

**BOARD FOR ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS,
CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
(APELSCIDLA)**

**Tuesday, March 3, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
2nd Floor – Board Room 2**

**Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation
9960 Mayland Drive
Richmond, Virginia 23233**

Mission: Our mission is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public by licensing qualified individuals and businesses enforcing standards of professional conduct for professions and occupations as designated by statute.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Emergency Evacuation Procedures
- b. Determination of Quorum

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. APELSCIDLA Board Meeting, November, 14, 2025
- b. APELSCIDLA Professional Engineers Section Meeting, November 14, 2025

IV. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD *FIVE MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT, PER PERSON*

VI. CASE FILES

- a. Disciplinary
 - i. Consent Order- 2025-00004- Carl E. Duncan (Claytor)
 - ii. Consent Order- 2025-01103- Carl E. Duncan (Johnson)
 - iii. IFF- 2024-01140- K J Worrell (Johnson)
 - iv. IFF- 2023-00931- John Wallace Blanchard (Price/Dreiling/Colley)

VII. EDUCATION

- a. Examination Updates
 - i. Examination Statistics
 - ii. Land Surveyor State Specific
 - iii. Land Surveyor B

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Executive Director's Update
- b. Regulatory Update
 - i. Withdraw LS/PE Fast-Track
 - ii. Withdraw Emergency SB 826 Amendment
 - iii. General Regulatory Review Update
- c. ICOR Overlap Guidance Document
- d. General Assembly Update

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Architects Update
 - i. Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA)
 - ii. NCARB Regional Summit - March 19-21, 2026
 - iii. NCARB January Report - Emailed on 2/18/2026
- b. Professional Engineers Update
 - i. DEQ - Clarification Regarding Inspection Requirements for Wastewater Projects
 - ii. NSPE - License PE Required By Local Ordinance to Obtain Third-Party Over-site Inspection
 - iii. ABET Visit
 - iv. VDOT Bridges
- c. Land Surveyors Update
 - i. Land Surveyors State Specific Exam Review - February 3 & 4, 2026
 - ii. Land Surveyors B Exam Review - February 24 & 25, 2026
- d. NCEES Update
 - i. Southern Zone Meeting - April 23-26, 2026
- e. Certified Interior Designers Update
 - i. ICOR - Emailed on 2/19/2026
- f. Landscape Architect Update
 - i. LARE Exam
- g. Licensed Population
- h. Day In A Life Of A Land Surveyor

X. COMPLETE CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM AND TRAVEL VOUCHER

XI. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR **TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026**

- ❖ Agenda materials made available to the public do not include disciplinary case files or application files pursuant to §54.1-108 of the Code of Virginia.
- ❖ Five-minute public comment, per person, with the exception of any open disciplinary or application file.
- ❖ Persons desiring to participate in the meeting and requiring special accommodations or interpretative services should contact the Department at (804) 367-2785 at least ten days prior to the meeting so that suitable arrangements can be made for an appropriate accommodation. The Department fully complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

BOARD FOR ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND
SURVEYORS, CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS AND LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTS MEETING MINUTES

The Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA Board) met on November 14, 2025, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

Members present for all or part of the meeting:

Architects

Tim Colley
Helene Dreiling
Harry Falconer, Jr.

Professional Engineers

Richard Davenport
Douglas Frost
Rick Townsend

Land Surveyors

John Claytor
Frank Richardson, II
Kevin Shreiner

Interior Designers

Catherine Christian Stanley

Landscape Architects

Timothy Stromberg

Citizens

Troy Arnold, III

Members absent from the meeting with regrets:

Interior Designers

Arjun Kainth

Landscape Architects

Susan Dibble

Citizens

Justina Vasquez

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Steve Kirschner, LRPD Director
Kate Nosbisch, Executive Director
Ecila Williams, Licensing Operations Administrator
Davon Jones, Administrative Coordinator
Joe Haughwout, Regulatory Affairs Manager
Tom Payne, CID Director
Greg Emerson, Director of Examinations
Patrice Walker, Legal Analyst, Complaint Analysis and Resolution

Elizabeth Peay, Assistant Attorney General with the Office of the Attorney General, was present.

Jeb Wilkinson, Director, was absent from the meeting with regrets.

Guests:

Mike Armstrong, CEO of NCARB

Caitlin Stromberg, VP of Customer Relations NCARB

Roxanne Aiston, AVP of Member Relations and Volunteer Engagement NCARB

Members of the audience:

Ann Stokes, Landscape Architect

Paul Battaglia, Architect, AIA

Becky Golden, P.E., Virginia Society of Professional Engineers (VSPE)

Georg Dahl, P.E., Virginia Society of Professional Engineers (VSPE) STEM and Educational Outreach Lead for Tidewater/Hampton Roads Chapter

Finding a quorum of the Board present, Mr. Arnold, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Call to Order

Mr. Arnold and Ms. Nosbisch advised the Board of the emergency evacuation procedures.

**Emergency
Evacuation
Procedures**

Ms. Nosbisch requested amendments to the agenda due to an anticipated loss of quorum at 12:30 p.m., including moving New Business to follow the Case Files and adding two NCEES action items under that section from Other Business.

**Approval of
Agenda**

Mr. Colley moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Davenport seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by: Arnold, Claytor, Colley, Davenport, Dreiling, Falconer, Frost, Richardson, Shreiner, Stanley, Stromberg, and Townsend.

Mr. Davenport moved to approve the minutes for the following date:

- APELSCIDLA Board Meeting, August 14, 2025

**Approval of
Minutes**

Mr. Claytor seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by: Arnold, Claytor, Colley, Davenport, Dreiling, Falconer, Frost, Richardson, Shreiner, Stanley, Stromberg, and Townsend.

Ms. Peay arrived at the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

**Arrival of
Assistant Attorney
General**

Ms. Nosbisch introduced the new Board member: Mr. Timothy Stromberg, Landscape Architect. Mr. Mike Armstrong, NCARB Chief Executive Officer and his team Ms. Roxanne Alston, VP of Customer Relations and Ms. Caitlin Stromberg, AVP of Member Relations and Volunteer Engagement. Board members and staff introduced themselves.

**Welcome and
Introductions**

Mr. Arnold read the following resolution for consideration by the Board:

**Resolution for Ann
P. Stokes,
Landscape
Architect**

Resolution for Ann P. Stokes

WHEREAS, Ann P. Stokes, did faithfully and diligently serve the Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects from 2017 to 2025;

WHEREAS, Ann P. Stokes, did devote generously of her time, talent and leadership to the Board;

WHEREAS, Ann P. Stokes, did endeavor at all times to render decisions with fairness and good judgement in the best interest of the citizens of the Commonwealth and these professions; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects wishes to acknowledge its gratitude for devoted service of a person who is held in high esteem by the members of the Board and the citizens of the Commonwealth;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects this fourteenth day of November 2025, that Ann P. Stokes be given all honors and respect due her for her outstanding service to the Commonwealth and its citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be presented to her and be made a part of the official minutes of the Board so that all may know of the high regard in which she is held by this Board.

Ms. Becky Golden, representing the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers (VSPE), addressed the Board by presenting a formal resolution recognizing George W. Dahl, PE, for his years of service and contributions to VSPE and to the profession.

**Public Comment
Period**

Mr. Paul Battaglia, of AIA Virginia, addressed the board and expressed appreciation for the Board's collaboration with NCARB and other allied professional organizations. He highlighted the success of the alternative pathway to obtain an architect license and thanked the Board for its ongoing work and support.

Mr. George Dahl addressed the board and delivered farewell remarks reflecting on more than a decade of active involvement with the Board. He expressed gratitude to the Board, staff, and the profession for their partnership and support throughout his tenure.

Mr. Frost recused himself from the meeting for discussion and deliberation of the files.

Recusal of Board Member

Regarding **File Number 2025-02389, Ethan Paul McBryde**, Staff requested the Board to reconsider the case due to a misunderstanding that prevented the applicant from speaking at the prior meeting.

File Number 2025-02389, Ethan Paul McBryde

Mr. Davenport moved to reconsider Mr. McBryde's case. Mr. Colley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by: Arnold, Claytor, Colley, Davenport, Dreiling, Falconer, Richardson, Shreiner, Stanley, Stromberg, and Townsend.

The Board members reviewed the record of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference, which consisted of the application file, transcripts and exhibits, and the Summary of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference.

Mr. McBryde addressed the Board regarding his experience and gave clarification on his responsibilities.

Mr. Davenport moved to accept the recommendation of the presiding officer and deny Ethan Paul McBryde's application for a Professional Engineer license by examination. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by: Arnold, Claytor, Colley, Davenport, Dreiling, Falconer, Richardson, Shreiner, Stanley, Stromberg, and Townsend.

Regarding **File Number 2025-0206, Benjamin David Folk**, the Board members reviewed the record of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference, which consisted of the application file, transcripts and exhibits, and the Summary of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference.

File Number 2025-0206, Folk, Benjamin David

Mr. Davenport moved to accept the recommendation of the presiding officer and approve Benjamin Folk's application for a Professional Engineer license by examination. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by: Arnold, Claytor, Colley, Davenport, Dreiling, Falconer, Richardson, Shreiner, Stanley, Stromberg, and Townsend.

Regarding **File Number 2026-00034 – Melissa Eschman**, the Board members reviewed the record of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference, which consisted of the application file, transcripts and exhibits, and the Summary of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference.

File Number 2026-00034 – Melissa Eschman

Mr. Davenport moved to accept the recommendation of the presiding officer and deny Melissa Eschman's application for a Professional Engineer license by

examination. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion which was approved by: Arnold, Claytor, Colley, Dreiling, Falconer, Richardson, Schreiner, Stanley, Stromberg, and Townsend. Davenport denied the motion. The motion to accept the recommendation of the presiding officer and deny the application passed with a vote of ten to one.

File Number 2026-00034 – Melissa Eschman Cont.

Mr. Frost returned to the meeting.

Return of Board Member

Regarding **File Number 2025-02205, Alan Eldredge Averill**, the Board members reviewed the record of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference, which consisted of the application file, transcripts and exhibits, and the Summary of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference.

File Number 2025-02205, Averill, Alan Eldredge

Mr. Averill addressed the Board and discussed personal and professional improvements since the incident underlying his case.

Mr. Davenport moved to accept the recommendation of the presiding officer and approve Alan Eldredge Averill's application for an Architect by Comity license. Mr. Stromberg seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by: Arnold, Claytor, Colley, Davenport, Dreiling, Falconer, Frost, Richardson, Shreiner, Stanley, Stromberg, and Townsend.

Mr. Townsend recused himself from the meeting for discussion and deliberation of the files.

Recusal of Board Member

Regarding **File Number 2025-02794, Trident Engineering Associates, Inc.**, the Board members reviewed the record of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference, which consisted of the application file, transcripts and exhibits, and the Summary of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference.

File Number 2025-02794, Trident Engineering Associates, Inc.

Mr. Davenport moved to accept the recommendation of the presiding officer and approve Trident Engineering Associates, Inc's application for a Business Entity Registration. Mr. Colley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by: Arnold, Claytor, Colley, Davenport, Dreiling, Falconer, Frost, Richardson, Shreiner, Stanley, and Stromberg.

Regarding **File Number 2025-02886, Sayed Ruhollah Hussaini**, the Board members reviewed the record of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference, which consisted of the application file, transcripts and exhibits, and the Summary of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference.

File Number 2025-02886, Hussaini, Sayed Ruhollah

Mr. Hussaini addressed the Board regarding his qualifications, including additional experience submitted after his informal fact-finding meeting.

Mr. Davenport moved to accept the recommendation of the presiding officer and approve Sayed Ruhollah Hussaini's application for a Professional Engineer license by examination. Mr. Frost seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by: Arnold, Claytor, Colley, Davenport, Dreiling, Falconer, Frost, Richardson, Shreiner, Stanley, and Stromberg.

File Number 2025-02886, Hussaini, Sayed Ruhollah Cont.

Mr. Townsend returned to the meeting.

Return of Board Member

The Board recessed from 11:25 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.

Recess

Mr. Kirschner addressed the Board regarding the final stage of the Board's General Regulatory Review, conducted under Executive Directive 1 and Executive Order 19, which required a 25% reduction in discretionary regulations.

Mr. Haughwout informed the Board that the General Review of Board for APELSCIDLA Regulations is at the end of the proposed stage. Mr. Haughwout advised the Board that it needed to consider public comments received on the proposed regulation and adopt a final regulation.

Regulatory Update

Mr. Haughwout reviewed with the Board the public comments received during the public comment period on the proposed regulation, held August 11, 2025 to October 10, 2025. Mr. Haughwout also reviewed with the Board the final regulatory text and presented the Board with recommended amendments based on staff review of the regulation and public comments that were received. Mr. Haughwout also presented the Board with proposed responses to the public comments that were received.

After a discussion, Mr. Davenport moved to accept the Boards's responses to the public comments. Mr. Shreiner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by: Arnold, Claytor, Colley, Davenport, Dreiling, Falconer, Frost, Richardson, Shreiner, Stanley, Stromberg, and Townsend.

After a discussion, Mr. Frost moved to adopt the final regulation as amended, authorize staff to file the final regulation, and authorize staff to make any technical or stylistic changes needed. Mr. Colley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by: Arnold, Claytor, Colley, Davenport, Dreiling, Falconer, Frost, Richardson, Shreiner, Stanley, Stromberg, and Townsend.

The Board recessed from 12:32 p.m. to 12:44 p.m.

Recess

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Board that NCEES was accepting nominations for its Distinguished Service Award and asked the Board if there are any nominations.

NCEES Update

Mr. Townsend moved to nominate Jim Kelly, former board member, for the NCEES Distinguished Service Awards. Mr. Shreiner seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by: Arnold, Claytor, Colley, Davenport, Dreiling, Falconer, Frost, Richardson, Shreiner, Stanley, Stromberg, and Townsend.

Ms. Nosbisch requested authorization for NCEES to fund delegates to attend the Southern Zone Meeting.

Mr. Davenport moved to approve NCEES to fund delegates to attend the 2026 NCEES Annual Meeting. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by: Arnold, Claytor, Colley, Davenport, Dreiling, Falconer, Frost, Richardson, Shreiner, Stanley, Stromberg, and Townsend.

Ms. Stanley departed the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

Departure of Board Member

Mr. Armstrong addressed the Board and gave an overview of NCARB programs, national mobility standards, updates to examination and experience programs, and the multi-organizational initiative on overlapping practice being developed by NCARB, NCEES, CIDQ, and CLARB. He briefed the Board on NCARB's "Pathways to Practice" initiative, which aims to modernize and broaden competency-based licensure options.

NCARB CEO – Mike Armstrong

Mr. Jones departed the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Departure of DPOR Staff

Ms. Peay departed the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Departure of Assistant Attorney General

Ms. Nosbisch stated the Executive Director Report was provided for informational purposes.

Executive Director Report

Ms. Nosbisch provided an update regarding APELS examinations for informational purposes.

Examination Update

Ms. Nosbisch thanked Mr. Armstrong, Ms. Alston, and Ms. Stromberg for their attendance.

Architects Update

Mr. Kirschner departed the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Departure of DPOR Staff

Ms. Rengifo departed the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

**Departure of
BPOR Liaison**

Ms. Nosbisch provided an update on the NCEES Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, which was attended by Ms. Nosbisch, Mr. Claytor, Mr. Frost, Kevin Hansen, Investigations, and Mr. Shreiner, for informational purposes.

**Professional
Engineers Update**

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Board that the Land Surveyor and Land Surveyor B Exam Reviews will take place in February 2026. Additional information will be forthcoming.

**Land Surveyors
Update**

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Board that no one participated in the 2025 CIDQ Annual Meeting.

**Certified Interior
Designer Section
Update**

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Board that no one participated in the 2025 CLARB Annual Meeting.

**Landscape
Architect Update**

The licensee counts as of November 1, 2025:

APELSCIDLA Businesses	5,184
Architects	7,874
Professional Engineers	32,153
Certified Interior Designers	476
Land Surveyors	1,239
Land Surveyors B	54
Land Surveyor Photogrammetrists	90
Landscape Architects	992

**Licensed and
Certified
Population**

Board members Arnold, Claytor, Colley, Davenport, Dreiling, Falconer, Frost, Richardson, Shreiner, Stromberg, and Townsend, completed COIA training during the meeting.

COIA Training

Conflict of Interest forms and Travel Vouchers were completed by all Board members present.

**Conflict of Interest
Forms / Travel
Vouchers**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Adjourn

Troy Arnold, III, Chair

James B. "Jeb" Wilkerson, Jr., Secretary

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Professional Engineer Section of the
BOARD FOR ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND
SURVEYORS, CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS AND LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTS MEETING MINUTES

The Land Surveyor Section of the of the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA Board) met on November 14, 2025, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present for all or part of the meeting:

Professional Engineers

Chris Born, Advisory Board Member
Richard Davenport, Board Member
Douglas Frost, Board Member
Chris Stone, Advisory Board Member
Rick Townsend, Board Member

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Kate Nosbisch, Executive Director
Ecila Williams, Licensing Operations Administrator
Anthony Sharpstein, Licensing Specialist

No one was present from the Office of the Attorney General.

Mr. Townsend called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

Ms. Nosbisch advised the Section of the emergency evacuation procedures.

The agenda was approved by consensus.

There was no public comment.

Call to Order

**Emergency
Evacuation
Procedures**

**Approval of
Agenda**

**Public Comment
Period**

Ms. Nosbisch, Mr. Sharpstein, and Ms. Williams addressed the Professional Engineers section on improving and clarifying the application review process. It was said that an increase in applications lacks sufficient details for the Professional Engineers to decide if the experience satisfies 18 VAC 10-20-240. The applications would then need a follow-up, which then extends the time on the application process and increases the workload. After a discussion, the Professional Engineers section confirmed that providing a comprehensive internal reference that would give clarification on what is considered qualifying and non-qualifying experience that would assist applicants and reduce the burden of requiring clarification, follow ups, and resubmittals.

Application Review

There was no other business.

Other Business

Conflict of Interest forms were completed by all section members present.

**Conflict of Interest
Forms**

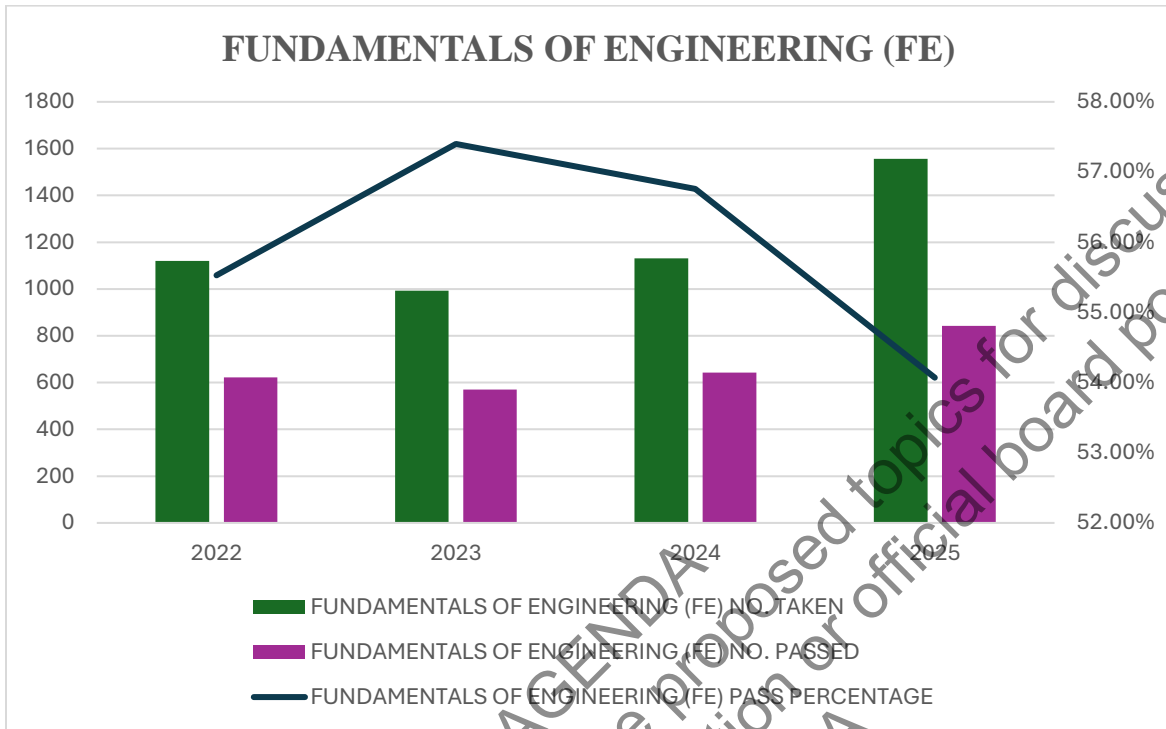
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Adjourn

Rick Townsend, Acting Chair

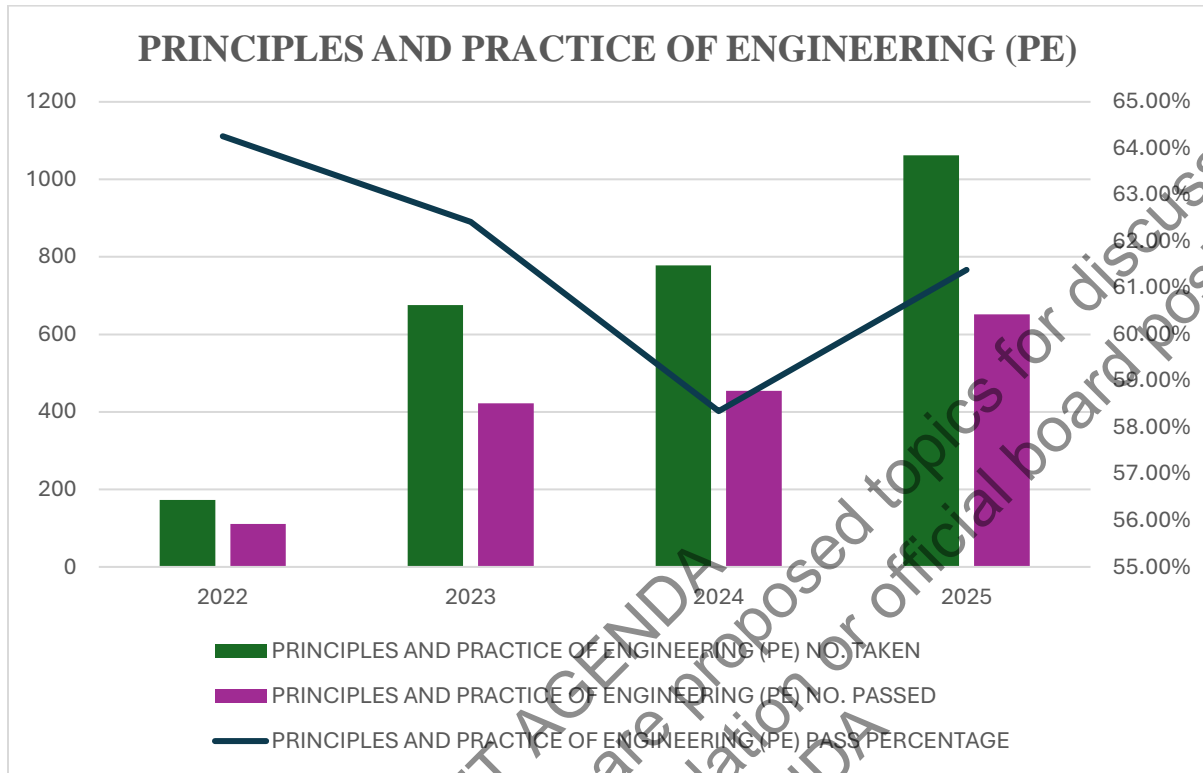
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APELSCILDA Examination Statistics



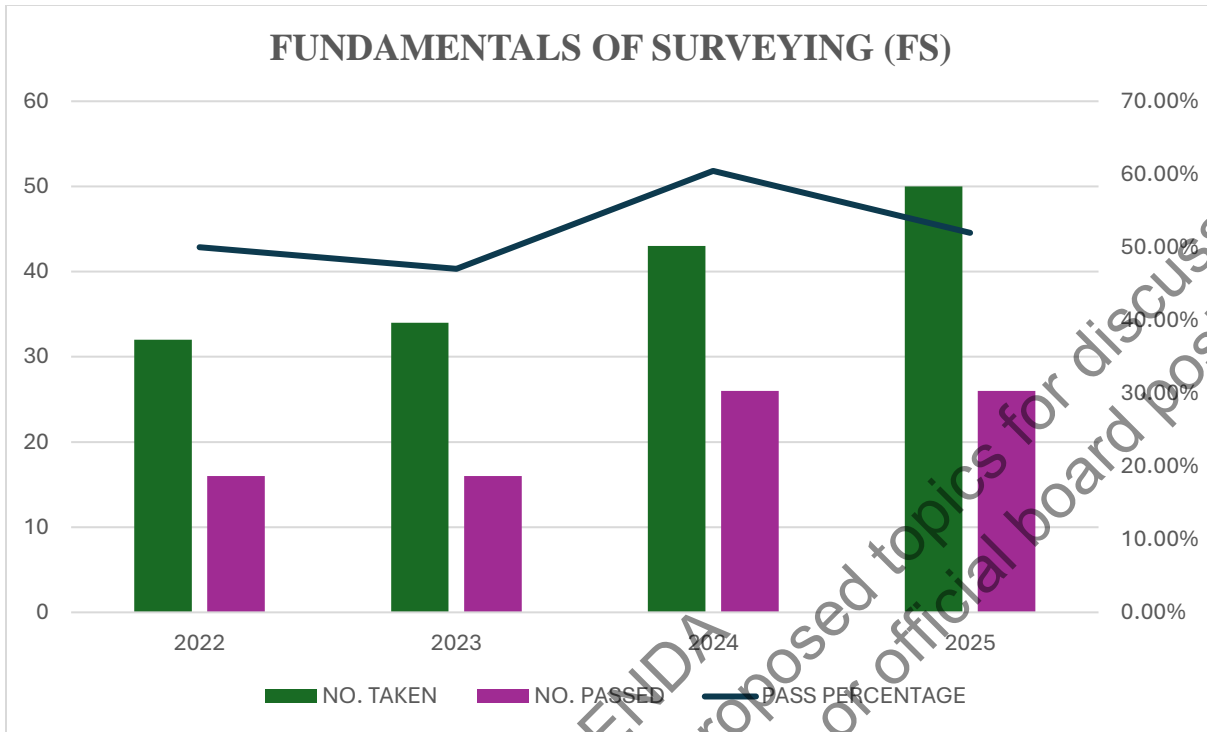
YEAR	NO. TAKEN	NO. PASSED	PASS PERCENTAGE
2022	1120	622	55.53%
2023	993	570	57.40%
2024	1131	642	56.76%
2025	1557	842	54.07%

APELSCILDA Examination Statistics



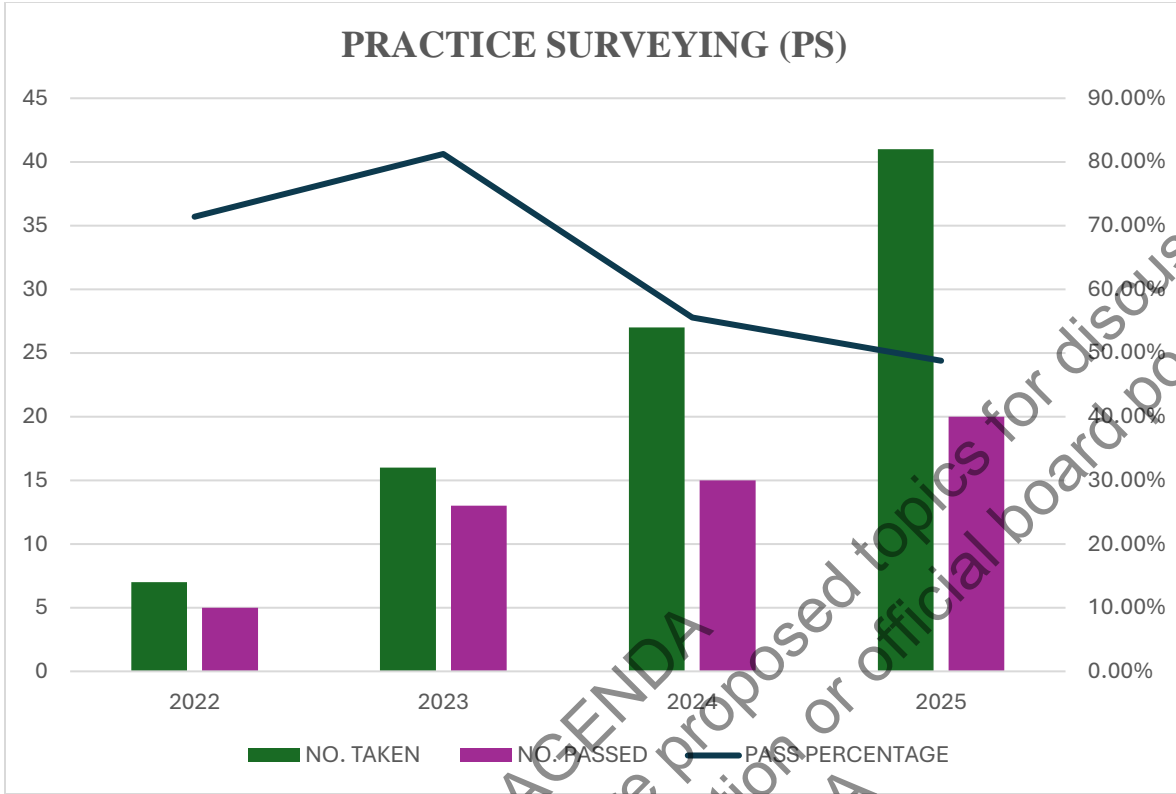
YEAR	NO. TAKEN	NO. PASSED	PASS PERCENTAGE
2022	173	111	64.26%
2023	676	422	62.42%
2024	778	454	58.35%
2025	1062	652	61.39%

APELSCILDA Examination Statistics



YEAR	NO. TAKEN	NO. PASSED	PASS PERCENTAGE
2022	32	16	50.00%
2023	34	16	47.05%
2024	43	26	60.46%
2025	50	26	52.00%

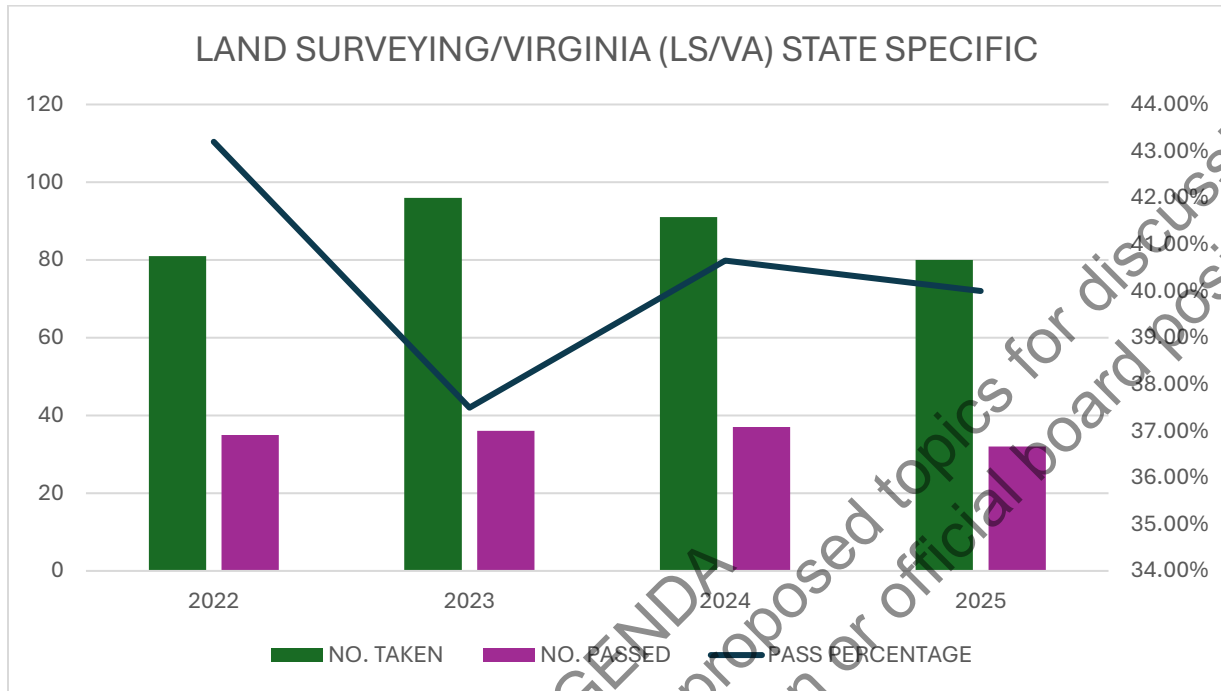
APELSCILDA Examination Statistics



YEAR	NO. TAKEN	NO. PASSED	PASS PERCENTAGE
2022	7	5	71.42%
2023	16	13	81.25%
2024	27	15	55.55%
2025	41	20	48.78%

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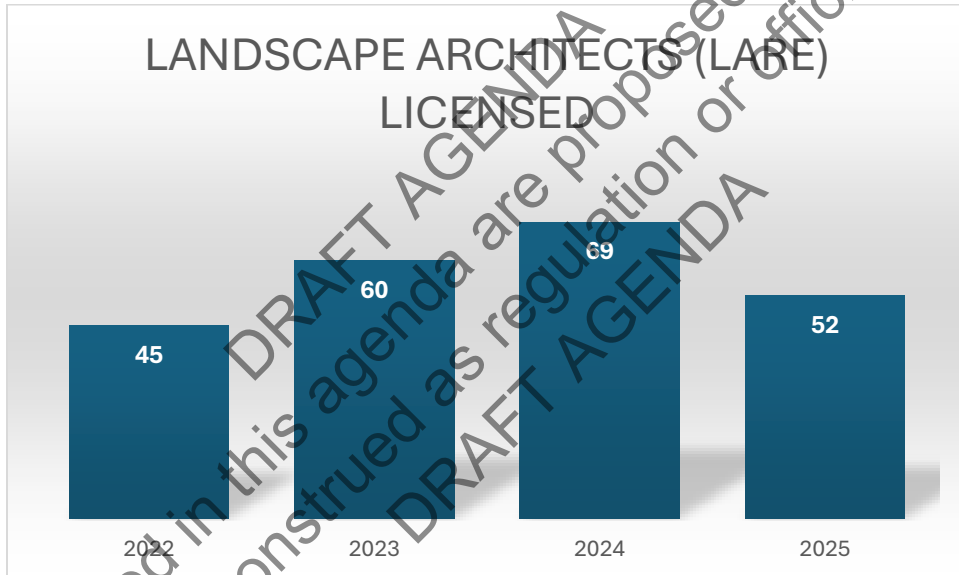
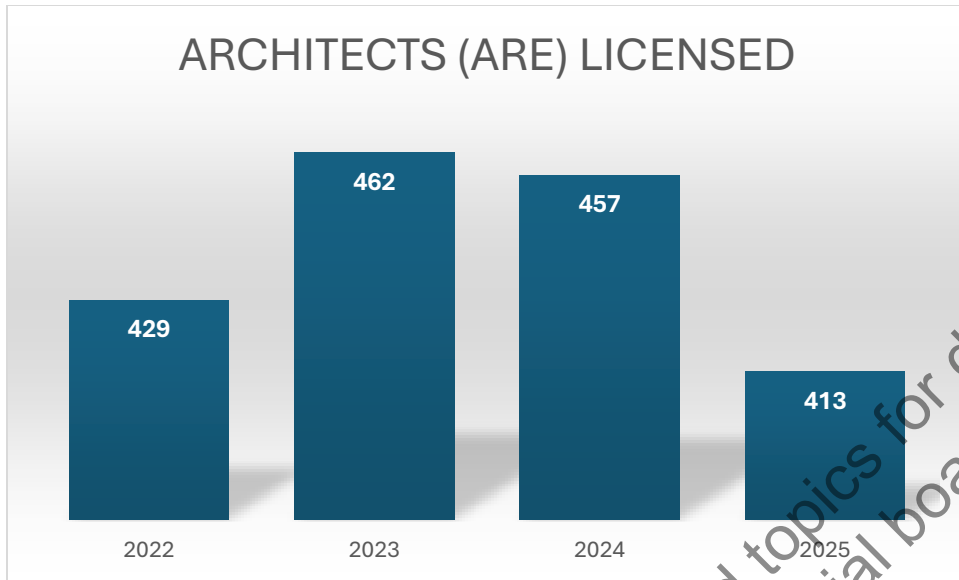
APELSCILDA Examination Statistics



YEAR	NO. TAKEN	NO. PASSED	PASS PERCENTAGE
2022	81	35	43.20%
2023	96	36	37.50%
2024	91	37	40.65%
2025	80	32	40.00%

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APELSCILDA Examination Statistics





To: APELSCIDLA Board
From: Kate Nosbisch, Executive Director
Subject: Executive Director Update
Date: February 11, 2026

Data for the last five years of the Board’s activities has been provided.

Application Statistics

The table below provides the number of applications approved for the APELSCIDLA Board per calendar year (January 1 – December 31) since 2020.

Applications Approved						
Year	2025*	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
App Numbers	3,445	3,953	3,631	3,353	3,540	2,735

*As of 12/31/2025, Includes SIT, EIT, and Exam Eligible Applicants

Applications Approved by Profession 2025*								
Profession	Arch	PE	LS	CID	LA	Businesses	EIT	SIT
App Numbers	501	1716	36	24	36	401	702	29

*As of 12/31/2025

Applications Approved by ULR*	
Profession	CID
App Numbers	12

*As of 12/31/2025

Call Center Statistics

**** The Call Center Statistics consists of APELSCIDLA, PSSWPG, Auctioneers, and Branch Pilots**

The Board’s call center has answered a total of **7,307** phone calls between January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

**Reduced call center hours began April 16, 2025, with the call center opening at 8:30 am and closing at 5:00 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesdays the call center opens from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. The reduction in call center hours allows our staff to process applications more effectively. On June 24, 2025, call center hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays open from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Abandoned calls reflect calls that came in outside of the reduced call center hours.

Email Statistics

The table below outlines the number of emails received through the Board’s email address per calendar year (Jan 1-Dec 31)

		Email Count				
Year	2025*	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
# of Emails	34,830	28,364	24,429	16,318	15,317	13,528

*As of 12/31/2025

Board Case Statistics

		Case Statistics				
Year	2025*	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
# of Cases	2	9	3	3	9	7

*As of 12/31/2025 (Disciplinary Actions)

Case Statistics by Profession 2020-2025						
Profession	Arch	PE	LS	CID	LA	Businesses
App Numbers	4	21	6	0	0	2

Since 2018, The Board has adjudicated 126 cases: 46 Disciplinary and 80 Licensing.

Disciplinary	
Cases	46
Final Orders	14
Consent Orders	32
Revocations	10
Suspensions	1

*As of 12/31/2025

Stakeholder Engagement & Outreach

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From: NCARB <hello@ncarb.org>

Sent: Friday, November 14, 2025 9:29 AM

To: Nosbisch, Kate (DPOR) <kate.nosbisch@dpor.virginia.gov>

Subject: Notice: Updates to U.S./Canada MRA



Hi Kathleen,

A revised Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) between NCARB and the Regulatory Organizations of Architecture in Canada (ROAC) will go into effect on Thursday, January 15, 2026. This MRA, signed into agreement by both organizations on November 13, 2025, replaces the existing agreement between NCARB and ROAC. The MRA removes several impediments that prevented architects from participating in the agreement.

To be eligible for reciprocity under the revised agreement, architects must:

- Be licensed and in good standing in a [participating United States jurisdiction or Canadian province/territory](#). Participating licensing boards may have specific requirements.
- For U.S. architects: Hold an active NCARB Certificate.

Learn More

The revised agreement eliminates the 2,000 required hours of post-licensure experience; removes requirements related to citizenship, residency, and principal place of practice, as well as the letter of good standing; and accepts architects licensed or certified through alternative pathways, such as the Education Alternative or International Architect pathways.

The agreement was [ratified by NCARB's member licensing boards](#) at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting and is based on shared competencies obtained at the point of licensure.

If you have not already done so, please reach out to the Council Relations staff at council-relations@ncarb.org indicating your board's acceptance of applicants through this revised agreement.

More information about the MRA between NCARB and ROAC is available on [NCARB's website](#).

[Contact Us](#) | [Update Email Preferences](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)

This email was sent to kate.nosbisch@dpor.virginia.gov

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Stefanie K. Taillon
Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources

Michael S. Rolband, PE, PWD, PWS Emeritus
Director

December 30, 2025

VIA POSTAL AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Richard S. Tyler, President
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Subject: Clarification Regarding Inspection Requirements for Wastewater Projects

Dear Mr. Tyler,

Thank you for your letter regarding local ordinances requiring third-party inspections by licensed professional engineers.

To clarify:

- If VSPE is referring to inspections of septic field construction, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) defers to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), which has regulatory responsibility for onsite sewage systems under Title 32.1, Chapter 6 of the Code of Virginia (§ 32.1-163 et seq.) and the Sewage Handling and Disposal Regulations (12VAC5-610). These provisions govern permitting, construction, and inspection of onsite sewage systems.
- If VSPE is referring to other wastewater facilities regulated by DEQ, we concur with your position that the Professional Engineer who designed the project is permitted to inspect the construction and operation of that facility, provided the inspection is within their area of competency and complies with all applicable codes and regulations. DEQ's authority for these facilities derives from Title 62.1 of the Code of Virginia, including the State Water Control Law and the Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) permitting program (§ 62.1-44.15 et seq.).

Both agencies share the goal of protecting public health and the environment. While DEQ supports local governments in safeguarding their communities, we encourage consistency with state law to avoid unnecessary burdens on citizens and businesses. If there is a specific situation that warrants discussion, we welcome the opportunity to discuss potential solutions.

We appreciate VSPE's commitment to professional standards and remain available to participate in further discussions with VSPE, VDH, and other stakeholders to promote clarity and uniformity in regulatory practices.

Please feel free to contact my office if you would like to schedule a meeting.

Sincerely,



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RE: Licensed Professional Engineers Required by Local Ordinance to Obtain Third Party Oversight Inspection

Dear Dr. Shelton and Mr. Rolband:

It has come to the attention of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers (VSPE) through our Committee Membership and representation on the Sewage Handling and Disposal Advisory Committee (SHADAC) that certain Virginia localities are requiring third-party PE inspection of work performed by the Engineer of Record for the project, who is also a PE and sealed and stamped the design drawings and specifications. This third-party independent inspection is not found in the Regulations Governing Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects. Not only does this local mandate exceed the State Regulations without authority, but it also places a heavy financial burden on the Commonwealth's citizens, business owners, developers, contractors and Economic Development prospects seeking to locate and grow the Commonwealth's job market and spur economic prosperity.

In recent interviews held with our APELSCIDLA Representative, Georg Dahl, PE and Sarah Brooks, Director, Business & Financial Services, Knowledge Work, Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP), we stated that the Virginia PE Licensure Regulations are the "Gold Standard" to protect the life, health, safety and welfare of the Commonwealth's citizens, infrastructure and environment. Additional support for local government's adherence to the Code of Virginia is provided as follows:

The position of the VSPE is that a professional Engineer's responsibility is to always act morally and ethically; whether they are inspecting their design or someone else's design, the standards of the industry apply.

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Based upon this, a professional engineer, who knows their design better than anyone, has an ethical and professional responsibility to inspect their own work. This letter is to clarify the positions of the Sewage Handling and Disposal Advisory Committee (SHADAC) and the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers (VSPE) regarding licensed engineers inspecting their own work.

Both agencies recognize that licensed professional engineers are held to a high ethical and legal standard of accountability. They are permitted to inspect their own design work, provided the inspection falls within their area of competency and complies with all applicable codes and regulations. This allowance assumes that licensed engineers are bound by a professional code of conduct requiring them to act with integrity, objectivity, and due care to ensure public safety and welfare.

VSPE emphasizes that licensure implies trust in the engineer's judgment and expertise. If the engineer adheres to applicable laws and professional standards, there is no inherent conflict in performing both design and inspection tasks. SHADAC similarly allows engineers to inspect their own work where no third-party or independent inspection is legally mandated.

In summary, both organizations support the practice when performed ethically and in compliance with statutory requirements, recognizing the professional responsibility engineers hold in ensuring the safety and quality of their work.

There is currently confusion in the regulatory community surrounding the practice of engineers inspecting their own work as there is one County that feels that an inspector inspecting their own work poses conflict of interest. To protect our community, your clarity is requested. If you or your staff would like to schedule a meeting to further discuss this matter, please contact our VSPE Chief Financial Officer, Rebecca L Golden, PE at Becky.Golden@GWRegion.org.

Thank you both as well as your staff for keeping Virginians healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

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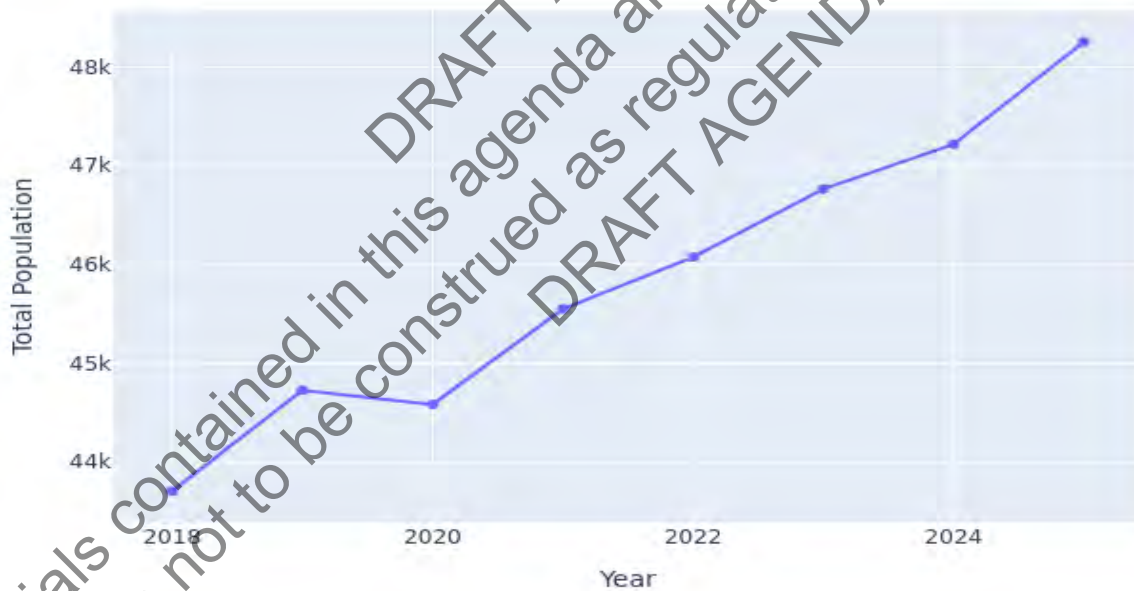
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APELSCIDLA Regulant Population Dashboard (2018–2025)

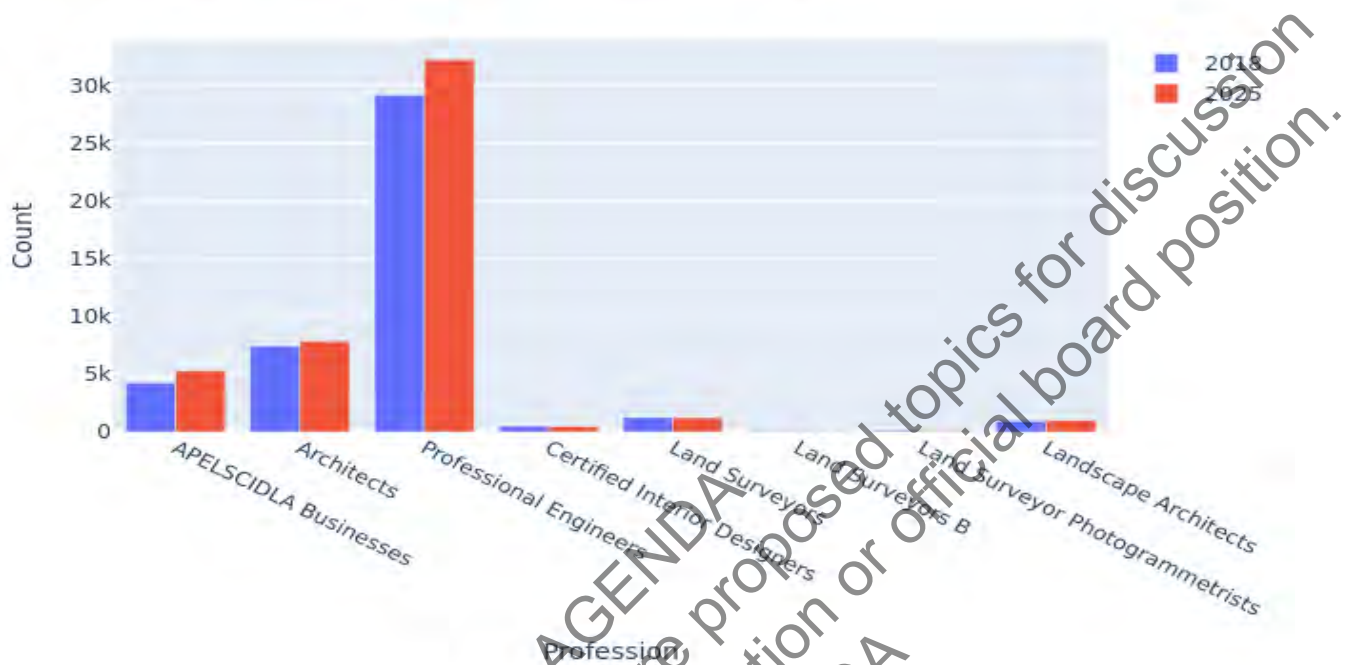
Key Insights (2018–2025)

- Total regulants grew from 43,706 (2018) to 48,256 (2025), +4,550 (+10.4%), with +1,037 YoY from 2024→2025.
- Growth drivers: Professional Engineers (+3,098; +10.63%), APELSCIDLA Businesses (+1,059; +24.93%), Architects (+426; +5.73%).
- Declines concentrated in surveying specialties and Certified Interior Designers; LS Photogrammetrists (-31; -26.27%), Land Surveyors B (-21; -28.00%), Land Surveyors (-30; -2.39%), CID (-22; -4.42%).

Total Regulant Population (2018–2025)



Regulant Population by Profession: 2018 vs 2025



Summary Table: 2018 vs 2025

Profession	2018	2025	Abs Change	% Change
APELSCIDLA Businesses	4,248	5,307	+1,059	+24.93%
Architects	7,432	7,858	+426	+5.73%
Professional Engineers	29,157	32,255	+3,098	+10.63%
Certified Interior Designers	498	476	-22	-4.42%
Land Surveyors	1,254	1,224	-30	-2.39%
Land Surveyors B	75	54	-21	-28.00%
Land Surveyor Photogrammetrists	118	87	-31	-26.27%
Landscape Architects	924	995	+71	+7.68%

Detailed Population by Year (2018–2025)

Profession	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
APELSCIDLA Businesses	4,248	4,665	4,576	4,994	4,901	5,311	4,772	5,307
Architects	7,432	7,528	7,535	7,589	7,695	7,695	7,813	7,858
Professional Engineers	29,157	29,617	29,634	30,155	30,637	30,938	31,797	32,255
Certified Interior Designers	498	500	472	471	467	464	476	476
Land Surveyors	1,254	1,289	1,256	1,237	1,229	1,230	1,218	1,224
Land Surveyors B	75	71	71	68	63	56	57	54
Land Surveyor Photogrammetrists	118	115	110	104	101	98	93	87
Landscape Architects	924	943	930	933	984	974	993	995
Totals	43,706	44,728	44,584	45,551	46,077	46,766	47,219	48,256

Source: DPOR APELSCIDLA Regulant Population (2018–2025)

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2026

Celebrating APELSCIDLA Professions Day/Week

Architects

- National Architecture Week:
April 13–19, 2026
- World Architecture Day:
October 5, 2026
- National Architecture Day:
November 1, 2026

Certified Interior Designers

- World Interiors Day:
May 31, 2026

Landscape Architects

- World Landscape Architecture Month:
April 2026

Professional Engineers

- Engineers Week:
February 22–28, 2026
- World Engineering Day:
March 4, 2026
- Professional Engineers Day:
August 5, 2026
- World Engineer's Day:
September 15, 2026

Land Surveyors

- National Surveyors' Week:
March 16–22, 2026
- Global Surveyors' Day:
March 21, 2026