in the civil suit, the candidate had been convicted of fraud in criminal court as a result of the incident. She is prohibited from attempting any NCEES exam in the future.

## **NEW RULES ADOPTED**

### ***Regarding Continuing Professional Competency:***

**Rule 23.3-d.** As of January 1, 2010, every licensee shall be required to obtain one (1) PDH unit of Ethics training every two years. After 2010, excess ethics PDH may not be carried forward.

**Rule 23.3-e.** As of January 1, 2010, every Professional Surveyor licensee shall be required to obtain one (1) PDH unit of Standards of Practice training every two years. After 2010, excess Standards PDH may not be carried forward.

**Rule 23.3-f (7)** Active participation in professional or technical societies, or active participate in education outreach activities.

**Rule 23.4-h.** Active participation in education outreach activities      1 PDH  
(maximum of 3 PDH) (*this is a new item*)

### ***Regarding Surveying Experience:***

#### **Rule 9.10 Evaluation of Experience – Surveying**

Items 2-5 are deleted; these items related to surveying exhibits, which will no longer be required of initial Professional Surveyor applicants and Surveyor Intern applicants applying based on experience.

Examinees who passed the October 2008 exams

MS 2 hr PS Exam

James Walter Ballard  
Tim Carlile  
Brian Childs  
Robert Debien  
Patrick Clark Greenfield  
Oscar Kay  
Joseph Mayer  
Jason Andrew Minshew  
Thomas Aaron Mirzadeh  
Franklin Edward Murphy  
Frank Lee Sellinger  
Chris Still  
Chad Michael Thurner  
Frankie Jason Ulmer  
Terry Dale Westerman  
Jeffrey Michael Yatsko

Principles/Practice  
of Surveying

Josh Burge  
Franklin Edward Murphy  
Steven Bradley Page  
Frankie Jason Ulmer

Principles/Practice  
of Engineering

Trinity Allen Baggett  
Henry Johnson Benjamin  
Dennis Russell Bonds  
William Nicholas Bradley  
Theron Jink Broadfoot  
Micah Lee Bull  
James G. Charboneau  
Brett David Cooley  
Joe Clinton Culpepper  
William Lloyd David  
David Cole Drope  
Joshua David Faulkner  
Jason Paul Flurry  
Robert Trent Germann  
John Jacob Granberry  
Priscilla A. B. Howell  
Jefferson Allan King

Fundamentals of Surveying

Corky Alan Barnett  
Brian Health Barton  
Andrew Davis Berryhill  
Rodney D. Bond, Jr.  
James Brett Brasher  
Preston Eugene Cantner  
Joseph Ryan Carpenter  
Christopher Lee Hagood  
John Ryan Hilbun

Richard Darrin Love  
William Andrew Martin  
William Andrew McCain  
Aaron O'Brian McNeal  
Marty D. McWilliams  
William Jeremy Robinson  
Michelle Katherine Root  
Lee Edward Sale  
Jeffrey David Skinner, Jr.  
Justin Michael Struble  
John A Franklin  
Robert Benjamin Stubbs  
Brian Matthew Tillman  
Feng Wang  
Kyle Montgomery Watson  
John Thomas Weeks

Eric Farrel Lang  
Anthony Thomas Lauro  
Joshua Bo Lundy  
Ronald Anthony McRae  
Matthew Warren Miller  
Larry Matthew Poe  
William Paul Purvis  
Justin Michael Shaw  
Everette Dean West, IV

Fundamentals of Engineering

Carroll Humphrey Barlow  
Dustin Shea Black  
Martin James Brennan  
Travis Duran Birgnac  
Benjamin Wayne Carlisle  
James Brian Christian  
Thomas M. Christian  
Christopher S. Clayton  
Edward R. Cochran  
Melanie Jane Dong  
Jacob Reece Dykes  
Anthony Jacob Falls  
George William Ford  
Mark Tyler Hardy  
Christopher D. Harris  
Amber Lee Hebert  
Laura Hubbard  
Peter John Ireland  
Robert Benedict Kling  
Daniel Thomas Magee  
Daniel Vaughn Malone  
Kevin Glen McCaskill  
Adam Lee McDaniel  
Christopher J. Melvin  
Ronnie Lee Morrow, Jr.  
John Robert Murphy  
Jonathan Floyd Nelson  
Thomas Alfred Pepin, III  
Bryan William Reese  
Stephen Tison Reno  
Clayton Eric Sanders  
Gerald C. Shackelford  
Morgan Reid Sims  
Stephen Brian Sims  
Nathan Todd Smelser  
Jeffrey Dylan Smith  
Marcus Tu;er Smith  
Jonathan Scott Stanley  
Jonathan H. Starkey  
Ryan David Stinson  
James Andrew Stribling  
Joshua Claiborne Stubbs  
Robert William Taylor  
Kate Sarah Watts  
Rachel Wood Wheeler  
Jaricus Antre' Whitlock  
John Chalres Wildman  
Michael Dean Wildschuetz

**Examinees who passed the April 2009 exams**

**MS 2 hr PS Exam**

**William Hunter Andrews  
 Jason Eric Bailey  
 Lester Troy Barton  
 Chadwick John Bordelon  
 Michael Travis Carney  
 Pablo Ferrari  
 Dean Michael Gerchar  
 Thomas Wiley Griffey  
 John Michael Hebert  
 Christopher T. Johnson  
 Dexter Larue Lundy  
 Joseph Colter Nelson  
 Shane John Nicholas  
 John Mark Norwood  
 Daniel Aaron Overstreet  
 Robert Lee Potter  
 Paul Duane Stanford  
 Eric Breithaupt Stuart  
 James Morris Tate  
 Richard A. Thames, Jr.  
 James Wesley Treloar  
 Jason Allen Waldemer**

**Principles/Practice  
 of Surveying**

**Willaim Hunter Andrews  
 Brian Wade Childs  
 Christopher T. Johnson  
 Joseph Chad Mayer  
 Daniel Aaron Overstreet  
 Paul Duane Stanford  
 William Hays Stephens  
 Travis Gore Wampler**

**Principles/Practice  
 of Engineering**

**Robert Kenneth Adam  
 Susan Elaine Bailey  
 Daniel Glenn Beard  
 Ernest Samuel Berney, IV  
 Casey Laine Brunke  
 Vincenzo J. Ciaravino, III  
 Gary Ray Davidson  
 David Anthony Dichiara  
 David Bruce Gent  
 Amanda Nelson Gong  
 Jeffery Donald Guy  
 Karl Elridge Hector  
 Gabriel Clinton Herring  
 Michael Dylan Hogan  
 Jacob Aaron Keys  
 Stepheanie Barron Kilgore  
 John Burns Lauderdale  
 Robert Earl Lee  
 Alicia Kinchen Martinez  
 Hunter J. McGonagill  
 Ronald C. McMaster, Jr.  
 William Dustin Myers  
 Gregory James Norwood  
 Lucy Phillips Priddy  
 John David Reid  
 Jacob Bryan Renick  
 Joshua Brice Revell  
 Emily Bowen Rut  
 Brandon Erik Smithey  
 Edgar Adam Staples  
 Jeffrey Wayne Wages  
 Kerri Rhea Ware  
 John Mark Weeden**

**Fundamentals of Engineering**

**Maxwell Tyler Anderson  
 Robert Parker Aune  
 John Larry Barnett, Jr.  
 Jeffrey Fulton Bland  
 Nicholas Robert Bratton  
 Zachary Houston Bugg  
 Jason Scott Burge  
 Jared Stewart Case  
 Kurtis Eugene Cotten  
 Lance Mitchell Cutrer  
 William Curry Denton  
 Adam King Farmer  
 Jacob Bryan Forrester  
 Ian Taylor Fulon  
 Mary Kathlyn Goff  
 Jonathon Wayne Hall  
 Dustin Charles Herr  
 Stanley Allen Hussey, II  
 Jennifer Marie Johnson  
 Brian Daniel Jordan  
 Jeffery Louis Lambert  
 Shannon Lee Lisenbee  
 Michael C. McClure  
 Andrew Robert McMaster  
 Lana Jill Morris  
 Andrew Nelson Osborn  
 Jeremy Curti Phillips  
 Frank Matthew Powell  
 Dane Robert Rasmussen  
 Marneshia V. Richard  
 Daniel Glen Rogers  
 Jason Mark Simmons  
 Drew Anthony Smith**

**Amy Michelle Arnold  
 Christopher Kyle Aven  
 Jayesh Bhagvanji Bhima  
 Edward C. Bozeman, III  
 Thomas Coty Brett  
 Kenneth Cody Bunyard  
 Allen Everett Carlisle  
 Glenn Gates Clark  
 Sara Lane Cox  
 Daniel McMaster Davis  
 Charles A. Dueitt, Jr.  
 Scott Alan Fletcher  
 David Kelly Francis  
 William Charles Gates  
 Jizhan Gou  
 Lauren Michelle Haney  
 James Ross Horton  
 Benjamin Tyler Jackson  
 Merritt Dowell Johnson  
 Tyler Matthew Joyner  
 Keah-Ying Lim  
 Mark Adam Littlejohn  
 Michael Devlin McDaniel  
 Nicholas Wayne Moody  
 Philip Arthur Nettles  
 Rachel Annette Parks  
 Andrew Clayton Polk  
 Michael Leyton Proctor  
 David William Rich  
 Allison Sheri Robinson  
 John Eric Rutan  
 Amrik Singh  
 Michael Wilson Sofferin**

**David Austin Athow  
 Jason Michael Barham  
 Robin Daniel Blake  
 Taylor Carrington Bradley  
 Shawn Andrew Buckley  
 Elizabeth Clark Burck  
 William Denman Carruth  
 Steven Arthur Corbitt, Jr.  
 Heather Dee Craft  
 Bradley Joseph Denton  
 Cal Coleman Ebey  
 Marc Joseph Forbes  
 Willaim Patrick Fullerton  
 Christopher Michael Goff  
 Andrew David Greaser  
 Heath Charles C. Hansell  
 Kevin Stanley Hughey  
 Jimmy Douglas James  
 Benjamin Allan Jones  
 Raymond Abraham Kidder  
 Scott Eugene Linder  
 Toby Wayne Mask  
 Scott David McKinnie  
 Heather Michelle Moor  
 Michael John Ohno  
 Matthew Scott Patterson  
 Zachary Landon Polk  
 Aaron Dean Ramsay  
 Jessica Carol Richards  
 Stephanie Denise Rodgers  
 Tyler Scott Sholes  
 Michael Travis Singleton  
 Uriah Thomas Sowell**

Examinees who passed the  
April 2009 exams (*continued*)

**Fundamentals of Engineering**

Jason Lee Speed  
Jeffrey Allen Stricker  
Brian Clark Stuart  
Gregory Crawford Sullivan  
Jordan Gregory Terry  
Mark Benjamin Thomas  
Joe Gain Tom, Jr.  
Wilson Terrell Townsend  
Christopher Jon Turbeville  
Thomas Glen Tynes, III  
Aaron Lamar Wade  
James Ralph Wallace  
Mitchell Collin Wall  
James Boyd Weathers  
Jeffrey Wayne Weathers  
Damon Stone Webster  
Landon David Whitton  
Mackenzie Leigh White  
Daniel Martin Wilson  
Oliver James Wise  
Jonathan Daniel Wright  
Paul Zachary Wynne  
Christina Marie Young

**Principles/Practice  
of Engineering**

William F. Wheatley, III

In our last newsletter (fall, 2008) Jonathan Larry Boone's name was omitted from the April, 2008 examinees who passed the Principles & Practice of Engineering exam; we regret this oversight.

Is there a "grace period" after my license expires during which I can keep practicing?

**Yes and No.** There is a grace period until July 1<sup>st</sup> to renew a license by paying the renewal fee and late penalties.

The grace period does NOT apply to practice. The license expires on December 31; practicing on an expired license is a violation of state law.

*Watch for this email....*

*Board Newsletters are now sent by EMAIL to all licensees for whom we have an email address - that is all licensees who renew online and for those others who voluntarily give their email address to us. Emailed newsletters save thousands of dollars in postage and printing expenses. PLEASE BE SURE to clear our newsletter email address through your SPAM filter:*

[msboard@pepls.state.ms.us](mailto:msboard@pepls.state.ms.us)

**Wallet Cards**

The Board ceased mailing out wallet cards in 2003, yet every year the office receives many phone calls from administrative assistants asking for their boss's wallet card. Proof of renewal and current licensure is available in two ways: the online renewal process automatically generates a receipt and/or you may print out your individual licensure listing from our web site's Online Roster of Licensees.

Beginning with the 2010 renewal, licensees who renew ONLINE, will be able to print out their own wallet card as the last step in the online renewal procedure. Be advised that it will print on whatever paper you happen to have in your printer; if you want a cardboard-like card, you will need to put "cardstock" paper in your printer.

Wallet cards will not be available to those who renew by mail.

### ***Regarding 2010 Renewals....***

All PDH being claimed for 2009 compliance must be achieved by December 31, 2009. PDH's achieved after 12/31/09 will not be considered for 2009 compliance. The Board does not maintain licensee's PDH records, including last year's carryover; that is the licensees' responsibility.

If a firm submits several renewals with one check in one packet, every licensee's renewal form **MUST** be completed, signed, and dated, including the PDH Activity Log; otherwise the entire packet will be returned.

### ***Board's Updated Website***

The Board was among the earliest Mississippi state government agencies to have a website. After many years, it was time for a "makeover". The new website is at our same address, and contains much of the same information. It's format will allow us to maintain it ourselves and save computer consulting fee expenses.

We update the licensee and firm Rosters at the end of each month. If you use the online Roster to search for a firm, *be advised* that the search result *begins* with the name of the firm's designated licensee; **the firm's name is to the far right**. Just click and all the firm's pertinent detail information comes up.

### ***Need Proof of Current Licensure?***

*You can print out your own verification of current licensure by going to our website, clicking on **License Search and Rosters**, click on **Search for the license of an individual or firm**, chose which type of roster, type in the name, and click **Search**. You can print out your search result and include it in your RFP responses to show proof of current licensure for both individuals and for firms.*

### **Disciplinary/Legal Actions**

The Board office receives and processes complaints regarding engineering and surveying activities. Some investigations result in disciplinary actions while others result in administrative actions such as letters of education or closing unsubstantiated/insufficient complaints. Below is a recap of recent disciplinary actions.

During fiscal year 2009 numerous letters of education were sent and several investigative conferences were held to address minor rule violations related to ethics, practicing within one's area(s) of competence, and surveying standards.

PE/PS Gus A. Paulk, PS Benjamin T. Proctor, PS Steven K. Harmon, and PS Michael R. McGinnis agreed by consent orders to practicing without the required Certificate of Authority. Monetary fines were assessed, the cases have been resolved and the Certificates of Authority have now been issued.

PS Anthony R. Jackson and PE Timothy B. Boyles agreed to consent orders assessing a PDH penalty and a monetary penalty for not complying with the Continuing Professional Competency requirement for 2009.

PS Thomas W. King, Jr., and PE/PS Kristi D. Sanford agreed to consent orders for not complying with the Standards of Surveying; in each case a monetary fine was assessed and the licensee was required to attend a MAPS Standards course.

PS J. B. Rushing, Jr., agreed to a consent order, assessing a monetary fine for practicing on an expired license.