

FIELD NOTES

TENNESSEE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LAND SURVEYORS

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Upcoming Board Meetings

January 30-31, 2014

April 10-11, 2014

July 31 - August 1, 2014

October 23-24, 2014

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Update from the Chairman of the Professional Land Surveyors Board

Tim Lingerfelt

The Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exam, also known as the Professional Land Surveyor-in-Training (PLSIT) exam, will convert to computer-based exams beginning in January 2014. Visit <http://cbt.ncees.org/> for more information. Applications for these exams will be processed and presented for Board approval on a continuous basis. For 2014, the deadlines to have your FS applications in to the board for review are January 15, March 15, July 15 and September 15. After Board approval, all examinees will complete their exams at their local Pearson VUE testing center <http://cbt.ncees.org/where-will-i-take-my-exam/>. There are testing centers located in Nashville, Memphis, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Martin and Johnson City as well as throughout the U.S. and abroad. The Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) will be administered by Pearson VUE during four testing windows throughout the year: January–February, April–May, July–August, and October–November. Registration will be open year-round; however, you must apply to the Board first and be approved to take this exam.

The six-hour Principles of Surveying (PS) exam and the two-hour Tennessee Specifics of Surveying (TS) exam will continue to be paper-and-pencil exams in 2014; however, the PS exam transitioned from an open book exam to a closed book exam with a supplied reference book as of the spring 2013. Although the PS exam will remain in the traditional pencil-and-paper format for the next term, NCEES will eventually convert this exam to computer based testing. At the NCEES 2012 annual meeting, a motion was introduced and passed that NCEES would develop a CBT for the PS exam as soon as is feasible. For information on the projected turnaround time frame, please read the NCEES online article "NCEES approves expanding computer based testing to PS exams at 2012 annual meeting". <http://cbt.ncees.org/ncees-approves-expanding-computer-based-testing-to-pe-ps-exams-at-2012-annual-meeting/>

Board News:

A rulemaking hearing to promulgate changes to Chapter 0820-04 Rules of Professional Conduct and Chapter 0820-05 Continuing Education was held on October 24, 2013 at 9:00 am in Conference Room 1-B of the Davy Crockett Tower, Nashville, TN 37243. After review by the Attorney General's office, the rules will be sent to the Secretary of State's Publication Division. The rules become effective 90 days from the date of filing unless the agency files a stay or withdraws.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD

Respondent: David H. Parsons, Westpoint, TN
Violation: The Respondent failed to report knowledge of unlicensed conduct possible violation of the Board's law and rules.
Action: \$1000.00 civil penalty.

Respondent: Devon R. Acheson, Linden, TN
Violation: Failure to comply with requirements of Board consent order entered in 2010.
Action: Respondent's land surveyor registration suspended for 6 months and indefinitely until he pays \$850 in unpaid civil penalties owed pursuant to the September 2010 consent order and delivers to the Administrative Director evidence that he has completed the corrective education required by said order, and until he pays \$477 in investigatory and hearing costs.

Respondent: John S. Barnhill, Orlando, FL
Violation: Respondent assisted an unlicensed individual in the practice of land surveying by providing his stamp for drawings he did not prepare and over which he did not exercise responsible charge.
Action: Surrender of license as professional land surveyor as if revoked.

EXAM DATES

- 1) The Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) will be administered during four testing windows throughout the year: January–February, April–May, July–August, and October–November. Registration will be open year-round; however, you must apply to the Board first and be approved to take this exam. Deadlines to have FS applications (new AND retakes) in to the board office: January 15, March 15 and July 15, and September 15.
- 2) April 11-12, 2014 - Deadline to have PS and TS applications (new AND retakes) in to the board office: January 15, 2014.

IN MEMORIAM

Kenneth Sorrells, #2463	Gary Fugate, #1745
Phillip Carter, #204	Bobby J. Howard, #2218
John M. Winger, #504	Clarence Nunley, #445
Clarence B. Goodrum, #1506	Jack Brenner, #980

The Board and Staff wish to extend our sympathies to the families and friends of these individuals who have honored their profession.

If you have a name that should be recognized in this section, please contact the Board office.

CANDIDATES WHO PASSED THE 2013 FS EXAM

Britton Allen Elmore
 Grayson William Smith

Thomas Michael Hipp
 William Shane Ball
 Patrick Steven Finn
 Mark Isaac Luke

CANDIDATES WHO PASSED THE APRIL 2013 PS and/or TS EXAMS

John Stephen Maholland
 Scott T. Prather
 Tyler Gregg McCoy

Ronnie Jackson Joiner
 Benjamin Avery Hardin
 James Bryant Abt
 Travis Norman Pruitt, Jr.
 Bryan Kelly Lovan
 Matthew Lee Blackwell
 Jonathan Kevin Gardner

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The Board would like to welcome new board member James (Jay) Caughman. Mr. Caughman fills the seat vacated by David Cagle, whose term on the board expired June 30, 2013. Mr. Caughman represents West Tennessee.

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- Changes to Fees** – Rulemaking Hearings related to Fees
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