

Joint Meeting Minutes
State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and the
West Virginia Board of Architects
July 14, 2021

The West Virginia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and the West Virginia Board of Architects met on the 11th floor of the Kanawha Valley Building located at 300 Capitol Street, Charleston, WV, on Wednesday, July 14, 2021. Those present for all or part of the meeting were:

Bhajan Saluja	Adam Krason
Garth Thomas	Ed Tucker
Larry Nottingham	Todd Boggess
Edward Robinson	Edsel Smith
L.A. Gates	Jan Fox
Lesley Rosier-Tabor	Emily Papadopoulos
Aaron Armstrong	
Edward Eagloski	

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. Garth Thomas, PE Board President, opened the meeting and requested all present to introduce themselves. Mr. Eagloski then reminded everyone that this was an open meeting and there were to be no discussions specific to any complaint or investigation relevant to either of the Boards. No motions were made and neither Board took official action during the course of the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to expand the lines of communications between the Boards, discuss common issues of both Boards such as education, examinations, legislation, and practice matters.

At the request of Adam Krason, the important issues of practice overlap and incidental practice were moved to the top of the agenda. Discussion followed regarding these matters, including specific practice definitions, relevant project responsibilities of the different professions and related exemptions, in hopes of bringing clarity to practice-specific matters. In particular, differences in each Board's practice definitions regarding the design of buildings were highlighted. Members also reviewed the outdated Handbook for Building Officials that was jointly created in 1995 and the most recent version of the updated Joint Professional Use of Seals Brochure, both publications jointly developed by the WV Architects and Professional Engineers Boards. All agreed that the Handbook for Building Officials could be condensed, with the most relevant and important information possibly merged into a future version of the Joint Professional Use of Seals publication. Staff and Board members agreed to begin the process of reviewing the material of both and develop a list of important items for consideration to be discussed at a future meeting.

The Board members discussed the successful lines of communications between the Boards throughout the years and specifically during the recent Legislative session. All agreed to keep the lines of communications open going forward.

There was also detailed discussion of the legislative issues from the 2021 WV Legislative Session and how to move forward. The Boards agreed to work together through their respective national counterparts (NCARB, NCEES, ARPL, etc.) to monitor future legislation and consider offering draft legislation in preparation for the upcoming 2022 WV Legislative Session.

Being that 2021 is the 100th year of existence for both Boards, the members agreed that a future event could be jointly coordinated to commemorate this achievement. All agreed that a press release could be created and circulated to announce this 100th celebration and other ideas were discussed to honor and memorialize the occasion.

Education and examination issues concerning both Boards were briefly discussed. Both Boards presented an overview of their respective education and examination requirements specific to their profession.

Upon completion of the discussion and review of all agenda items, the members agreed to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 pm. The PE Board announced their next regular meeting will take place on July 20, 2021 and the Architects Board announced their next quarterly meeting will take place on September 16, 2021. The Board members will be compensated one day per diem plus travel expenses.

Leslie A. Gates, P.E.
PE Board Secretary

Edward Tucker, FAIA, NCARB
Architects Board Secretary