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Mission

The mission of the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering & Land Surveying (OSBEELS) is to regulate the practice of engineering, land surveying, photogrammetric mapping, and water right certification in the state as they relate to the welfare of the public in safeguarding life, health and property.

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On the cover: Hell's Canyon

North America's deepest river gorge at 7,993 feet, Hell's Canyon spans the border of eastern Oregon, western Idaho, and a small section of eastern Washington. The canyon was carved by the waters of the Snake River, which flows more than one mile below the canyon's west rim on the Oregon side and 7,400 feet below the peaks of Idaho's Seven Devils Mountains to the east. This area includes 214,000 acres of wilderness.

Upcoming at OSBEELS:

September 23: *Final Day to register for the 2025 Symposium*

September 25-26: OSBEELS Symposium

October 2: Renewal Period opens for Last Names A-F

October 9-10: Committee Meetings

October 21-22: Symposium Re-Air

November 13: Board Meeting

[Download the full 2025 OSBEELS Calendar here](#)



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Director's Corner

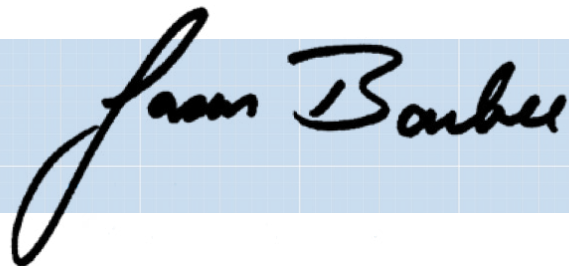
From the desk of Jason Barbee

As I prepare to join the Department of Revenue in mid-September, I am writing this final article for the *Examiner*.

The past six years serving as the Agency Director and Board Administrator for OSBEELS have been incredibly rewarding, and they've sure flown by. During this time, we've built strong, collaborative partnerships with our professional organizations, our licensees, and our national organization, NCEES. I'm confident these valuable relationships will continue to thrive in the years ahead.

While I've had the privilege of leading this exceptional organization, the true credit goes to our dedicated staff, who do the real work every day, and to our board members, who generously volunteer their time to give back to the professions that have shaped their careers.

It's been an honor to serve, and I look forward to seeing OSBEELS continue to grow and succeed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Barbee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J". It is positioned on a light blue background that features a subtle grid pattern.





Farewell to Administrator Jason Barbee, Welcome to Administrator Jenn Gilbert



After six years of dedicated leadership, OSBEELS bids a fond farewell to our Administrator, Jason Barbee. Since joining OSBEELS in 2019, Jason has been instrumental in advancing the Board's mission through his focus on building strong professional partnerships, increasing communication with registrants, and supporting the important work of our Board members.

Jason's leadership style emphasized listening and collaboration. By prioritizing open dialogue with registrants and professional organizations, he fostered an environment where feedback informed our work and strengthened trust across

the professions we serve. His guidance helped streamline Board operations, expand outreach efforts, and ensure OSBEELS remained responsive to the needs of Oregon's licensed engineers, land surveyors, and the public. We are grateful for Jason's service and leadership, and we wish him continued success in his next chapter.

At the same time, OSBEELS is excited to announce the appointment of Jenn Gilbert as our new Administrator. Jenn brings a wealth of experience to the role, having served with OSBEELS since 2001. For more than two decades, she has been a steady presence within the agency, serving in multiple roles,

including Deputy Administrator for the last 22 years. Jenn has long been a trusted resource for staff, registrants, and Board members. Her institutional knowledge, paired with her passion for advancing the professions we regulate, will ensure OSBEELS continues to thrive under her leadership. We look forward to the vision and experience she will bring as she guides the agency into the future.

Please join us in thanking Jason for his years of dedicated service and in warmly welcoming Jenn as OSBEELS's next Administrator.



Confluence

2025 OSBEELS Symposium

***Final Day to register is
Tuesday September 23***

September 25-26

Re-Air October 21-22

Introducing the 2025–2027 OSBEELS Board Leadership



Renee Clough, PLS, PE, Board President



Erica Rooney, PE, Board Vice President

OSBEEELS is pleased to announce its new leadership for the 2025–2027 term. We are excited to share that Renee Clough has been elected Board President and Erica Rooney will serve as Board Vice President.

Board President: Renee Clough, PLS, PE

Renee Clough has been an active member of the Board since 2020, bringing her expertise and dedication to advancing the professions of engineering and land surveying in Oregon. Renee is currently a Principal at Branch Engineering and has been an active member in the PLSO community.

She dedicated two years as Chair of the Land Surveying Qualifications Task Force which was responsible for updating and rewriting the Oregon Administrative Rules governing the minimum qualifications for registration as a

Professional Land Surveyor. In addition, she currently chairs the Examinations and Qualifications Committee and the Oregon-Specific Exam Task Force and serves as a member of both the Finance Committee and the Rules and Regulations Committee.

As an OSBEELS board member, Renee also represents Oregon on the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) and serves on the Surveying and Mapping Sciences Licensure Task Force.

Board Vice President: Erica Rooney, PE

Joining Renee in leadership is Erica Rooney, who will serve as Vice President. Erica has been a Board member since 2022 and is currently the Public Works Director and City Engineer for the City of Lake Oswego. She brings extensive experience

in public infrastructure, municipal engineering, and strategic planning to the Board's work. Erica serves as Chair of the Finance Committee, where she provides oversight of the Board's fiscal management and long-term financial planning, and is also a member of the Board's Law Enforcement Committee.

Looking Ahead

With Renee and Erica's leadership, OSBEELS is well-positioned to continue advancing its mission while supporting Oregon's licensees. Their commitment to professional excellence and public service will help guide the Board through the year ahead.

Please join us in congratulating Renee Clough and Erica Rooney on their new roles. We look forward to their leadership during the 2025–2027 term!

Meet OSBEELS

Ashlee Communications Coordinator

How long have you worked for OSBEELS?

It'll be 2 ½ years in October, which has flown by!

What do you enjoy about your job?

All of the outreach opportunities. I love meeting and learning about our current professionals, engaging with college students in their professional journeys, and connecting middle and high school students to their potential futures in engineering and surveying.

What is your favorite place in Oregon?

As a third-generation Oregonian who has always lived in Oregon, it's hard to pick a favorite place. I think that's what makes Oregon so amazing, there's something beautiful and unique no matter where you go! I choose to live in the Willamette Valley though because it's full of color no matter the season.

What are some of your hobbies?

I have three kids so I'm not sure what my own hobbies are anymore, but together we like to boulder, play pickleball, wander through



antique stores, and travel out of cell service. If I had all the time in the world, I would canoe year-round so I could watch the seasons change from the river.

From the viewpoint of your role, can you share some reminders or tips for our registrants?

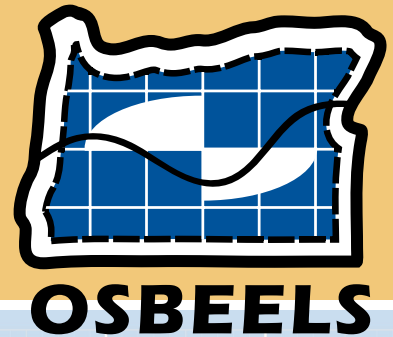
As the Communications Coordinator, I want to make sure we're not only able to reach our registrants, but that we're communicating relevant and helpful information. Email is our primary way to contact everyone so please make sure we have your current information, which can be easily updated in your MyOSBEELS portal. I also welcome feedback on our communications! You can always contact me at ashlee.d.graybeal@osbeels.oregon.gov.

Renewal Reminder: Last Names A-F

Renewal Period opens **October 2**
and closes **December 31**

A green renewal button will populate in your MyOSBEELS user dashboard once the renewal window opens.

See our [website](#) for full details and reference our [Renewal Guide](#).



Help us help you!!

Speaking Engagements:

Do you have a meeting or event in Oregon involving engineers, land surveyors, water right examiners, or photogrammetrists? We are available to give presentations on who we are and what we do, including how the licensure process works. We're also happy to set up an informational booth and be available during your event to answer any OSBEELS related questions.

Continuing Education Opportunities:

How are you earning your PDHs toward your biennial renewal? Send us opportunities that we can share on our webpage and in our Examiner newsletter of learning opportunities for our professionals. We want to help everyone keep up on those continuing education requirements.

Photos of Your Work:

We invite you to share your work experiences with the OSBEELS community! We're looking for photos of noteworthy projects, monuments, or work site locations that you think others will appreciate. They may be featured in future issues of the Examiner as well as our social media pages.

Send your event info, learning opportunities, and work photos (.jpg or .png format preferred) to our Communications Coordinator, Ashlee Graybeal at ashlee.d.graybeal@osbeels.oregon.gov

A public notice from our partners at Oregon BCD

INFORMATIONAL BACKGROUNDER

Plan Review Exception For One- and Two-Family Dwellings



Department of Consumer
and Business Services

Overview

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 455.628 provides an exception to the required plan review for one- and two-family dwellings of conventional light-frame construction where certain conditions are met. This technical bulletin is intended to provide clarification on this plan review exception.

Plan review exception – ORS 455.628

ORS 455.628 specifies that a local building department may not require a plan review for one- and two-family dwellings that are of conventional light frame construction if:

- The plans for the dwelling are designed and stamped by a registered professional engineer or a registered architect; **and**
- The engineer or architect is certified by the Building Codes Division as being qualified to examine one- and two-family dwelling plans.”

Conventional light-frame construction is defined as construction whose primary structural elements are formed by a system of repetitive wood-framing members.

Required certifications

According to Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 918-098-1015, persons who possess the following certifications may review construction plans for compliance with the provisions of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC):

1. Oregon Inspector Certification (OIC)
2. Residential Plans Examiner (CAX)

Both certifications are issued by the division through the Inspector Training Program.

Obtaining the required certifications

1. To obtain the OIC, complete the OIC class provided by the Inspector Training Program. The class explains the roles and responsibilities of plans examiners.
Contact the Inspector Training Program to request enrollment into the class.
2. To obtain the CAX certification, complete the following:
 - a. Take and pass the International Code Council (ICC) exam for the Residential Plans Examiner (ICC R3) certification.
Learn more here: [ICCSafe.org/certification-exam-catalog/](https://www.iccsafe.org/certification-exam-catalog/)
 - b. Convert the ICC R3 certification to the CAX certification.
Learn more here: [Oregon.gov/bcd/inspector-certs/Pages/national-certifications.aspx](https://www.oregon.gov/bcd/inspector-certs/Pages/national-certifications.aspx)

References and definitions

Plan review exception: [See ORS 455](#)

Registered architect: [See ORS 671](#)

Professional engineer: [See ORS 672](#)

Certifications: [See OAR 918-098-1015](#)

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