

SUMMER 2022

BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND GEOLOGISTS

BULLETIN

Our Enforcement Statistics Issue

The Board's theme for this quarter's issue is "Enforcement."

As we say in the Board's Mission and Vision statements, to effectively protect the public we always strive to regulate our licensed professions as efficiently as possible:

- **Mission:** We protect the public's safety and property by promoting standards for competence and integrity through licensing and regulating the Board's professions.
- **Vision:** A California that leads the nation in protecting the public and environment with competent and ethical professional services by the Board's licensees.

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Executive Officer's Report

RICHARD B. MOORE, P.L.S.

After getting through another hot summer in California, the Board has several upcoming changes heating up for both applicants and licensees to be aware of for 2022 and into 2023.

First, ASBOG (National Association of State Boards of Geology) has finally taken the step toward transitioning the administration of their national geology examinations to a computer-based delivery model (CBT) beginning in Spring 2023. There is a brief notice of this in this edition of the *Bulletin*, (see National Association News on pg. 9) and it is recommended that all interested parties monitor both the Board's website <https://bpelsg.ca.gov> and ASBOG's website <https://asbog.org> for more information as it becomes available in the coming months. Once this occurs in early 2023, ASBOG will join the Board and NCEES (National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying) with (almost—see below) completing the full transition of all engineering, surveying, and geology examinations offered in California to CBT administration, which commenced in 2011.

Now for the "almost" mentioned above. During the last few years, in an effort to adjust to the adversity everyone faced over the last few years, NCEES accelerated its transition schedule for the remainder of the national engineering examinations to CBT and now has only the PE-Structural examination left to transition to the CBT delivery model. Currently known as the "16-hour Structural Engineering" examination, this exam is tentatively scheduled to be administered by CBT beginning in early 2024 (at the earliest). There will be more information on this in future Board *Bulletins* and we encourage all interested parties to monitor the Board's website and NCEES's website (<https://ncees.org>) as more information becomes available.

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Separately, the Board continues to dedicate additional internal resources to assist with the increased number of professional engineer applications, especially those seeking a license for civil engineer. While the Board certainly understands the concerns associated with the additional time it has taken to review submitted applications, the Board does appreciate continued patience as the backlog of applications are processed by Board staff.

In this edition of the *Bulletin*, the Board presents annual data related to enforcement efforts during the past fiscal year (2021-22). It is evident that even during the pandemic, the number of complaints received, and investigations conducted by the Board's Enforcement staff held steady in comparison to previous years. The number of administrative citations continues to climb while the number of formal disciplinary cases from last year is on par with the average over the last few years.

Board News

Incoming Board President Rossana D'Antonio, P.E., G.E. (right), receives the President's Gavel from outgoing president Elizabeth Mathieson, P.G., CEG.



Board Members

(Effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023)

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Mohammad Qureshi, Ph.D., P.E.

Executive Officer: Richard B. Moore, P.L.S.

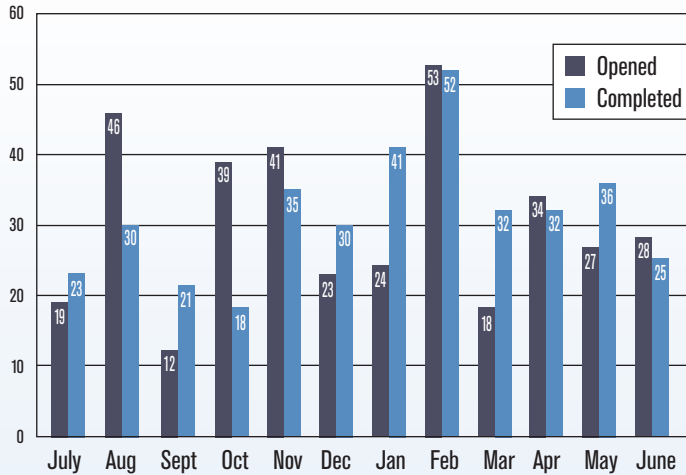
Assistant Executive Officer: Nancy Eissler

Bulletin Editor: Brooke C. Phayer

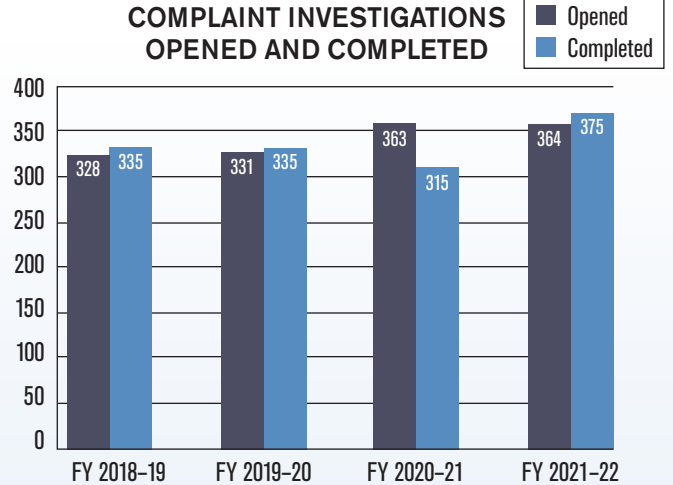
ENFORCEMENT UNIT REPORTS AND INFORMATION

This edition of the Board's *Bulletin* includes an annual update on the Board's enforcement-related actions throughout the past year. While the Board publishes enforcement actions quarterly in every edition of the *Bulletin*, and current case load regularly in the Board's meeting materials, we hope that by providing this annual update, it provides another perspective that is beneficial to our readers.

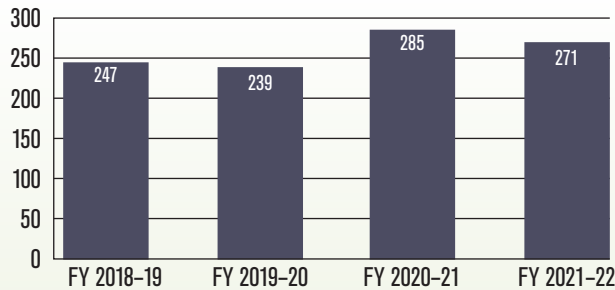
NUMBER OF COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS OPENED AND COMPLETED BY MONTH (fiscal year 2021-22)



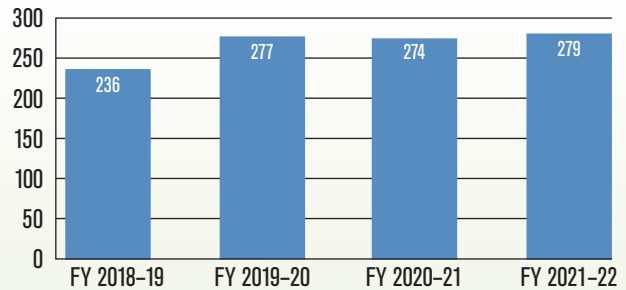
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS OPENED AND COMPLETED



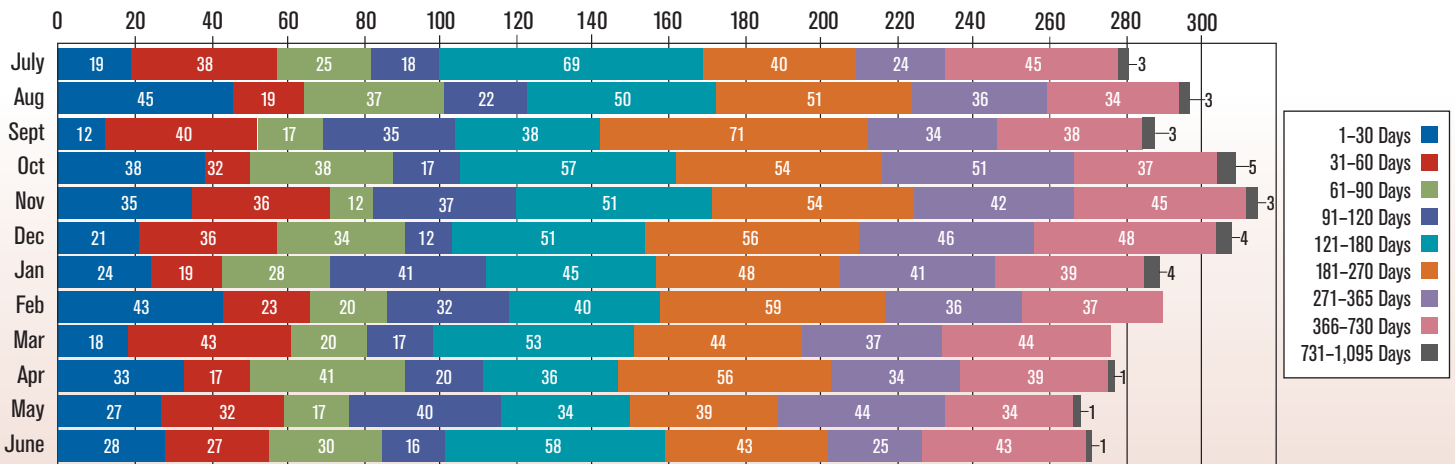
NUMBER OF OPEN (PENDING) COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS
(at end of FY or month for current FY)



AVERAGE DAYS FROM OPENING OF COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION TO COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION



AGING OF OPEN (PENDING) COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION CASES (fiscal year 2021-22)



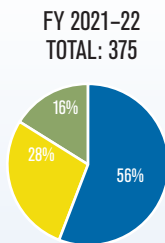
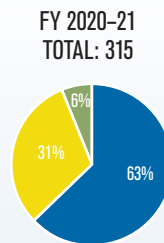
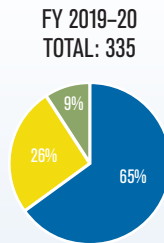
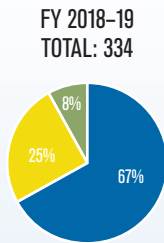
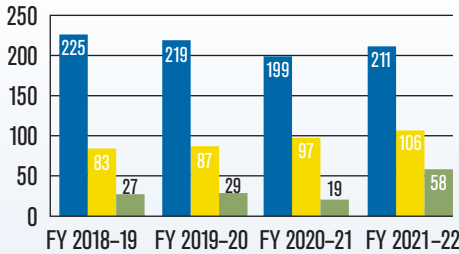
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OUTCOME OF COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS



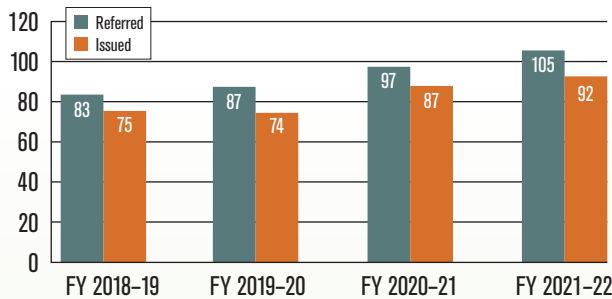
Closed (Closed with no action taken. Includes no violation/insufficient evidence; compliance obtained; warning letter; other reason for closing without action (e.g., subject deceased); resolved after initial notification; referred to district attorney with request to file criminal charges; and mediated.)

Cite (Referred for issuance of citation.)

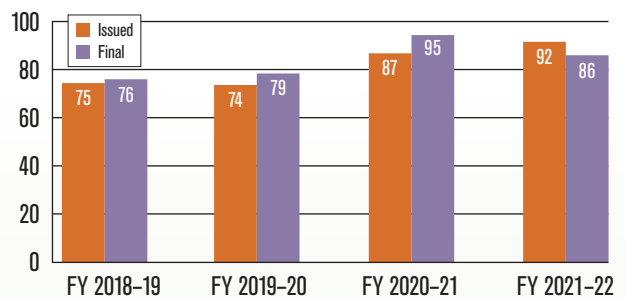
FDA (Referred for formal disciplinary action.)

CITATIONS (INFORMAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS)

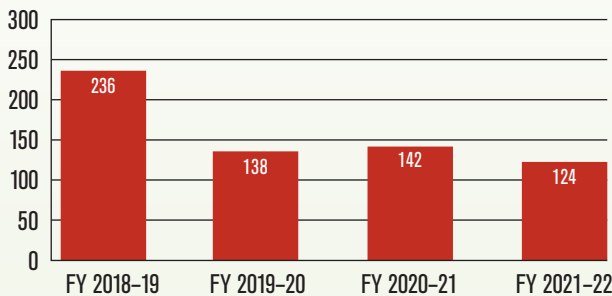
NUMBER OF COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS REFERRED AND NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED



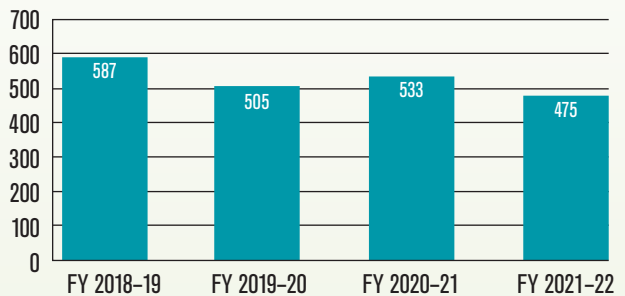
NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED AND FINAL



AVERAGE DAYS BETWEEN DATE OF ISSUANCE OF CITATION AND DATE CITATION BECOMES FINAL

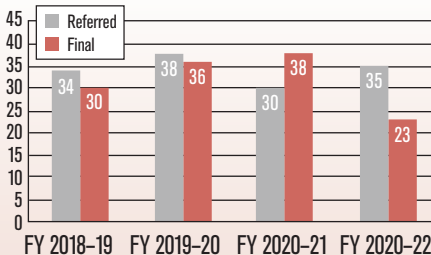


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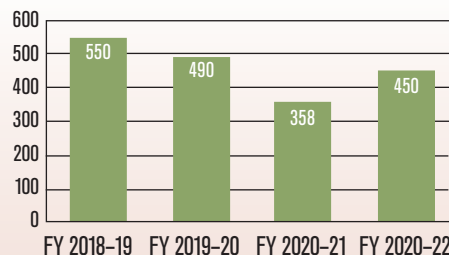


FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AGAINST LICENSEES

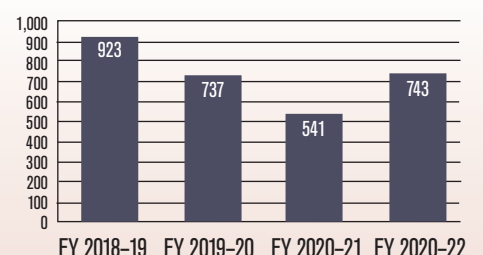
NUMBER OF LICENSEES REFERRED FOR FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND NUMBER OF FINAL DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS



AVERAGE DAYS FROM REFERRAL FOR FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION TO EFFECTIVE DATE OF FINAL DECISION



AVERAGE DAYS FROM OPENING OF COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION TO EFFECTIVE DATE OF FINAL DECISION



NOTE: Fiscal year 2021-22 statistics are through June 30, 2022.

OUTREACH EVENTS: JANUARY–MARCH 2022

ALL Virtual Unless Noted

JANUARY 2022

Jan. 6—LA CLSA Chapter Presentation, D. Sweeney, P.L.S.

Jan. 11—Napa Engineers Society Presentation, N. King, P.E., and M. Donelson, P.E.

Jan. 19—ASCE YMF San Diego Presentation, N. King, P.E.

Jan. 20—ASCE YMF Orange County Presentation, N. King, P.E.

Jan. 27—ASCE YMF San Francisco Presentation, N. King, P.E.

Jan. 31—ASCE YMF San Diego Presentation, N. King, P.E.

FEBRUARY 2022

Feb. 15—UCLA ASCE and EERI: SEAOSC P.E. Exam Prep., N. King, P.E.

Feb. 15—Lot Line Adjustments Discussions with El Dorado, Sacramento, and Placer County Surveyors, D. Sweeney, P.L.S. (In Person)

Feb. 16—CSU Chico Presentation, M. Donelson P.E., N. King, P.E. (In Person)

Feb. 17—CLSA Annual Members Meeting: Concerns with Unlicensed Surveying Practices and the Effects on Industry, R. Moore, P.L.S.

Feb. 23—UC Riverside Senior Design Presentation, M. Donelson, P.E.

Feb. 24—CPUC Presentation, N. King, P.E.

Feb. 25—Cal Poly, SLO, Electrical Engineering Presentation, M. Donelson, P.E.

MARCH 2022

Mar. 3—CSU Sacramento GIT Presentation, L. Racca, P.G.

Mar. 11—CSU San Bernardino GIT Presentation L. Racca, P.G.

Mar. 16—CLSA San Diego Land Surveyor Review Course and Chapter Visit, D. Sweeney, P.L.S. (In Person)

Mar. 17—CSU Fresno, GIT Presentation, L. Racca, P.G.

Mar. 17—Assoc. of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG), San Joaquin Chapter, Presentation on Licensing and Career Flexibility, L. Racca, P.G.

Mar. 25—SEAOC Board of Directors Mtg.:NCEES 16-Hour Structural Exam, R. Moore, P.L.S., and A. Asgari, S.E. (In Person)

OUTREACH KEY

AEG Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists

ASCE American Society of Civil Engineers

CLSA California Land Surveyors Association

CPUC California Public Utilities Commission

EERI Earthquake Engineering Research Institute

GIT Geologists In Training

SEAOC Structural Engineers Association of California

SEAOSC Structural Engineers Association of Southern California

YMF Young Members Forum

In Memoriam

In celebration of the lives and contributions of the following professionals, the Board would like to recognize professionals licensed as engineers, land surveyors, or geologists who recently passed away. This list may not include all those who have recently passed away as we rely on information from the public, other licensees, and family members. Please contact the Board regarding individuals who have recently passed.

3RD QUARTER JANUARY-MARCH

Name	License Number	Years of Service
Engineers		
James L. Adams	M 13440	56
Kenneth Elwood Carr	C 21184	51
Ronald Lawrence Castruita	GEO 8884	11
Bruce Elvin De Mott	L 3622	53
Christopher Luke Freitas	C 42107	35
Calvin George Jin	C 30537	42
John Truman New	C 30716	43
Donald Lawrence Nurisso	M 16111	49
Stanton William Ross	M 17544	46
Land Surveyors		
Carl Richard Anderson	L 4853	42
Larry Roger Anderson	L 3614	53
Robert W. Curtis	L 3216	58
William Milton Stewart Jr.	L 6223	32

Enforcement Actions

Citations Issued to Unlicensed Individuals: Fiscal Year 2021–22 (January–March)

Citations are an alternative to criminal prosecutions that the Board can use to enforce the laws prohibiting the unlicensed practice of engineering, land surveying, geology, and geophysics, or other activities for which a license is required. When a fine is levied with a citation, payment of the fine does not constitute admission of any violations charged but represents a satisfactory resolution of the matter pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 125.9(d). Code sections numbered in the 6700s, 7800s, and 8700s refer to the Business and Professions Code; those numbered in the 400s and 3000s refer to Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. You may look up the code sections and read the laws on the Board’s website, www.bpelsg.ca.gov/laws/index.shtml. All final citations are matters of public record. For a copy of the final citation order or if you have any questions, you may contact the Board’s Enforcement Unit at BPESLG.Enforcement.Information@dca.ca.gov or (916) 999-3593. Please include the name of the cited person and the citation number in your request.

Cited Person	Citation No.	Violation Code Sections	Date Final	Fine Amount	Status of Fine
AFFI, AFFI	10978-U	8792(a),(i)	1/27/2022	\$1,000	Paid
GALSTYAN, DAVID	10991-U	6787(a),(g)	3/7/2022	\$2,500	Paid
GET A SITE PLAN	10976-U	8792(a),(i)	1/27/2022	\$1,500	
HAWK, MIKE	10947-U	6787(a),(g)	1/20/2022	\$1,000	
HOWELL, ELIZABETH	10995-U	6787(a),(d),(g); 8792(a),(i)	3/21/2022	\$3,000	Paid
MARTINEZ, ERIC	10962-U	6787(a),(g)	1/10/2022	\$3,000	
NEDELCO, FLORIN	10979-U	8792(a),(i)	1/27/2022	\$1,000	



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Citations Issued to Licensees: Fiscal Year 2021–22 (January–March)

Citations are issued to licensed engineers, land surveyors, geologists, and geophysicists when the severity of a violation may not warrant suspension or revocation of the licensee’s right to practice. When a fine is levied with a citation, payment of the fine does not constitute admission of any violations charged but represents a satisfactory resolution of the matter, pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 125.9(d). Code sections numbered in the 6700s, 7800s, and 8700s refer to the Business and Professions Code; those numbered in the 400s and 3000s refer to Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. You may read the laws on the Board’s website, www.bpelsg.ca.gov/laws/index.shtml. All final citations are matters of public record. For a copy of the final citation order or if you have any questions, you may contact the Board’s Enforcement Unit at BPELSG.Enforcement.Information@dca.ca.gov or (916) 999-3593. Please include the name of the cited person and the citation number in your request.

Cited Person	Citation No.	Violation Code Sections	Date Final	Fine Amount	Status of Fine
ALATORRE-Y-BARROSO, ALEJANDRO	10988-L	8759(a)(5); 8762(c); 8780(b); 6775(g); 412	3/7/2022	\$3,000	Paid
ALDREDGE, HENRY	10959-L	8759(a); 8761(c); 8762(b)(3),(4),(5); 8771(a); 8772	3/14/2022	\$1,000	Paid
AZARMY, CYRUS	10982-L	8761; 8780(b)	2/28/2022	\$1,500	Paid
BAIRD, ALLAN	10987-L	8761; 8780(b)	3/7/2022	\$2,500	
BRONSON, KEVIN	10994-L	8780(b)	3/21/2022	\$1,500	Paid
CALLU, BRUNO	10980-L	6749(a)	3/31/2022	\$1,000	
CRAFT, PAUL	10952-L	8780(b)	1/20/2022	\$1,000	Paid
DANIELS, CHRISTOPHER	10975-L	8759(a)(3); 8762(c); 8771(a)	1/27/2022	\$1,500	Paid
ELKINS, JAMES	10981-L	8762	2/22/2022	\$0	N/A
GORBIN, JAMES	10958-L	6749(a)(5), 6775(c),(d)	2/28/2022	\$1,000	Paid
HEIN, STEPHEN	10992-L	8762(b)(1),(2),(3); 8780(b)	3/7/2022	\$2,500	
KEH, JOHNSON	10771-L	6749(a)(3),(4),(5); 6775(c),(d); 6787(a)	3/20/2022	\$500	Paid
LEE, CHRIS	10983-L	6735; 6775(f),(g); 404.1	2/28/2022	\$7,000	Paid
LOGAN, JACOB	10997-L	8780(b)(5); 8729(i)	3/21/2022	\$500	Paid
MULCAHY, MICHAEL	10960-L	6749(a)(3),(5); 6775(d); 6787(a),(g)	1/6/2022	\$2,500	
SAMIEE, MOHAMMAD	10874-L	6749(a)(4),(5); 6775(b)	1/23/2022	\$2,000	
SMITH, ANTHONY	10985-L	8761	2/28/2022	\$1,000	Paid
SPEAR, RAMON	10961-L	8780(b)	1/6/2022	\$1,000	Paid
SU, YU-TING	10963-L	6749(a)(3),(5); 6775(f)	1/10/2022	\$2,250	Paid
SZEWczyk, TERENCE	10989-L	6775(c)(h); 415	3/31/2022	\$2,500	Paid

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Formal Administrative Disciplinary Decisions: Fiscal Year 2021–22 (January–March)

A formal disciplinary decision is considered formal administrative disciplinary action against a licensee. It results from the Board's adoption of a proposed decision prepared by an administrative law judge following a hearing, a stipulated settlement agreement, or a default decision following a full investigation and the filing of an accusation. An accusation is a formal legal document that notifies a licensee of the Board's charges and allegations of violations against the licensee and that requests a disciplinary order be issued. The licensee is entitled to contest the charges at a formal hearing before an administrative law judge or to agree to a stipulated settlement. A final disciplinary decision contains findings and determinations or statements of advisements, waivers, and culpability and a disciplinary order. If there are findings of violations, the order may include revocation or suspension of the license, a stayed revocation or suspension of the license with a probationary period and terms and conditions of probation, or a public reproof. In the alternative, the decision may find that no violations or violations of a *de minimus* nature occurred and order the dismissal of the accusation. All final disciplinary decisions are matters of public record. For a copy of the final decision or if you have any questions, you may contact the Board's Enforcement Unit at BPESLG.Enforcement.Information@dca.ca.gov or (916) 999-3593. Please include the name of the respondent and the case number in your request.

Respondent	Case Number	Effective Date	Disciplinary Order
JANUSZEWSKI, VINCENT	1169-A	2/10/2022	Revocation of License
SWINTH, RICKARD	1058-A	2/10/2022	Revocation, Stayed; Probation



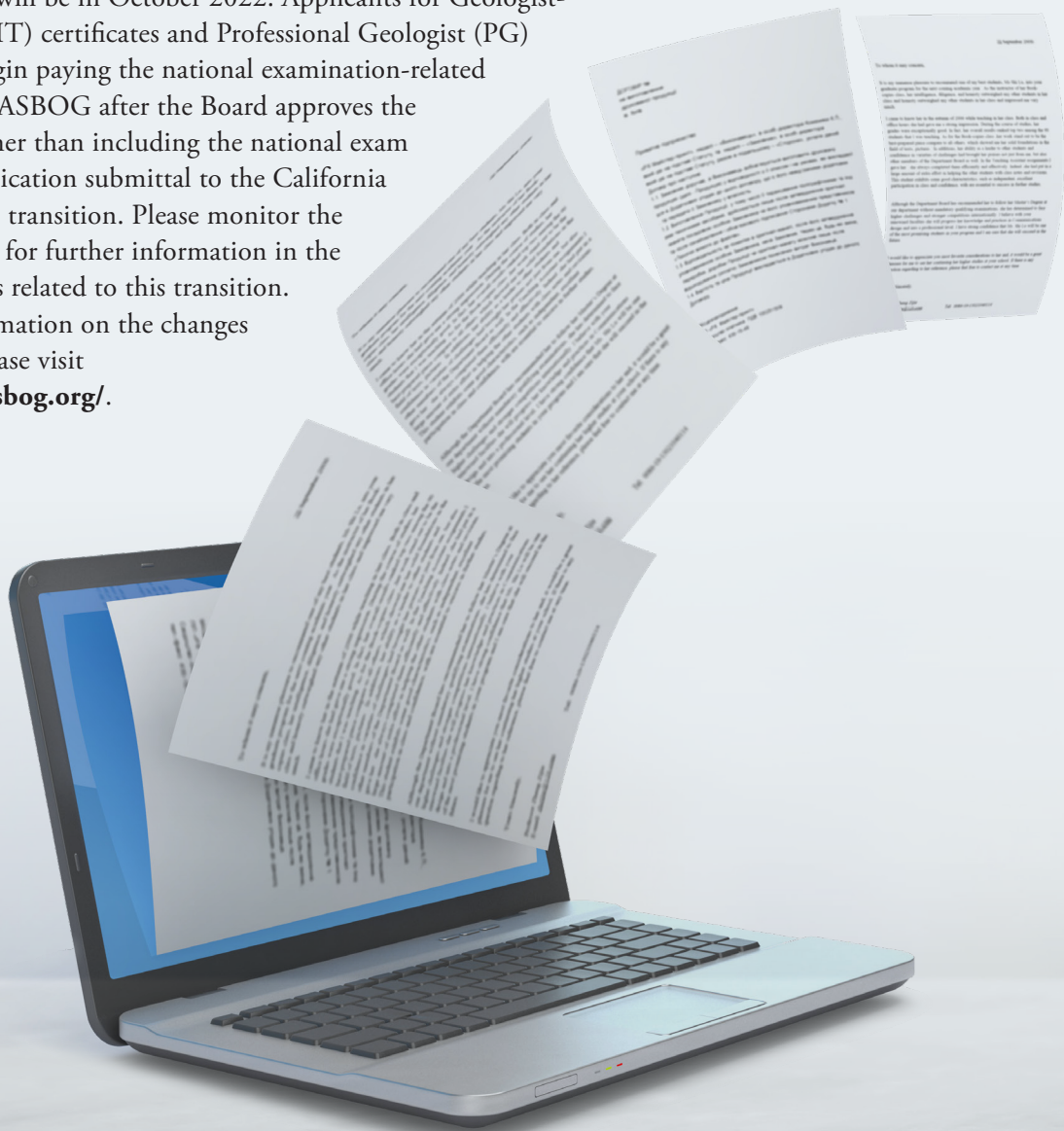
National Association News

ASBOG National Geology Exams Transition to Digital and National Exam Fee Changes

The National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) is scheduled to transition their Fundamentals of Geology (FG) and Practice of Geology (PG) exams to a computer-based administration delivery method (CBT) beginning in spring 2023. The last paper-based administration of these two national geology exams will be in October 2022. Applicants for Geologist-In-Training (GIT) certificates and Professional Geologist (PG) licenses will begin paying the national examination-related fees directly to ASBOG after the Board approves the application rather than including the national exam fee(s) with application submittal to the California Board with this transition. Please monitor the Board's website for further information in the coming months related to this transition.

For more information on the changes at ASBOG, please visit

<https://www.asbog.org/>.



Board Speakers Available

The Board continues its efforts to reach out to groups interested in any of the broad array Board functions. As part of this outreach effort, we have speakers available to present at meetings and events. Speakers include Executive Officer Ric Moore, P.L.S.; Assistant Executive Officer Nancy Eissler; Enforcement Manager Tiffany Criswell; Senior Engineering Registrars Natalie King, P.E., and Mike Donelson, P.E.; and Senior Land Surveyor Registrar Dallas Sweeney, P.L.S.

Our Enforcement, Licensing, Examination, and Outreach units all have speakers authorized to represent the Board. To request a speaker, we will need the following information: size of group, location, time, length and type of presentation, and proposed subject matter. Appropriate advance notice is always appreciated. Current and former Board members may also appear on the Board's behalf, depending on availability.

For more information, contact Board outreach coordinator Brooke Phayer at **Brooke.Phayer@dca.ca.gov**.

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Board Calendar

October 2022

10/20-21: Board Meeting



Continuous Testing Exams:

[CA Civil: Seismic Principles Exam and Engineering Surveying Exam](#); [NCEES Civil, Chemical, Electrical, Mechanical, PS](#)

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Social Media: Board Facebook and Twitter Pages

The Board is asking for your help in getting the word out regarding the launch of its Facebook and Twitter pages. The Board is now posting information of interest to postsecondary institutions and students on a regular basis. This information includes regulatory changes, updates to our website, interesting articles, useful resources, and a host of other Board-related data.

For those institutions that communicate with students through email or some other means, we invite you to share this information with them. The Board is anxious to use these social media outlets as an ongoing way to reach our stakeholders. Thank you for your assistance in spreading the word.

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