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- I AM NOT HERE TO SPEAK FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
- I AM NOT HERE TO SPEAK FOR THE STATE OR THE DEPARTMENT
- No matter what is said here today, be sure to check on your own for the most current laws, practices, rules, etc... Things can change!











We protect people and promote business in Michigan through transparent and accessible regulatory solutions.

BPL – Board of Professional Licensure

The mission of the Bureau of Professional Licensing is to protect, preserve and improve the health, safety and welfare of Michigan's citizens through the licensing and regulation of occupational and health professionals. The Bureau is designed to make the regulatory system simple, fair and efficient.



• The practice of [Professional] Engineering in the State of Michigan is regulated through the State Legislature.

OCCUPATIONAL CODE (EXCERPT) Act 299 of 1980

ARTICLE 20

339.2002 Boards of architects, professional engineers, and professional surveyors; creation; membership; terms; resignation, disability, or removal for cause.

Sec. 2002. (1) The boards of architects, of professional engineers, and of professional surveyors are created.

339.2004 Architect, professional engineer, and professional surveyor; licensing requirements.



9 MEMBERS PER BOARD:

5 Licensed Members

2 Public Members

1 Licensed Member each from the other 2 Boards

- Members are appointed by the governor
- Appointments can be for a partial term and up to two four-year terms
- Primary responsibility is to protect the public NOT promote personal agendas or those of the professional associations.

- Members provide expertise on the qualifications for licensure
- Members provide advice to the Department on the content of rules that apply to their profession. The Department must consult the Board when creating rules (Board serves in an advisory role)
- Boards sanction licensees as part of the disciplinary process
- Board members do NOT make policy and are not involved with the legislative process (JCAR – Joint Committee of Administrative Rules)
- Tie-in with national licensing groups: NCEES

MEETINGS

- 3 Meetings per year: January, May and September
- Joint Design Board Meeting in May
- Held in the Ottawa Building in Lansing
- Public Meetings Public can attend on-site or virtually
- Public comment Reserved for end of meeting, but Board cannot respond to the comments [at that time].
- Rules committee also meets at least once per year

Regulatory Functions

- Consent Agreements (License Surrender)
- Hearings
- Disciplinary Cases
 - Practicing without a license or registration
 - Fraud or deceit in obtaining a license
 - Misrepresentation, fraud, deceit, dishonesty in practice
 - Substandard Practice (Gross negligence/Incompetency)
 - Signing and sealing others work or failure to supervise unlicensed subordinates
 - Using an expired license
 - Using someone else's license as their own

Overview of an Occupational Code Case

Allegation filed with the Bureau

Bureau staff reviews the allegation and provides written acknowledgment to the complainant

Bureau conducts an investigation

If the investigation reveals sufficient evidence of a Code violation, the Bureau or the Department of Attorney General prepares one of the following: If the investigation reveals no evidence of a Code violation, the case is closed and the parties are notified.

- 1.) Citation
- 2.) Cease and Desist Order
- 3.) Formal Complaint

Complainant has the opportunity to provide additional information that may reopen the case.

Hints, tips, and cheat codes

- Attend BoPE meetings for up to 6 CEUs per period—1 hour per meeting (Rules Committee meetings not included) cebroker
- CE Broker site account to track CEUs
- Seal should have name AS IT IS ON YOUR LICENSE and full license number

THANK YOU!

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