# November 2021 NEWSLETTER

The Kansas State Board of Technical Professions routinely releases current news on the homepage of their <u>website</u>. Archived news releases and newsletters may be located on the <u>News Item</u> page. This newsletter highlights news the Board has shared since Summer 2021 for your convenience!



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# KSBTP



We would like to extend our Thanks to Mr. Eric Wimmer. He was appointed to the Board in July 2012 and has completed his last term. Thank you for your years of service to the KSBTP and best of luck in your future endeavors.

# IMPORTANT DATES

#### 2021-2022 Renewal Dates:

#### **Certificates of Authorization (M-Z)**

November 1—December 31, 2021

#### **Landscape Architects (M-Z)**

November 1—December 31, 2021

#### Surveyors (A-L)

January 31—March 31, 2022

#### **Engineers (A-L)**

March 1—April 30, 2022

#### **Architects (A-L**

May 1—June 30, 2022

#### **Geologists (A-L)**

May 1—June 30, 2022

#### **Landscape Architects (A-L)**

November 1—December 31, 2022

#### **Certificates of Authorization (A-L)**

November 1—December 31, 2022

#### 2021-2022 Board Meeting Dates:

December 17, 2021

February 18, 2022

April 8, 2022

July 8, 2022



#### From the Executive Director

#### PURPOSE OF THE BOARD

I became the Executive Director in the spring of 2019 nearly three years ago. Being new to the board and not having a background in the technical professions licensed by the board I asked two questions. What were the duties of the board and what was its stated purpose. I found the answers in the enabling statute K.S.A. 74-7004. That statute provides:

"For the purpose of administrating the provisions of this act and in order to establish and maintain a high standard of integrity, skills and practice in the technical professions and to safeguard the health, safety, property and welfare of the public, the governor shall appoint a state board of technical professions consisting of 13 members."

The above language sets forth the two principal legislative mandates of 1) establishing and maintaining a high standard of integrity, skills and practice in the technical professions and 2) the charge to safeguard the health, safety, property and welfare of the public. A word search of that term, the health safety, property and welfare, revealed that the charge to safeguard the health, safety, property and welfare of the public appears 9 times in the Kansas Technical Professions Act, K.S.A. 74-7001 et seq, and the board's rules and regulations.

Reading the statute I learned it was the policy of the legislature and the charge to the executive branch to create and empower the board to maintain high standards of practice in the regulated professions and to safeguard the public.

# ASBOG transitioning to computer based exams

ASBOG plans to have all their exams online and administered by Pearson -Vue by Spring 2023.

#### **Applications online!**

Most of the individual applications are now online.

Please visit our website (ksbtp.ks.gov) to complete and submit the online application.

KSBTP hopes to offer all applications online by the end of the year.

#### **Congratulations!**

The KSBTP 2021 Chair, Carisa McMullen, has been elected President Elect for CLARB (The Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards).

Congratulations Carisa!

#### Licensure pocket cards

Pocket cards are emailed to individuals, after renewal, within 3-5 business days.

If you don't receive yours, please check your spam folder before requesting another.

## **Continuing Education Audits for All Professions**

The KSBTP conducts post-renewal audits to ensure compliance with Kansas continuing education rules and regulations. A percentage of all actively licensed professionals are audited annually. It is your responsibility to comply with the KS CE requirements. For additional guidance please contact KSBTP staff.

### **2021 Proposed Regulation**

Public hearing on the proposed adoption of K.A.R. 66-7-1 at 10:30 a.m. during the

December 17th Board meeting

**66-7-1. Applications.** (a) In addition to the appropriate, completed application form and fee, each applicant shall also have the following submitted to the board office:

- (1) An official transcript to verify any educational credit; and
- (2) verification of any practical experience for which credit is claimed on reference forms approved by the board, which shall be submitted directly to the board office by the individual providing the reference.
  - (b) Each applicant for a license by reciprocity shall also submit the following:
  - (1) Verification of any exams previously taken; and
  - (2) verification of a current active license.
  - (c) Each applicant for occupational licensing by reciprocity under K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 48-

3406, as amended by L. 2021, ch. 70, sec. 1, and amendments thereto, shall also submit one of

the following, in addition to meeting the requirements in subsections (a) and (b):

(1) If applying as a military servicemember, form DD214 or other proof of present or past

#### military service;

- (2) if applying as a military spouse, verification of the applicant's status as a military spouse;
- (3) if applying as an individual who resides in Kansas, proof of current Kansas residency;

<u>or</u>

(4) if applying as an individual intending to reside in Kansas, proof of the individual's

intent to reside in Kansas. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 48-3406, as amended by L. 2021,

ch. 70, sec. 1, and K.S.A. 74-7013; implementing K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 48-3406, as amended by L.

2021, ch. 70, sec. 1, and K.S.A. 74-7018; effective May 1, 1984; amended May 4, 1992;

# **KSBTP By The Numbers**

License Type	10/31/2020	10/31/2021
Individuals	Number of Licenses	Number of Licenses
Architect	2,756	2,925
Engineer	12,807	13,535
Geologist	542	559
Landscape Architect	365	388
Land Surveyor	625	634
TOTAL	17,095	18,041

<b>Business Entities</b>	<b>Number of Licenses</b>	<b>Number of Licenses</b>
Architect	626	668
Engineer	1,774	1,905
Geologist	84	85
Landscape Architect	75	81
Land Surveyor	184	194
TOTAL	2,743	2,933

Individuals	Resident	Non-Resident
Architect	30%	70%
Engineer	32%	68%
Geologist	55%	45%
Landscape Architect	38%	62%
Land Surveyor	50%	50%



#### **REMINDER TO ALL LICENSEES:**

- Sign and date ACROSS your Kansas seal
- Use black or blue ink
- Electronic seals are NOT permitted
- Digital seals are acceptable

Review seals & signature info on our website!

# **Disciplinary Action Taken by the Board**

#### KANSAS STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL PROFESSIONS DISCIPLINARY REPORT NOVEMBER 2021

#### IN THE MATTER OF JAMES CLANCY, PE20007 CASE NO. 21-31

**Summary:** In April of 2021 the Board office received a self-report from James Clancy. Mr. Clancy submitted a Settlement Agreement from the State of Ohio. The State of Ohio notified the Mr. Clancy that action would be taken against his license for failing to report disciplinary action in the State of Kentucky. Mr. Clancy surrendered his license in Kentucky for allegedly engaging in plan stamping, failing to maintain records failing to obtain a business entity prior to offering services. In order to avoid further administrative proceedings Mr. Clancy surrendered his license in Ohio.

**Board Action:** The board found Mr. Clancy in violation of K.S.A 74-7026(a)(4).

Specifically, Mr. Clancy voluntarily surrendered his professional engineer registration in Ohio, which was treated as a revocation based upon the licensing action taken by the Kentucky Board of Registration for the Professional Engineers and Surveyors.

The conduct of Mr. Clancy, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

**Board Action:** The Board suspended Mr. Clancy's license for 60 days.

Status: The case was closed September 9, 2021.

#### IN THE MATTER OF JOEL WEGELE, PS1333 CASE NO. 22-05

**Summary:** In July of 2021, the Board office received an alleged violation form on Mr. Wegele. In the complaint it is stated that Mr. Wegele prepared and stamped a survey while his licensed was cancelled.

**Board Action:** The board found Mr. Wegele in violation of K.S.A 74-7025(a).

Specifically, Mr. Wegele practiced as a professional surveyor in the State of Kansas after his license was expired.

The conduct of Mr. Wegele, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

**Board Action:** The Board fined Mr. Wegele \$150 plus costs.

**Status:** The case was closed September 9, 2021.

Disclaimer: Every effort has been made to ensure that the following enforcement information is correct; however, this information should not be relied upon without verification from the Kansas board office. It should be noted that the names of companies and individuals listed may be similar to the names of parties who have not had enforcement actions taken against them. Disciplinary orders are public information and copies may be obtained by contacting the board office.