

**UTAH PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS
LICENSING BOARD**

Electronic Meeting

July 15, 2026, | 9:00 a.m.

CONVENED: 9:02 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:41 A.M.

Bureau Manager:

Stephen Duncombe

Board Secretary:

Nicole Herrera

Board Members Present:

Arthur LeBaron, Chair

Lisa Zundel

Benjamin Davis

Chris Kobayashi

Jessica Chappell

James Pitkin

Board Members not Present:

Guests:

Representative Walt Brooks

Tyler Melling

Hunter Hulet

DOPL Staff Present:

Adam Watson, Assistant Director

Allyson Pettley, Licensing Administrator

Karissa Gardner, Outreach

Jose Solis, ITAC

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes:

TIME: 3:40

The minutes dated May 20, 2026, were reviewed. Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Kobayashi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Outreach

TIME: 5:00

Ms. Gardner reminded the board members of items that she can assist the board with. Mr. Watson reminded the board of the ways they can use the Education and Enforcement Fund.

Investigations Report

TIME:

Mr. Main was unable to attend the meeting.

Compliance Reports

TIME:

Ms. Hill was unable to attend the meeting.

Education and Enforcement Fund

TIME: 9:15

Mr. Duncombe provided the Board with an update on the balance and the current licensee numbers. Items noted with no action taken.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

PLS SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS – MR. MELLING

TIME: 9:50

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Melling brought before the board the topic of Engineers wanting to pursue dual licensure as a Land Surveyor. Mr. Melling provided the board with some research into how other states are licensing these applicants. The board has decided to change some language in the Rule. The board will review the draft of the possible new language at the next meeting. Mr. Davis made a motion to table this item for the next meeting. Ms. Zundel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS NEW PLSS MODULE AND
PS EXAM CHANGES
TIME: 1:02:20

The board discussed the new PLSS module. Mr. Pitkin made a motion to adopt the new PLSS module. Ms. Chappell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INTERNATIONALLY TRAINED
APPLICANT CREDENTIALING-
JOSE SOLIS
TIME: 1:13:05

Mr. Solis presented the board with a proposed international competency pathway for engineers. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and International Professional Engineers Agreement (IPEA). These agreements recognize substantial equivalency of competency. NCEES is a signatory member of both.

DISCUSS POSITION ON
MBA COMMITTEE MOTION:
TIME: 1:35:40

The board discussed the position statement on MBA Committee Motion #1. Ms. Zundel made a motion in support. Ms. Chappell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Board Meeting:

September 16, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN:

Adjourned at 10:41 A.M.

Note: This report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript, but is intended to record the significant features of what was discussed in the meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily arranged in chronological order.

09/16/2026
Date Approved

Arthur O LeBaron
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Chairperson, Utah Professional Engineers and
Professional Land Surveyors Board

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Stephen Duncombe
Bureau Manager, Division of
Professional Licensing

