

BELS

ALABAMA BOARD OF LICENSURE
FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND
LAND SURVEYORS

2024

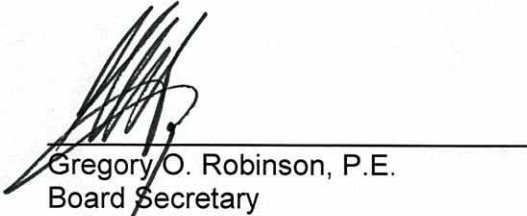
Established
1935

AFFIDAVIT

I hereby certify the attached 2024 Annual Report of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors contains factual information relating to the transactions of the preceding year and a complete statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Board. These transactions include financial, enforcement, and licensing statistics.



John E. Averrett, P.E.
Board Chair

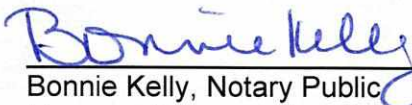


Gregory O. Robinson, P.E.
Board Secretary

STATE OF ALABAMA
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Before me, Bonnie Kelly, a notary public for the State of Alabama-at-Large personally appeared John E. Averrett, P.E., and Gregory O. Robinson, P.E., who being known to me and who being duly sworn, deposes and states that the foregoing facts are true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 11th day of December 2024.


Bonnie Kelly, Notary Public
My commission expires January 11, 2025.



BOARD INFORMATION

- BELS is comprised of nine members. Five professional engineers, two professional land surveyors, and two public members.
- All members are vetted by specific nominating committees. The committees then submit a list of three names to the Governor who makes the appointment.
- Board meetings are held every two months beginning in January and are open to the public.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The Board welcomes the opportunity to provide this report reflecting a review of its FY2024 operations. The Board was created in 1935 and operates under the authority of the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Sections 34-11-1 through 34-11-37. It is charged with licensing and regulating the professional practice of engineering and land surveying in the State of Alabama.

Code of Alabama 1975, Sec. 34-11-37(d)

In accordance with the Code of Alabama 1975 Section 34-11-37(d) this report contains records of the Board's transactions and a complete statement of its receipts and expenditures.

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OUR MISSION

The Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was established by legislative action in 1935. Its charter is to protect the public by helping to safeguard life, health, and property, and to promote the public welfare by providing for the licensing and regulation of persons in the practices of engineering and land surveying.

This purpose is achieved through the establishment of minimum qualifications for entry into the professions of engineering and land surveying, through the adoption of rules defining and delineating unlawful or unethical conduct, and through discipline for those individuals or entities who violate the applicable laws or rules.



BOARD MEMBERS



John Averrett, P.E., Chair



Nanette Baldwin, Vice Chair



Gregory Robinson, P.E., Secretary



Randy Whorton, P.E.



Joseph F. Breighner Jr., P.L.S.



Nathan Johnson, P.E., P.L.S



Elaine Walton, Public Member



James Pegues, P.E.



Fred R. DeLeon, Jr., P.E.

REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

REVENUE

FY 2023 Carry Forward		\$1,109,281.05
Renewals	\$2,310,800.00	
Reinstatements	\$238,600.00	
Applications Licensure	\$198,625.00	
Exams	\$3,200.00	
Fines	\$19,225.00	
Costs	\$5,455.00	
Civil Penalties	\$18,207.00	
Duplicate Certificates	\$1,825.00	
Sale of Surplus & Miscellaneous	\$1.12	
Wex Rebate	\$4.51	
Total Revenue Receipts	\$2,795,942.63	
Less: Civil Penalties	(\$18,207.00)	
Less: NIC Online Merchant Refunds	(\$1,300.00)	
NIC Refunds Not Yet Posted	\$250.00	
Total FY 24 Recognized Revenue	<u>\$2,776,685.63</u>	<u>\$2,776,685.63</u>

EXPENDITURES

Personnel Costs	\$565,836.30	
Employee Benefits	\$155,529.47	
Travel (In State)	\$15,942.12	
Travel (Out of State)	\$21,230.49	
Repairs Maintenance	\$1,327.50	
Rentals Leases	\$131,473.71	
Utilities Communications	\$17,599.73	
Professional Services	\$267,690.06	
Supplies, Materials Operating Expenses	\$51,594.31	
Transportation Equipment Operations	\$1,721.85	
Other Equipment Purchases	<u>\$3,224.33</u>	
TOTAL FY 2024 EXPENDITURES	(\$1,233,169.87)	
Transfer to General Fund	(\$378,887.58)	
TOTAL FY 23 EXPENDITURES in FY 24	<u>(\$35,463.63)</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>(\$1,647,521.08)</u>
Cash Fund Balance		<u>\$2,238,445.60</u>
Less FY 23 Remaining Encumbrances		
Less FY 23 Year End Accounts Payable		
Less FY 24 Encumbrances	<u>(\$109,694.50)</u>	
		<u>(\$109,694.50)</u>
Total Unobligated Cash		<u>\$2,128,751.10</u>

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

ENGINEERING is defined as any professional service or creative work, the adequate performance of which requires engineering education, training, and experience in the application of special knowledge of the mathematical, physical and engineering sciences to such services or creative work as a consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, design and design coordination of engineering works and systems, planning the use of land and water, for the purpose of monitoring compliance with drawings and specification insofar as they involve safeguarding life, health or property.

Licenses Issued	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total
PE	328	337	284	235	1,184

PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

LAND SURVEYING is defined as a professional service that includes, but is not limited to, consultation, project coordination, investigation, testimony, evaluation, planning, mapping, assembling and interpreting reliable scientific measurements and information relative to the location, size, shape, areas, volumes, or physical features on the earth, or any part of the earth, and the utilization and development of these acts and interpretation into an orderly survey map, plan, report, description, or project.

The practice of land surveying includes professional services using such sciences as mathematics and geodesy, and involving the making of geometric measurements and gathering related information pertaining to the physical or legal features of the earth, the space on, above, or below the earth, and providing, utilizing, or developing the same land survey products such as graphics, data, maps, plans, reports, descriptions, or projects.

Licenses Issued	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total
PLS	6	11	7	4	28

TOTAL LICENSEES BY YEAR

Year	PE		Year	PLS
FY2024	17,691		FY2024	1,021
FY2023	17,973		FY2023	1,081
FY2022	17,023		FY2022	1,044
FY2021	16,199		FY2021	1,110

CERTIFICATES

ENGINEER INTERNS

Engineer Interns are typically graduates of an approved engineering curriculum of four years or more from a school or college approved by the board who have successfully passed a board approved examination in the fundamental engineering subjects.

Type	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total
Engineer	46	60	82	57	245

LAND SURVEYOR INTERNS

Land Surveyor Interns are typically graduates of a land surveying or civil engineering curriculum of four years or more including a minimum of 15 semester hours or 22.5 quarter hours of land surveying courses and successfully have passed a board approved examination in the fundamentals of surveying.

Type	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total
Surveyor	1	2	1	3	7

COMPANIES

A company desiring to offer engineering or land surveying services to the public is permitted to do so through individual licensed Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors.

CERTIFICATES ISSUED FY2024

Type	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total
Engineering	36	65	84	74	259
Land Surveying	10	7	10	6	33

TOTAL CERTIFICATED COMPANIES

FY 2024	Engineering	3,290		FY2024	Surveying	432
FY2023	Engineering	3,354		FY2023	Surveying	460
FY2022	Engineering	3,078		FY2022	Surveying	425

COMPLAINTS

The Code of Alabama Title 34 Chapter 11 charges the Board to investigate any complaint relating to a violation of the chapter and, if a violation is discovered, to proceed in accordance with the rules outlined.

In FY2024 the Board received fifty-three complaints and resolved forty-five complaints involving professional engineers, professional land surveyors and un-licensed individuals or firms offering engineering and/or land surveying services.

RECEIVED RESOLVED

Professional Engineers	19	12
Unlicensed Engineering - Individual	6	7
Professional Land Surveyors	10	13
Engineering Companies	3	2
Land Surveying Companies	2	1
Unlicensed Engineering Company	13	10
TOTAL	53	45

CLOSED COMPLAINT ACTIONS

Method Complaint Closed	No Action	Informal Action (Not Discipline)	Formal Action (Discipline)
Professional Engineers	3	3	6
Unlicensed Engineering - Individual	2	-	5
Professional Land Surveyors	5	1	7
Engineering Companies	-	-	2
Land Surveying Companies	-	-	1
Unlicensed Engineering Company	-	1	9
Total	10	5	30

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