

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 March 3, 2026, 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

Landscape Architects

Susan Dibble

Citizens

Troy Arnold, III

Members absent from the meeting with regrets:

Interior Designers

Arjun Kainth
Catherine Christian Stanley

Landscape Architects

Timothy Stromberg

Citizens

Justina Vasquez

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Laura McClintock, Director
Steve Kirschner, LRPD Director
Kate Nosbisch, Executive Director
Davon Jones, Administrative Coordinator
Ecila Williams, Licensing Operations Administrator
Kyle Mathews, Regulatory Operations Administrator
Greg Emerson, Director of Examinations
Joe Haughwout, Regulatory Affairs Manager
Jennifer Sayegh, Policy & Legislative Affairs Manager

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

Sathish Anabathula, Board for Professional and Occupational Regulations Liaison, was present.

Member of the audience:

Rebecca L. Golden, PE - Virginia Society of Professional Engineers (VSPE)

Mr. Arnold, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. Due to the absence of a quorum, the Board was unable to conduct official business requiring formal votes.

Call to Order

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

**Emergency
Evacuation
Procedures**

Because a quorum was not present, the Board was unable to formally approve the meeting agenda. Agenda approval was therefore deferred and will be considered at the next meeting.

**Approval of
Agenda**

The Board did not take action on the minutes from the November 14, 2025 APELSCIDLA Board Meeting or the Professional Engineers Section Meeting due to the lack of quorum. Approval of the minutes will be deferred to the next meeting.

**Approval of
Minutes**

Ms. Nosbisch welcomed and introduced Ms. Laura McClintock as the new Director, Mr. Sathish Anabathula as the new Board for Professional and Occupation Regulation (BPOR) Liaison Member and Mr. Kyle Mathews as the new Regulatory Operations Administrator. Ms. Nosbisch introduced an observer from another DPOR board. Board members, DPOR staff, and Counsel introduced themselves.

**Welcome and
Introductions**

Rebecca L. Golden, PE, representing the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers (VSPE), addressed the Board regarding proposed regulatory amendments and policy concerns. She referenced correspondence from the Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) indicating that professional engineers may perform soil evaluations and inspect wastewater facilities within their area of competency. Ms. Golden also expressed opposition to proposed language allowing international licensure by endorsement and recommended reliance on the NCEES Records program and Model Law Engineer standards to support licensure mobility within U.S. jurisdictions.

**Public Comment
Period**

Due to the lack of a quorum, the Board did not review or take action on the following disciplinary matters and informal fact-finding cases: **Consent Order – 2025-00001, Carl E. Duncan (Claytor); Consent Order – 2025-01103, Carl E. Duncan (Johnson); IFF – 2024-01140, K. J. Worrell (Johnson); and IFF – 2023-00931, John Wallace Blanchard (Price/Dreiling/Colley)**. Consideration of these cases was deferred to the next meeting.

Case Files

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

Examination Update

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

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Mathews provided the Board with an update on current regulatory activity affecting the Board. This included discussion of proposed withdrawals of previously initiated fast-track regulatory actions and the withdrawal of a proposed emergency amendment related to the Land Surveyor and Professional Engineer regulatory provisions. Mr. Mathews explained that the withdrawals would allow additional review and coordination before pursuing further regulatory action.

Regulatory Update

Mr. Mathews also provided an overview of the agency's ongoing regulatory review process conducted under the Virginia Administrative Process Act. This review evaluates existing regulations to ensure they remain necessary, effective, and consistent with statutory authority and current professional practice standards. He noted that staff continues to work on regulatory modernization efforts to improve clarity, remove outdated language, and ensure regulations remain aligned with current industry practices and administrative procedures. Updates will be provided to the Board as the review process continues.

Ms. Nobsch advised the Board regarding Interorganizational Council on Regulation (ICOR) overlap guidance document and its relevance to professional practice boundaries among design professions.

ICOR Overlap Guidance Document

Ms. Sayegh provided the Board with a legislative update regarding the current Virginia General Assembly session. She informed the Board that the General Assembly was in its 60-day session and that the agency had been monitoring a number of bills affecting the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation and its regulatory boards. Ms. Sayegh reviewed several agency-related bills, including legislation addressing revisions to the Callahan Act related to board fee structures, a bill expanding disciplinary options available to regulatory boards for minor or first-time violations, and legislation making permanent the Board's revised quorum requirements.

General Assembly Update

Ms. Sayegh also discussed a technical “cleanup” bill that includes non-substantive updates to portions of the APELSCIDLA statutes to correct references, update code language, and remove outdated terminology. She provided updates on the status of the legislation as it moves through the General Assembly process and noted expected next steps as the session progresses. Board members asked general questions regarding the proposed legislation and potential impacts on board operations and regulatory processes.

General Assembly Update (Cont.)

Ms. Nosbisch provided an update related to the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) and ongoing discussions regarding international reciprocity pathways for architects. She also informed the Board of the upcoming NCARB Regional Summit scheduled for March 19–21, 2026, and noted that the NCARB January Report had been distributed to Board members via email on February 18, 2026, for informational purposes.

Architects Update

The Board recessed from 11:59 a.m. to 12:29 p.m.

Recess

Ms. Peay departed the meeting at 11:59 p.m.

Departure of Assistant Attorney General

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Board regarding correspondence from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) clarifying that a professional engineer who designed a wastewater facility may inspect the construction and operation of the facility, provided the work is within the engineer’s area of competency and complies with applicable codes and regulations. Ms. Nosbisch also referenced information from the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) regarding certain local ordinances that require third-party oversight inspections to be performed by a licensed professional engineer.

Professional Engineers Update

Ms. Dibble departed the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Departure of Board Member

Mr. Emerson departed the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Departure of DPOR Staff

Mr. Frost departed the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

Departure of Board Member

Mr. Anabathula departed the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

Departure of BPOR Liaison

Ms. Nosbisch provided the Board with an update on the Land Surveyor State-Specific (LSS) and Land Surveyor B examination review sessions. She reported that subject matter experts met to review exam questions for accuracy, relevance, and alignment with current regulations and professional practice, including updating references and identifying questions that required revision or removal.

Land Surveyors Update

Board members who participated noted the sessions were productive and provided valuable insight into current examination expectations. Ms. Nosbisch also noted that upcoming regulatory changes were considered during the review process, with implementation of updated regulations and related system updates anticipated by May 1, prior to the availability of revised exams.

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Board that the Interorganizational Council on Regulation (ICOR) guidance document had been distributed to Board members via email on February 19, 2026, for informational purposes.

Certified Interior Designer Section Update

Ms. Nosbisch provided a brief update on the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) and noted that the examination processes are administered through national regulatory organization, The Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB).

Landscape Architect Update

Mr. Arnold provided the Board with the licensee counts as of January 1, 2026:

APELSCIDLA Businesses: 5,307
Architects: 7,858
Professional Engineers: 32,255
Certified Interior Designers: 476
Land Surveyors: 1,224
Land Surveyors B: 54
Land Surveyor Photogrammetrists: 87
Landscape Architects: 995
Total: 48,256

Licensed and Certified Population

Kevin Shreiner, LS, Board Member provided an informational presentation titled "Day in the Life of a Land Surveyor," highlighting the range of activities performed by professional land surveyors, including boundary surveys, historical deed research, preparation of plats, and coordination with engineering and infrastructure projects.

Day In A Life Of A Land Surveyor

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

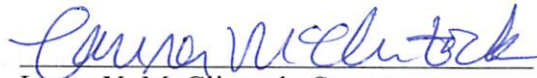
Conflict of Interest Forms / Travel Vouchers

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Adjourn



Troy Arnold, III, Chair



Laura V. McClintock, Secretary

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT**

TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government

- 1. Name: Troy Arnold
- 2. Title: Board Member
- 3. Agency: APELSCIDLA Board
- 4. Meeting/IFF Date: APELSCIDLA Board Meeting March 3, 2026

5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction:

I declare that I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

or

I did not participate in the transaction.

6. I **do not** have a personal interest in any transactions taken at this meeting.

Troy Arnold
Signature

3.3.26
Date

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government

- 1. Name: John S. Claytor
- 2. Title: Board Member
- 3. Agency: Land Surveyors Section/APELSCIDLA Board
- 4. Meeting/IFF Date: APELSCIDLA Board Meeting March 3, 2026

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- 1. Name: Tim Colley
- 2. Title: Board Member
- 3. Agency: Architects Section/APELSCIDLA Board
- 4. Meeting/IFF Date: APELSCIDLA Board Meeting March 3, 2026

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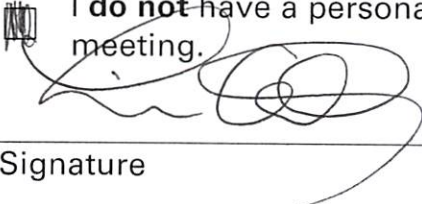
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- 1. Name: Richard Davenport
- 2. Title: Board Member
- 3. Agency: Professional Engineers Section/APELSCIDLA Board
- 4. Meeting/IFF Date: APELSCIDLA Board Meeting March 3, 2026

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NONE

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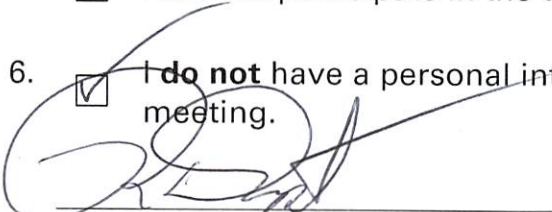
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for Officers and Employees of State Government

- 1. Name: Susan Dibble
- 2. Title: Board Member
- 3. Agency: Landscape Architects Section/APELSCIDLA Board
- 4. Meeting/IFF Date: APELSCIDLA Board Meeting March 3, 2026

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1. Name: Harry Falconer, Jr.
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Architects Section/APELSCIDLA Board
4. Meeting/IFF Date: APELSCIDLA Board Meeting March 3, 2026

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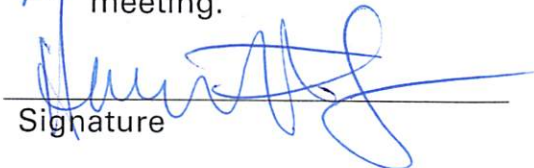
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- 1. Name: Douglas Frost
- 2. Title: Board Member
- 3. Agency: Professional Engineers Section/APELSCIDLA Board
- 4. Meeting/IFF Date: APELSCIDLA Board Meeting March 3, 2026

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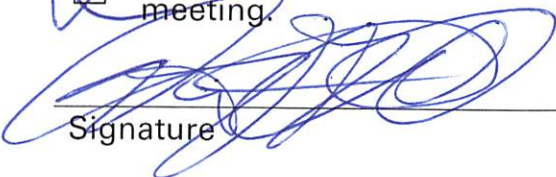
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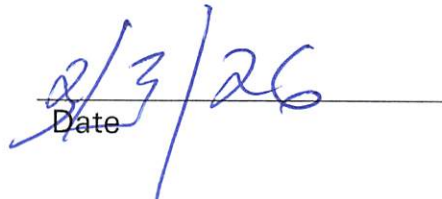
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- 1. Name: Frank Richardson
- 2. Title: Board Member
- 3. Agency: Land Surveyors Section/APELSCIDLA Board
- 4. Meeting/IFF Date: APELSCIDLA Board Meeting March 3, 2026

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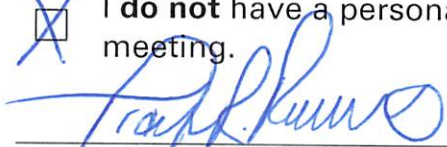
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1. Name: Kevin Shreiner
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Land Surveyors Section/APELSCIDLA Board
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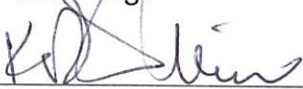
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1. Name: Frederick "Rick" Townsend
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Professional Engineers Section/APELSCIDLA Board
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