

**Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors  
Conference Call - Tuesday, June 13, 2017**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was held on **Tuesday, June 13, 2017**, via teleconference.

**Board Members Present:**

Bill Womack  
Rus Pennington  
Neil Wyche  
Taylor Wright  
Dan Davis  
Julie Busbee  
Elmo Richardson

**Absent Board Members:**

Darien Sykes  
Mark Chastain

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Darren Mickler - Executive Director  
Logan Malcom – Board Support Specialist  
Max Changus – Senior Assistant Attorney General

**Open Session**

After a discussion of proposed New Rule 180-3-.05, Elmo Richardson made a motion to post the following rule. Rus Pennington seconded that motion.

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED  
AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF  
REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND  
SURVEYORS  
RULE 180-3.05, “LICENSURE OF VETERANS AND MILITARY  
SPOUSES.”  
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (hereinafter “Board”) proposes an amendment to the Board Rules, RULE 180-3-.05, “Licensure of Veterans and Military Spouses” (herein after “proposed rule amendment”). The Board voted to post this notice of adoption at a meeting On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The proposed rule

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amendment creates a rule that defines the requirements for expedited licensure for veterans and military spouses. This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (478) 207-2440.

**A public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Secretary of State's Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia 31217** to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment.

At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for official record. Oral statements should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business (5:00 P.M.) on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa Durden, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Telephone (478) 207-2440 or fax (866) 888-9718.

The Board will consider the proposed rule amendment for adoption at a meeting scheduled to begin at 9:35 a.m. on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Secretary of State's Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors has the authority to adopt a proposed rule amendment to Rule 180-3-.05 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-34, 43-15-4, 43-15-6, 43-15-9, 43-15-13, 43-15-14 and 43-15-16

At its meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-34, 43-15-4, 43-15-6, 43-15-9, 43-15-13, 43-15-14 and 43-15-16

Additionally, at the meeting, the Board voted that it was legal and feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-34, 43-15-4, 43-15-6, 43-15-9, 43-15-13, 43-15-14 and 43-15-16 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. §

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50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the fields of engineering and land surveying.

**Rule 180-3-.05 Licensure of veterans and military spouses.**

(1) As used in this Rule:

- (a) "Military" means the United States armed forces, including the National Guard.
- (b) "Military spouse" means the spouse of a service member or transitioning service member.
- (c) "Professional Engineer" or "PE" means a person who is registered as a Professional Engineer under the provisions of Chapter 15 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
- (d) "Land Surveyor" or "LS" means a person who is registered as a Land Surveyor under the provisions of Chapter 15 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
- (e) "Service member" means an active or reserve member of the United States armed forces, including the National Guard.
- (f) "Transitioning service member" means a member of the military or active duty status or on separation leave who is within 24 months of retirement or 12 months of separation.

(2) Expedited applications. Effective July 1, 2017, military spouses and transitioning service members may qualify for expedited processing of a license application by showing that the applicant is a military spouse or transitioning service member and that the applicant has paid the fee and meets all requirements for a license issued under Chapter 15 of Title 43.

(3) Licensure by comity of service members, transitioning service members, and military spouses. A service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse may qualify for a license by comity where the applicant:

- (a) holds a license in good standing from another state for which the training, experience, and testing substantially meets or exceeds the requirements under Georgia law to obtain a license as a PE or LS;
- (b) submits to the Board a verification of licensure from the appropriate licensing agency of another state showing that the applicant's active license is in good standing in that state;
- (c) submits documentation satisfactory to the Board which verifies the applicant's status as a service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse;
- (d) submits a completed application for licensure by comity on a form approved by the Board, pays the required fee, and requests a license by comity.

(4) Education, training, and experience obtained while in the military. A service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse may obtain credit for education and experience obtained while in the military that is required for licensure by Chapter 15 of Title 43 if he or she:

- (a) submits documentation of graduation from a college or university with the major and/or hourly requirements that substantially meet or exceed the requirements under Georgia law for licensure as a PE or LS;

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- (b) submits documentation showing years of experience doing acceptable work performed under the supervision of a person whose credentials are acceptable to the Board which meet the requirements for licensure under Georgia law;
- (c) submits documentation satisfactory to the Board which verifies the applicant's status as a service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse;
- (d) submits proof of passing the examinations required for licensure; and
- (e) submits a completed application on a form approved by the Board for approval to take the licensure examination or for licensure and pays the required fee.

O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-34, 43-15-4, 43-15-6, 43-15-9, 43-15-13, 43-15-14 and 43-15-16

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Logan Malcom, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Darren Mickler, Executive Director

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William Womack, President

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These minutes were accepted on: