



**State of Washington
Board of Registration for
Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors**

RCW 18.43 Task Force Minutes

August 3, 2022 – 8:00 a.m.

Microsoft Teams Meeting (virtual)

Committee: Marjorie Lund, PE, SE, Chair
Ivan VanDeWege, PE
James Wengler, PLS

Staff: Ken Fuller, PE, Director
Shanan Gillespie, Regulatory Program Manager
Jill Short, Investigations & Compliance Manager
Elizabeth Lagerberg, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors: Van Collins, ACEC
Sharon Zimmerman, PE

Meeting began at 8:07 a.m.

1. Discussion Topics

- RCW 18.43 Language Proposal

Ms. Lund led a discussion about the draft amended language for RCW 18.43.033-Pro-Tem membership, adding language that would allow an On-Site Designer as a pro-tem member(which is currently not allowed under the statute), and 18.43.100 -FE Waiver for those applicants that are already licensed in another jurisdiction and have a certain amount of experience.

Mr. VanDeWege provided background on the EQC's work on the FE waiver language. Mr. Fuller provided background on the PC's work on the pro-tem language.

Ms. Lund asked staff about the next steps in the process. Mr. Fuller stated that within the next couple of months, stakeholder meetings need to take place to gain stakeholder agreement or come up with alternative language that can be agreed upon. September 15th would be the latest time to introduce the changes to the Governor's Office. He will further verify the process and report back.

Ms. Lagerberg requested clarification of what language is being proposed to go before the legislature and was told that the current proposals were the "pro-tem,"

“FE” and “clean-up” but that no proposals on use of the term engineer would be included this year.

There was discussion about whether to include the clean-up language this year or limit the proposed legislation to the FE Waiver and pro-tem language. Mr. Collins commented that if you split up the language amendments and go before the legislature two years in a row, you may not have the support needed to accomplish the changes. Practice Committee will discuss whether to do both clean-up and FE/Pro Tem or split the two and do the FE/Pro-Tem this year.

Ms. Zimmerman questioned the sense of urgency of the pro-tem issue. She also requested that when staff provides draft language to stakeholders that a background statement be included so the stakeholders understand the position of the board.

In response, Ms Lund explained that board member Gnanapragasam handles on-site complaints and her term will be ending next year, and we would like to have a pro-term member from the on-site community to further support our investigation process. Ms. Zimmerman also commented that when a RCW is open, other legislators may also add suggested changes.

Mr. Fuller stated he will get the draft language, including a background statement, to Mr. Collins and Ms. Zimmerman soon after the Practice Committee meeting.

2. Recommendation to Practice Committee:


Task Force did not have consensus on a recommendation to the Practice Committee on the draft language, so they are providing 2 options.

Option 1: Mr. Wengler and Ms. Lund would like to recommend that the Practice Committee make a recommendation to the Board to only update language for RCW 18.43.033- Pro-Tem membership – adding an On-Site Designer as a pro-tem member, and 18.43.100 -FE Waiver for those applicants that are already licensed in another jurisdiction.

Option 2: Mr. VanDeWege would like to recommend that the Practice Committee not only make the recommendation for the two sections mentioned, but to also recommend that the Board move forward with the housekeeping language in the other sections as well.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.



Marjorie Lund, PE, SE, Task Force Chair

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Date