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Willoughby Reappointed to the Board to Serve a Term of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2032

For more than 25 years, Richard Willoughby has combined technical innovation with dedicated service to the engineering profession and the public. While his professional career includes decades of engineering design and product development, his leadership on the Oklahoma State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors has become a defining part of his professional impact.



Richard Willoughby, P.E. and his wife, Shellie, attending his Senate Confirmation Hearing at the State Capitol

Appointed to the Board in 2020, Richard Willoughby has served as Secretary, Vice Chair, and Chair, helping guide the regulation and oversight of engineering and surveying practice in Oklahoma. His work has focused on protecting public health, safety, welfare and property of the citizens of Oklahoma while supporting high professional standards, ethical practice, and continuing education for licensed professionals across the state and nationally, serving on NCEES Examination Item Writing Committees and as a member of the NCEES Examinations for Professional Engineers Committee.

Professionally, he serves as a Senior Design Engineer at Ditch Witch, where he has spent more than two decades designing and developing trenchers, vibratory plows, and numerous other attachments and utility installation systems. Licensed in Oklahoma as a Professional Engineer in Mechanical and Agricultural Engineering since 2003, he also holds two U.S. patents.

He earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in Biosystems Engineering from Oklahoma State University and has remained active in numerous professional organizations, including the Oklahoma Society of Professional Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineers, NCEES, and ASABE.

Beyond engineering, he has devoted significant time to mentoring youth and serving his community through organizations including Scouts BSA, Sons of the American Legion, and multiple high school booster clubs. His career reflects a lasting commitment to engineering leadership, professional service, and community involvement.

Outreach Opportunities Offered by the Board

The Oklahoma State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors is committed to promoting public protection, professional integrity, and awareness of licensure requirements across the state. As part of this mission, the Board offers a variety of outreach opportunities designed to educate licensees, industry professionals, and students.

Educational Presentations

OKPES representatives are available to provide presentations to professional organizations, government agencies, and educational institutions. These sessions can be tailored to address topics such as licensure requirements, and ethical responsibilities.

Student & University Outreach

Recognizing the importance of developing future professionals, OKPES participates in outreach to universities and students pursuing careers in engineering and surveying. These efforts include discussions on the path to licensure, professional responsibility, and the importance of safeguarding the public.

Partner with OKPES

Anyone interested in scheduling a presentation or requesting outreach support are encouraged to contact the Board. By working together, we can strengthen compliance, support the profession, and continue to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Contact Mary Hart, Outreach Specialist - mary.dreves@pels.ok.gov

Presentations may be virtual or in-person depending on the location and size of the group in attendance. PowerPoint presentations and handout materials may be requested to support your own outreach endeavors and provided free of charge as available. All requests are subject to staff availability.



Outreach Specialist Mary Hart and Application Specialist Morgan Fine attend the OSU Career Fair to encourage engineering students to take the FE Exam and pursue their PE license

CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR PS LICENSURE AND SI CERTIFICATION



Recent changes to the education and experience requirements for licensure as a Professional Surveyor and certification as a Surveyor Interns have led to some confusion regarding the different paths to licensure.

The revised requirements in effect at this time are as follows:

- (i) An individual graduating from a surveying program of four (4) years or more approved by the Board requires four (4) years of total experience including two (2) years which shall follow the date of the conferment of the degree; or
- (ii) An individual graduating from a surveying program of two (2) years or more approved by the Board requires five (5) years of total experience including two (2) years which shall follow the date of the conferment of the degree; or
- (iii) An individual graduating from a program of two (2) years or more approved by the Board which shall include the core curriculum requires five (5) years of total experience including two (2) years of which shall follow the date of the conferment of the degree.
- (iv) An individual graduating from a program of four (4) years or more approved by the Board which shall include the core curriculum requires five (5) years of total experience including two (2) years of which shall follow the date of the conferment of the degree.

As you can see, each of these provisions specifies that 2 years of the required experience must follow the degree. Upon re-evaluation, the Board adopted the following position regarding this provision:

If an applicant qualifying in (i) – (iv) above has a total of **six (6)** or more years of **progressive, qualifying experience**, the two (2) years of experience required following the date of the conferment of the degree may be substituted for experience earned prior to the degree.

Each application will be reviewed by the Board to determine if the experience is “progressive, qualifying” experience.

News Release

NCEES offers Ethics 101 course for professional engineers and surveyors

NCEES has launched an essential ethics training course for professional engineers and surveyors. The Ethics 101 course provides ethics training designed to meet continuing education requirements. The comprehensive online module offers foundational knowledge of professional ethics and standards of practice in the engineering and surveying professions.

Key topics include:

- ▶▶▶ An overview of professional ethics fundamentals
- ▶▶▶ A review of the NCEES Model Law and Model Rules, with practical applications
- ▶▶▶ Codes of ethics from professional societies
- ▶▶▶ A review of the concept of standard of care and its legal implications
- ▶▶▶ Common ethical violations and disciplinary procedures

Through video instruction, case studies, and interactive activities, participants will develop practical skills for making ethical decisions in professional practice. The course is self-paced online learning that includes five segments featuring instructional video and interactive activities and is worth one hour of continuing education credit upon successful completion of 80 percent or higher on the final quiz. Course details and a completion certificate will be automatically loaded into the NCEES continuing professional competency (CPC) tracking service.

NCEES CEO Davy McDowell, P.E., shared, “As a licensed professional, you shoulder a considerable amount of responsibility. When ethical lapses or violations do occur, they can have great impacts. The course reflects our commitment as an organization to promote professional ethics among all engineers and surveyors.”

For more information and to access the Ethics 101 course, create or log in to your **MyNCEES** account at ncees.org.

NCEES CPC Tracking Tool Available *Free of Charge!*

Most state licensing boards require licensed engineers and surveyors to meet a continuing professional competency (CPC) requirement to renew their licenses. You can conveniently track and report your CPC requirements **FOR FREE** through your **MyNCEES** account at ncees.org.

NEED MORE INFO? <https://ncees.org/ncees-services/cpc-tracking/>



Alert: Fraudulent Engineering & Design Services Offered on Freelance Platforms

The Oklahoma State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors (OKPES) is issuing an urgent warning to individuals, businesses, contractors, permitting officials, and public agencies across Oklahoma regarding the rise of fraudulent engineering and design services offered through online freelance marketplaces. Platforms such as Fiverr, Upwork, Freelancer, Guru, and PeoplePerHour do not verify professional licensure. As a result, unlicensed individuals are increasingly offering engineering and other design services while falsely claiming to be licensed professionals. In many cases, these individuals misuse the names and license numbers of legitimate licensed design professionals to create fraudulent seals and signatures.

This is not just a state concern - it is part of a rapidly growing national trend.

How the Scam Works

Unlicensed providers often advertise “signed and sealed” plans and request PDF drawings or project documents upfront. They may insist they must review plans before providing credentials or further details. Once obtained, these documents may be altered using unknown methods and returned with falsified professional seals. These individuals may operate outside the United States or provide false contact information, making enforcement and recovery extremely difficult after payment is made.

Risk to Consumers - Engaging fraudulent providers can lead to:

- Significant financial loss
- Project delays or rejections during permitting
- Substandard or unsafe designs
- Potential risks to public health, safety, and welfare

Protect Yourself - Key Red Flags:

- Suspicious Seals or Signatures
- Documents that appear altered, copied, or digitally pasted
- “Nationwide” Engineering Services
- Claims of licensure in all 50 states or access to a vague “network of engineers”
- Unusual Payment Requests
- Pressure to use unfamiliar payment platforms or fees significantly below market rates
- Limited or Evasive Communication
- Requests to communicate only through encrypted apps like WhatsApp or Signal
- Unverified Areas of Practice
- Failure to demonstrate competence in the specific engineering discipline required

Verify Before You Hire

Do not rely solely on a name or license number found online. Fraudsters often impersonate legitimate professionals. Always verify licensure by contacting the engineer directly using the phone number listed in the official OKPES licensee database, where you can also check the engineer’s area(s) of competence.

Report Suspicious Activity

If you encounter questionable services or suspect fraudulent activity, report it immediately to the OKPES Enforcement Committee: [✉ Ryan Daniels Email: RDANIELS@PELS.OK.GOV](mailto:RDANIELS@PELS.OK.GOV)

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

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 Board office. It should be noted that the names of companies and individuals may be similar to the names of parties who have not had enforcement actions taken against them. If you require a copy of a consent order or final order, please e-mail rdaniels@pels.ok.gov to make this request.

September 2025

ControlTouch System, LLC, CA 9526 – Case No. 2024-119

Through Consent Order: ControlTouch System, LLC did not hold a Certificate of Authorization at the time it offered and/or performed engineering services and submitted false information to the Board. The firm was found guilty and assessed an administrative fine of \$2,400.

PEC Enterprise, Inc., CA 9274; Adam Powell, PE 27798 – Case No. 2024-144

Through Consent Order: PEC Enterprise, Inc. engaged in professional misconduct by failing to retain licensed Professional Engineers with competence in the disciplines in which the firm was practicing. Adam Powell, PE, performed engineering services outside his designated area of competence. PEC Enterprise, Inc. was found guilty and assessed an administrative fine of \$1,000. Adam Powell, PE, was found guilty and assessed an administrative fine of \$1,500.

Phillip R. Gambrell, PE 27068 – Case No. 2025-039

Agreement to Surrender License and Dismissal of Counts: Phillip R. Gambrell surrendered his Certificate of Licensure to the Board in lieu of administrative action.

Timothy L. King, PLS 1534 – Case No. 2025-057

Through Consent Order: Timothy L. King failed to follow the Minimum Standards for the Practice of Surveying and operated as a surveying firm without obtaining a Certificate of Authorization. King was found guilty, assessed an administrative fine of \$1,000, and ordered to cease and desist from offering or performing surveying services as a Firm in the State of Oklahoma.

Tam Nguyen – Case No. 2025-058

Through Consent Order: Tam Nguyen did not hold an Oklahoma Professional Engineer license at the time he offered and/or performed engineering services on a project located in Oklahoma. Tam Nguyen was found guilty, assessed an administrative fine of \$750, and ordered to cease and desist from offering or performing engineering services in the State of Oklahoma.

November 2025

Brian Scott, PLS 1585 – Case No. 2019-038

Through Addendum to Consent Order: Brian Scott is ordered to pay \$3,000 in administrative penalties related to Case Nos. 2014-025 and 2019-038 prior to consideration for relicensure. Further, he must complete 30 PDHs, a one-year probationary period following relicensure, submission of a list of surveying projects subject to audit and review, and payment of an additional fine of \$2,500. Mr. Scott is ordered to cease and desist from practicing surveying until the Board grants relicensure.

January 2026

Nextracker LLC, CA 9714; Helen Tesfaye, PE 36299 – Case No. 2025-016

Through Consent Order: Nextracker LLC and Helen Tesfaye, PE, failed to comply with Board statutes by not responding within thirty (30) days when contacted by Board staff in connection with an investigation. They were each found guilty and assessed an administrative fine of \$2,000.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS CONTINUED

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January 2026 (cont.)

Isch & Associates, Inc., CA 1139 (I) Earnest Isch, PE 6606 (I) – Case No. 2025-056

Through Board Hearing: Isch & Associates, Inc. and Earnest Isch, PE, knowingly, and/or in reckless disregard for the truth, affixed an engineering seal and signature to plans not prepared by them or under their responsible charge. They also failed to comply with Board statutes by not responding within 30 days when contacted by Board staff in connection with an investigation. Isch & Associates, Inc. and Earnest Isch, PE, were found guilty and were each assessed an administrative fine of \$20,000.

Timothy King, PS 1534 – Case No. 2025-083

Agreement to Surrender License and Dismissal of Counts: Timothy King surrendered his Certificate of Licensure to the Board in lieu of administrative action.

April 2026

Bridge Brothers, Inc., CA 9735: Davis Wing, PE 36368--Case No. 2025-078

Through Consent Order: Bridge Brothers, Inc. did not have a Certificate of Authorization in the State of Oklahoma at the time they offered to practice and/or practiced engineering services on an Oklahoma project. Davis Wing did not have a Professional Engineer license at the time he offered and/or performed engineering services on an Oklahoma project. Bridge Brothers, Inc. and Davis Wing were found guilty and were each assessed an administrative fine of \$1,000 each.

PVinsight, Inc., CA 9739; Marcus D. Trew, PE 30293—Case No. 2025-080

Though Consent Order: PVinsight, Inc. did not have a Certificate of Authorization in the State of Oklahoma at the time they offered to practice and/or practiced engineering services and provided false information to the Board. Marcus D. Trew was aiding and assisting the unlicensed practice of a Firm. PVinsight, Inc. was found guilty and assessed an administrative fine of \$2,750. Marcus D. Trew was found guilty and assessed an administrative fine of \$750.

Martin Henry, EI 16139—Case No. 2025-099

Through Consent Order: Martin Henry was found guilty of misconduct for continuing to conduct business through a Firm which no longer employed a professional engineer and aided and assisted the firm in these unlawful acts. Henry was found guilty, assessed an administrative fine of \$850 and ordered to cease and desist.

BAA Mechanical Engineers, Inc., CA 9845; Jeffrey Lee, PE 36748—Case No. 2025-106

Through Consent Order: BAA Mechanical Engineers, Inc. did not have a Certificate of Authorization in the State of Oklahoma at the time they offered to practice and/or practiced engineering services on an Oklahoma project. Jeffrey Lee did not have a Professional Engineer license at the time he offered and/or performed engineering services on an Oklahoma project. BAA Mechanical Engineers, Inc. and Jeffrey Lee were found guilty and were each assessed an administrative fine of \$1,250 each.

Andrew Adams, PE 22959—Case No. 2026-025

Agreement to Surrender License and Dismissal of Counts: Andrew Adams surrendered his Certificate of Licensure to the Board in lieu of administrative action.

Criminal Penalties and Serious Enforcement Consequences Under Oklahoma Engineering and Surveying Licensure Law

The Oklahoma Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors reminds licensees, firms, and the public that violations of the Oklahoma Engineering and Surveying Practice Act may result in far more than administrative discipline. Oklahoma law provides that a person or entity that unlawfully practices or offers to practice engineering or surveying, misuses protected professional titles, uses another person's license or seal, submits false or forged evidence in obtaining or attempting to obtain licensure, falsely claims licensure, or otherwise violates the Act may be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine. The Act exists to safeguard life, health, property, and the public welfare, and unlawful practice is treated accordingly.

Licensees and firms should understand that these matters are not minor technical violations. Engineering and surveying services directly affect buildings, infrastructure, boundary determinations, public systems, and other matters with real public-safety consequences. Misrepresentation, unauthorized practice, misuse of seals or signatures, practicing while restricted or unqualified, and similar acts or omissions can expose the individual or entity to substantial professional, financial, and legal consequences. This is to say nothing of the severe problems these matters can cause the clients and communities.

The Board has authority to investigate alleged violations, pursue formal charges, and, after notice and hearing, impose significant sanctions. Those consequences may include reprimand, fines for each count or separate offense, probation, practice restrictions, refusal to issue, restore, or renew a license or certificate of authority, and suspension or revocation. In addition, the Board may assess administrative penalties ranging from \$500 to \$20,000 for each separate violation.

Licensees and firms also should not assume that exposure ends with Board action. The Act expressly provides for criminal penalties, and it further provides that the Oklahoma Attorney General or an assistant Attorney General shall act as legal advisor to the Board and render legal assistance necessary to enforce the Act.

The message is straightforward: violations of the Act can place a license, a certificate of authority, a business, and a professional reputation in serious jeopardy. Compliance is not optional, and those who ignore these requirements do so at substantial risk.



Certified Interns

SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Engineer Interns

Matthew Adair
 Vincent Ahlert
 Emaduddin Ahmad
 Paul Akinyoola
 Haider Ali
 Ryan Allen
 Kaveh Amoorpour
 EGunnar Aune
 William Barnes
 Ancelmo Bauer
 Dylan Becerra
 Nisha Bhatta
 Kirby Boldes
 Tyler Boss
 Brody Bouher
 Tyler Bowden
 Joshua Brandt
 Erika Brock
 Tristen Brown
 Amelia Brown
 Mianna Brownlee
 William Bryant
 Jack Chamberlain
 Neal Chapa
 Jack Chapin
 Suryakiran Chavali
 Charlize Conner
 Annabella Cooper
 Gus Cowan
 Nathaniel Craig
 Kenedi Davenport
 Matthew Davis
 Selin Degirmenci
 Anthony Fatigante
 Jean Gamarra
 Isaiah Garcia
 Elyssa Gowriluk
 Farouq Hanoon
 Bradlee Harrison
 Hayden Hembree
 Tyler Herren
 Reece Hicks

Lily Hill
 Parker Holmes
 Noah Holt
 Alexander Hurteau
 Kennedy Johnson
 William Jones
 Maxwell Kadechuk
 Jacob Kay
 Chouaib Khyati
 Jonathan Kirkpatrick
 Rebecca Kitchen
 Broderick Lamle
 Camila Lang
 James Lee
 Aaron Lehman
 Payton Leonard
 Dayton Likins
 John Lloyd
 Lane Loesch
 Jayden Ludwig
 Mark Manley
 Emily Martin
 Nathaniel Martin
 Matthew Mays
 Connor McKee
 Harison Michael
 Alex Miller
 Jordan Mobbs
 Mohamed Mohamed
 Khondhaker Al Momin
 Christian Moyer
 Zachary Newton
 Tina Nguyen
 Binh Nguyen
 Jomara Ortiz-Lopez
 Bibek Parajuli
 Johnathan Potter
 Nathaniel Pugh
 Nawaraj Rai
 Devyani Rai
 Jakob Rassi
 Alton Robinson
 Iris Rodriguez

Zarek Rooker
 Maxwell Runyon
 Emma Russell
 Benjamin Sayers
 Conner Schmitz
 Mason Settle
 Logan Sinclair
 Chase Skokos
 Jacob Slavick
 Dallas Smith
 Abigail Staudt
 Andrew Stephens
 Jack Stoner
 Cody Sutton
 Charles Taibi
 Menziwokuhle Thwala
 Jared Town
 Sean Turner
 Jacob Usrey
 Raphael Wall
 Paige Wharton
 Lohitha Wickramasinghe
 Patrick Williamson
 Colby Wilson
 Jacob Witcher
 Logan Yardley
 DM York
 Andrea Zavala Molina

Surveyor Interns

Braxton Z. Birsner
 David Charles Britton
 Andrew Knight
 Sarah Lovelady
 Mariangel C. Rincon
 Tanner H. Rutledge
 Charles Shields



Retired Licensees

SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Professional Engineers

Linda Colby
Douglas Alvine
Randall Bills
Roger Blair
Roger Blanton
Keith Blaschke
Edward Blessman
Michael Bolick
Peter Borelli
Marianne Boshuizen
William Boyer
James Bright
James Brockway
Spencer Brooks
Richard Brown
Douglas Brown
William Browning
Roy Bruce
James Buckley
James Burns
Steven Busey
Alan Bush
Charles Cammack
Daniel Campbell
Johnny Carlisle
S. Cassel
Brenna Chenault
Mark Cogley

Erle Cole
Thomas Coleman
John Colley
Andrew Cooke
Lisa Cookmeyer
Joseph Cowen
Benjamin Crysler
Ronald Curb
Mark Cutright
Robert Daavettila
Dean Davidson
Steven Davis
Jeffery Dean
Peter Deming
Michael Denny
Roderick Diehl
Saadeddine Dimachkieh
John Doddy
John Dolan
Clayton Dollerschell
Rex Donahey
Donald Douglas
Robin Drumm
Micheal Dunn
T. Earney
Taylor Eckstein
Roger Edmison

Rodney Eggers
Samer Elimam
Jeffrey Ellis
Gary Evans
Keith Evans
J. Evered
Jess Everett
Jennifer Fair
Daniel Farrier
Gerard Fernandes
Robert Fisher
Gregory Fitter
Paul Fleming
William Ford
Neil Frihart
Kenneth Fulk
Michael Gainer
David Gamble
Matthew Gentry
Daniel Gibson
Ray Gill
David Glabas
Hugo Gonzalez
Kweku Graham
Douglas Grauer
Eric Greager
Jeff Greer
Mark Gribble

Steven Gridley
Bernie McGraw

Professional Surveyors

Jay P. Bissell
Mike B. Davis
Donald G. Douglas
Roger A. Edmison
Michael W. Fisher
Earl E. Graham
V. Ross Gray

Interested in Retiring Your P.E. or P.S. License?

OAR: 245:15-7-1(c) states, "When a professional engineer or land surveyor in good standing desires to retire his or her license, he or she may do so upon application to the Board, subject to reinstatement and continuing education requirements by the Board." If retirement is the reason for not renewing your license and you choose to place your license on Retired status, you may do so from the online renewal site. Register and log in to your online renewal account, select "Renew", then choose the retirement option when prompted and complete the process online. By choosing the Retired status, you will no longer be required to earn continuing education hours or be required to pay a fee. However, you will not be allowed to practice your profession in Oklahoma. You will receive a wallet card showing Retired status and you will remain on the Board's online roster as Retired. PLEASE NOTE: If you renew your license and certify that you have met the continuing education requirements, you shall NOT be allowed to retire your license after the fact in lieu of an administrative action if you are chosen for audit and do not have the required hours.

If you have further questions or need assistance, please contact Teresa Anderson at tanderson@pels.ok.gov

In Memoriam - In Celebration of the Lives and Contributions of the following Professionals:

Stacy Bartley PE 28242
Leawood, KS 10/2/2025

Joseph Bonner PE 34798
Tinton Falls, NJ 7/26/2024

Ronald Lee Cornelius PS 763
Blair, OK 3/31/2026

Donald E. Farris PS 1032/PE 9730
Norman, OK 1/1/2024

Edward L. Guess PE 12025
Tulsa, OK 3/6/2026

Kenneth L. Haack PE 10691
Tulsa, OK 7/21/2024

DeForest W. Hearn PE 16046
Oklahoma City, OK 10/31/2025

Ron Huffman PS 1020
Muskogee, OK 3/24/2026

Herbert H. Nelson PS 800/PE 13204
Oklahoma City, OK 11/6/2025

Virgil C. Vaughn PS 405
McLoud, OK 3/10/2025

