

KSBTTP NEWSLETTER

December 2020

The Kansas State Board of Technical Professions routinely releases current news on the homepage of their [website](#). Archived news releases and newsletters may be located on the [News Item](#) page. This newsletter highlights news the Board has shared over fiscal year 2020 for your convenience!



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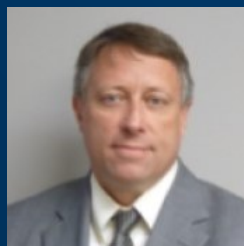
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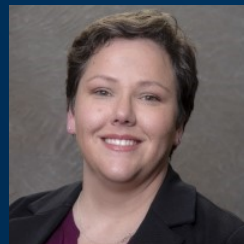
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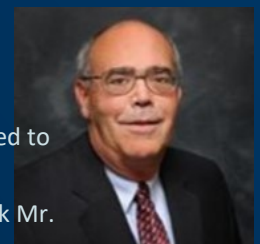
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Maurice Bowersox has retired from the Board. Mr. Bowersox was appointed to the Board in July 2012. He served as the 2018 Board Chair. He was also a member of numerous professional and community organizations. We thank Mr. Bowersox for his years of service on the Board. We will miss him and wish him well in retirement.



IMPORTANT DATES

Please join us in welcoming all of the new licensees in the Rotunda of the State Capitol Building on February 12, 2021 at 3:00p.m. (may be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions). The ceremony is in partnership between the Board, the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers, the Kansas Society of Land Surveyors, the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists, the American Institute of Architects in Kansas, and the Prairie Gateway Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. The ceremony is to honor those individuals who have recently passed their licensing exams. The ceremony will be held in the Kansas Capitol, 2nd Floor Rotunda.

New licensees will receive an invitation by mail. Family members, supervisors, mentors and members of their firms are invited to attend to help celebrate this very important step in their career.

2021 Licensure Ceremony Dates:

February 12, 2021 (may be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions)

2021 Board Meeting Dates:

February 11-12, 2021

April 15-16, 2021

2020-2021 Renewal Dates:

Certificates of Authorization (A-L)

November 2—December 31, 2020

Landscape Architects (A-L)

November 1—December 31, 2020

Surveyors (M-Z)

January 31—March 31, 2021

Engineers (M-Z)

March 1—April 30, 2021

Architects (M-Z)

May 1—June 30, 2021

Geologists (M-Z)

May 1—June 30, 2021

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Photo of Kansas State Capitol courtesy of kansastravel.org

Executive Order's

The Governor has issued several Executive Order's requiring all State licensing authorities to extend the renewal deadline for licenses that expire during the State of Emergency Disaster Declaration. Please check our website (ksbtp.ks.gov) for the latest information. If the licenses were in good standing on March 12, 2020 then the current extension lasts until December 15, 2020. Licenses that were current and valid on March 12, 2020 will remain valid until the extension expires. The Executive Order also requires licensing authorities to extend the deadlines for continuing education requirements.

Also, per the Governor's Executive Order, the State Board of Technical Professions will not apply any late, delinquent, penalty, or expiration fees to renewals that meet the requirements above. Fees and penalties will be applied for licenses covered by the Order that are not renewed within the extension period, for licenses that expire after the State of Emergency Disaster ends and are not renewed within the standard deadlines, and for licenses that expired before March 12, 2020 and were not renewed within the standard deadlines.

Notice!

Revised KSBTP regulations became effective 12/4/2020

For links to the revised regulations please visit our website (ksbtp.ks.gov) or page 5 of the newsletter.

Online Applications! Surveyor's by Exam can now apply for licensure online

The Professional Surveyor by Exam application is now available online!

Please visit our website (ksbtp.ks.gov) to complete and submit the online application.

KSBTP hopes to offer all applications online by the end of 2021.

NCARB

NCARB will begin offering the option to take the ARE through online proctoring beginning December 14, 2020.

NCEES computer based testing

NCEES has fast-tracked the computer based testing transition of the PE Civil exam to 2022 in response to Covid-19. The transition was planned to take place in 2023.

Continuing Education Audits for All Professions

The KSBTP conducts post-renewal audits to ensure compliance with [Kansas continuing education rules and regulations](#). A percentage of all actively licensed professionals are audited annually. It is your responsibility to comply with the KS CE requirements. For additional guidance please contact KSBTP staff.

2020 Amended Regulations

The following revised regulation was effective January 17, 2020.

[66-15-1 Fees](#)

The following revised regulations were effective December 4, 2020.

[66-6-1 Seals and Signatures](#)

[66-6-10 License Statuses](#)

[66-7-1 Applications](#)

[66-8-3 Engineering examinations](#)

[66-8-4 Professional surveyor examinations](#)

[66-9-5 Surveying curriculum approved by the board](#)

[66-10-4 Landscape architecture work experience](#)

[66-10-9 Engineering experience](#)

[66-10-10\(b\) Surveying experience required of a graduate in a four-year related science curriculum other than land surveying or engineering.](#)

[66-10-10 \(c\) Surveying experience required of an applicant who completed 12 semester hours of approved surveying coursework.](#)

[66-10-12 Surveying experience](#)

[66-10-13 Geology experience](#)

[66-11-5 Admission requirements for fundamentals of surveying examination.](#)

The following revised regulations regarding Continuing Education were effective December 4, 2020.

[66-14-1 Requirements](#)

[66-14-2 Definitions](#)

[66-14-3 Continuing Education Activities](#)

[66-14-5 Computation of Credit](#)

[66-14-6 Exemptions](#)

[66-14-7 Records](#)

[66-14-8 Reinstatement](#)

[66-14-9 Proof of Compliance](#)

[66-14-10 Licensure in Another Jurisdiction](#)

[66-14-11 Dual license](#)

[66-14-12 Disallowance](#)

KSBTP By The Numbers

License Type	09/30/2019	09/30/2020
Individuals	Number of Licenses	Number of Licenses
Architect	2920	3084
Engineer	13,026	13,696
Geologist	599	610
Landscape Architect	373	385
Land Surveyor	670	676
TOTAL	17,588	18,451

Business Entities	Number of Licenses	Number of Licenses
Architect	661	691
Engineer	1,714	1,827
Geologist	95	96
Landscape Architect	79	80
Land Surveyor	177	185
TOTAL	2,726	2,879

Individuals	Resident	Non-Resident
Architect	30%	70%
Engineer	32%	68%
Geologist	54%	46%
Landscape Architect	37%	63%
Land Surveyor	50%	50%



REMINDER TO ALL LICENSEES:

- Sign and date ACROSS your Kansas seal
- Use black or blue ink
- Electronic seals are NOT permitted
- Digital seals are acceptable

Review seals & signature info on our website!

Disciplinary Action Taken by the Board

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL PROFESSIONS DISCIPLINARY REPORT DECEMBER 2020

IN THE MATTER OF ROBERT BENNETT, JR PS CASE NO. 19-12

Summary: In September of 2018 the Board office received a complaint regarding Robert Bennett, Jr. The complaint alleged a violation of Kansas Administrative Regulation 66-6-4(u) when Licensee failed to meet the minimum standards for the practice of surveying. The complaint centered around a survey completed by Mr. Bennett that allegedly was incorrect and caused a property line dispute. The board assigned an investigator on these allegations in September of 2018.

Board Action: The board found Mr. Bennett in violation of K.S.A 74-7026(a)(4).

Specifically, failing to meet the minimum standards for the practice of surveying and failing to complete a survey.

The conduct of Mr. Bennett, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

Board Action: Mr. Bennett entered into a Settlement Agreement and Consent Order with the Board, to which he admitted the violation. Furthermore Mr. Bennett was fined in the amount of \$500.00 and for costs incurred totaling \$2,610 for a total amount due of \$3,110.

Status: The fine and costs have been paid in full as of 12/23/2019.

IN THE MATTER OF ROGER BLAIR CASE NO 19-49

Summary: In February of 2019 the Board office received a self-report from Roger Blair. There was pending disciplinary action against Mr. Blair from the Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design for failing to report disciplinary action taken against his license in the State of Texas. Mr. Blair was disciplined in Texas for failing to practice engineering in an honest, ethical, professional, careful and diligent manner. Mr. Blair's Minnesota license was suspended until such time he furnished to the Minnesota Board proof that he satisfied all conditions placed on his Texas license to practice engineering in the State of Texas.

Board Action: The board found Mr. Blair in violation of K.S.A 74-7026(a)(4) and K.AR. 66-6-4(s).

Specifically, Mr. Blair's license was suspended by the State of Minnesota related to disciplinary action taken on his license to practice as a professional engineer in the State of Texas.

The conduct of Mr. Blair, suspension of a professional license by another jurisdiction, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

Board Action: Mr. Blair entered into a Consent Agreement and Final Order with the Board, to which he admitted the violation. Furthermore, a condition was placed on Mr. Blair's license for a one-year term. Mr. Blair will submit quarterly reports outlining projects that occurred.

Status: All reports have been submitted as of 4/16/2020.

Disclaimer: Every effort has been made to ensure that the following enforcement information is correct; however, this information should not be relied upon without verification from the Kansas board office. It should be noted that the names of companies and individuals listed may be similar to the names of parties who have not had enforcement actions taken against them. Disciplinary orders are public information and copies may be obtained by contacting the board office.

IN THE MATTER OF SMART HOUSE CONSULTANTS OF AMERICA INC. CASE NO. 19-72

Summary: In May of 2019 the Board office received a complaint regarding Mr. Kelly Parker, P.E. and Smart House Consultants. The complaint alleged that Smart House Consultants was offering engineering surveys without a Certificate of Authorization. The complaint centered around a written Engineering Roof Inspection report on Smart House Consultants letterhead.

Board Action: The board found Smart House Consultants in violation of K.S.A 74-7036(a).

Specifically, a business entity organized for the practice of one or more of the technical professions shall obtain a certificate of authorization.

The conduct of Smart House Consultants, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

Board Action: Smart House Consultants entered into a Settlement Agreement and Consent Order with the Board to which he admitted the violation. Furthermore Smart House Consultants was fined in the amount of \$500.

Status: The fine and costs have been paid in full and the case was closed on 12/12/2019.

IN THE MATTER OF DEL POPOLO ARCHITECTURE UNLICENSED CASE NO. 19-78

Summary: In May of 2019 the Board office received a complaint regarding Del Popolo Architecture. The complaint alleged a violation of surveying without a Certificate of Authorization.

Board Action: The board found Del Popolo Architecture in violation of K.S.A 74-7026(a)(3)

Specifically, conducting architectural services in the State of Kansas without a Certificate of Authorization.

The conduct of Del Popolo Architecture, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

Board Action: Del Popolo Architecture entered into a Settlement Agreement and Consent Order with the Board to which they admitted the violation. Furthermore, Del Popolo Architecture was fined in the amount of \$500.

Status: The fine and costs have been paid in full and the case was closed 12/12/2019.

IN THE MATTER OF CHARLES MADER PE12870 CASE NO. 19-81

Summary: In May of 2019 the Board office received a self-report from Mr. Mader. Mr. Mader advises that 8 years ago he was accused of corporate wrongdoing. He states his court case was resolved in December 2018 where he accepted a plea deal and plead to one felony count.

Board Action: The board found Mr. Mader in violation of K.S.A 74-7036(a)

Specifically, Mr. Mader has been convicted of a felony.

The conduct of Mr. Mader, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

Board Action: Mr. Mader was issued a Summary Proceeding Order by the Board. Furthermore, Mr. Mader was publicly reprimanded.

Status: The case was closed 4/16/2020.

IN THE MATTER OF TIMOTHY DUGGAN, LA CASE NO. 20-13

Summary: In January of 2019 Timothy Duggan renewed his license certifying “I have complied with the board’s requirements for 30 PDHs of continuing education to renew my license.” In March of 2019 the Board office mailed Mr. Duggan the 1st Audit notice. In May of 2019 the Board office mailed the 2nd Audit notice. The Final notice was mailed in May 2019. No response was received from Mr. Duggan.

Board Action: The board found Mr. Duggan in violation of K.S.A 74-7026(a)(4)

Specifically, Mr. Duggan failed to cooperate with the Board in its investigation of his possible violation of K.S.A. 74-7001. Respondent failed to respond to the Board’s request to provide documentation evidencing completion of the required 30 PDH’s of acceptable continuing education.

The conduct of Mr. Duggan, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

Board Action: Mr. Duggan’s license was suspended.

Status: License suspended.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERRILL ASSOCIATES, INC CASE NO 20-16

Summary: In September of 2019 the Board office received a complaint regarding Sherrill Associates, Inc. The complaint the business was performing survey services without a Certificate of Authorization.

Board Action: The board found Sherrill Associates, Inc. in violation of K.S.A 74-7036(a).

Specifically, surveying in the State of Kansas without a Certificate of Authorization.

Board Action: Sherrill Associates, Inc. entered into a Settlement Agreement and Consent Order with the Board to which they admitted the violation. Furthermore, Sherrill Associates, Inc. was fined in the amount of \$500.

Status: The fine has been paid in full and the case was closed 12/12/2019.

IN THE MATTER OF BRANDON OAKES CASE NO 20-40

Summary: In March of 2019 Brandon Oakes renewed his license certifying “I have complied with the board’s requirements for 30 PDHs of continuing education to renew my license.” In July of 2019 the Board office mailed Mr. Oakes the 1st Audit notice. In August of 2019 the Board office mailed the 2nd Audit notice. The Final notice was mailed in August 2019. No response was received from Mr. Oakes.

Board Action: The board found Mr. Oakes in violation of K.S.A 74-7026(a)(4)

Specifically, Mr. Oakes failed to cooperate with the Board in its investigation of his possible violation of K.S.A. 74-7001. Respondent failed to respond to the Board’s request to provide documentation evidencing completion of the required 30 PDH’s of acceptable continuing education.

The conduct of Mr. Oakes, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

Board Action: Mr. Oakes’s license was suspended.

Status: License suspended

IN THE MATTER OF SCOTT TARR CASE NO 20-41

Summary: In April of 2019 Scott Tarr renewed his license certifying “I have complied with the board’s requirements for 30 PDHs of continuing education to renew my license.” In July of 2019 the Board office mailed Mr. Tarr the 1st Audit notice. In August of 2019 the Board office mailed the 2nd Audit notice. The Final notice was mailed in August 2019. No response was received from Mr. Tarr.

Board Action: The board found Mr. Tarr in violation of K.S.A 74-7026(a)(4)

Specifically, Mr. Tarr failed to cooperate with the Board in its investigation of his possible violation of K.S.A. 74-7001. Respondent failed to respond to the Board’s request to provide documentation evidencing completion of the required 30 PDH’s of acceptable continuing education.

The conduct of Mr. Tarr, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

Board Action: Mr. Tarr’s license was suspended.

Status: License suspended

IN THE MATTER OF JASON SIMPSON CASE NO 20-43

Summary: In June of 2019 Jason Simpson renewed his license certifying “I have complied with the board’s requirements for 30 PDHs of continuing education to renew my license.” In September of 2019 the Board office mailed Mr. Simpson the 1st Audit notice. In September of 2019 the Board office received an audit form from Mr. Simpson submitting documentation that he completed all 30 PDHs required for renewal between September 6, 2019 through September 17, 2019. All PDHs were obtained after the renewal date. In December 2019 an audit disallowance form was mailed to Mr. Simpson.

Board Action: The board found Mr. Simpson in violation of K.S.A 74-7026(a)(4)

Specifically, Mr. Simpson failed to complete any of the PDHs required for renewal of his architect license.

The conduct of Mr. Simpson, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

Board Action: Mr. Simpson was fined \$1,000.

Status: The fine was paid and the case was closed 4/16/2020.

IN THE MATTER OF PETER ZIMMER CASE NO 20-48

Summary: In April of 2019 Peter Zimmer renewed his license certifying “I have complied with the board’s requirements for 30 PDHs of continuing education to renew my license.” In July of 2019 the Board office mailed Mr. Zimmer the 1st Audit notice. In August of 2019 the Board office mailed the 2nd Audit notice. The Final notice was mailed in August 2019. No response was received from Mr. Zimmer.

Board Action: The board found Mr. Zimmer in violation of K.S.A 74-7026(a)(4)

Specifically, Mr. Zimmer failed to cooperate with the Board in its investigation of his possible violation of K.S.A. 74-7001. Respondent failed to respond to the Board’s request to provide documentation evidencing completion of the required 30 PDH’s of acceptable continuing education.

The conduct of Mr. Zimmer, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

Board Action: Mr. Zimmer’s license was suspended.

Status: License suspended

IN THE MATTER OF ALFRED SCHOPP CASE NO 20-50

Summary: In May of 2019 Alfred Schopp renewed his license certifying “I have complied with the board’s requirements for 30 PDHs of continuing education to renew my license.” In September of 2019 the Board office mailed Mr. Schopp the 1st Audit notice. In October of 2019 the Board office mailed the 2nd Audit notice. The Final notice was mailed in October 2019. In January 2020 the Board office received CE documentation from Mr. Schopp submitting documentation that he completed all 30 PDHs between October 28, 2019 and January 11, 2020. All PDHs were obtained after the renewal date.

Board Action: The board found Mr. Schopp in violation of K.S.A 74-7026(a)(4)

Specifically, Mr. Schopp failed to complete any of the PDHs required for renewal of his architect license.

The conduct of Mr. Schopp, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

Board Action: Mr. Schopp was fined \$1,000.

Status: The fine was paid and the case was closed 9/17/2020.

IN THE MATTER OF TRAVIS WILSON CASE NO 20-63

Summary: In June of 2019 Travis Wilson renewed his license certifying “I have complied with the board’s requirements for 30 PDHs of continuing education to renew my license.” In September of 2019 the Board office mailed Mr. Wilson the 1st Audit notice. In October of 2019 the Board office mailed the 2nd Audit notice. The Final notice was mailed in October 2019. No response was received from Mr. Wilson.

Board Action: The board found Mr. Wilson in violation of K.S.A 74-7026(a)(4)

Specifically, Mr. Wilson failed to cooperate with the Board in its investigation of his possible violation of K.S.A. 74-7001. Respondent failed to respond to the Board’s request to provide documentation evidencing completion of the required 30 PDH’s of acceptable continuing education.

The conduct of Mr. Wilson, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

Board Action: Mr. Wilson’s license was suspended.

Status: License suspended

IN THE MATTER OF BRUCE WILKINSON CASE NO 20-64

Summary: In June of 2019 Bruce Wilkinson renewed his license certifying “I have complied with the board’s requirements for 30 PDHs of continuing education to renew my license.” In September of 2019 the Board office mailed Mr. Wilkinson the 1st Audit notice. In October of 2019 the Board office mailed the 2nd Audit notice. The Final notice was mailed in October 2019. No response was received from Mr. Wilkinson.

Board Action: The board found Mr. Wilkinson in violation of K.S.A 74-7026(a)(4)

Specifically, Mr. Wilkinson failed to cooperate with the Board in its investigation of his possible violation of K.S.A. 74-7001. Respondent failed to respond to the Board’s request to provide documentation evidencing completion of the required 30 PDH’s of acceptable continuing education.

The conduct of Mr. Wilkinson, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

Board Action: Mr. Wilkinson’s license was suspended.

Status: License suspended

IN THE MATTER OF JOHN STOFKO CASE NO 20-65

Summary: In March of 2019 John Stofko renewed his license certifying “I have complied with the board’s requirements for 30 PDHs of continuing education to renew my license.” In July of 2019 the Board office mailed Mr. Stofko the 1st Audit notice. In August of 2019 the Board office mailed the 2nd Audit notice. In August of 2019 the Board office received a request for waiver from Mr. Stofko. In September 2019 the Board Office mailed a waiver denial notice. The Final notice was mailed in October 2019. No response was received from Mr. Stofko.

Board Action: The board found Mr. Stofko in violation of K.S.A 74-7026(a)(4)

Specifically, Mr. Stofko failed to cooperate with the Board in its investigation of his possible violation of K.S.A. 74-7001. Respondent failed to respond to the Board’s request to provide documentation evidencing completion of the required 30 PDH’s of acceptable continuing education.

The conduct of Mr. Stofko, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

Board Action: License suspended