

TITLE 59, SECTIONS 475.1 – 475.22A
Oklahoma Statutes Regulating Professional Engineering and Land Surveying
Effective November 1, 2017

Section 475.3. State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

A. The State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors is hereby re-created, to continue until July 1, 2020, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, whose duty it shall be to administer the provisions of Section 475.1 et seq. of this title. The Board shall consist of four professional engineers and two professional land surveyors, at least one of whom is not a professional engineer, all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Governor shall also appoint one lay member. The professional engineers and professional land surveyors shall be appointed by the Governor and shall have the qualifications required by Section 475.4 of this title.

B. Each member of the Board shall file with the Secretary of State a written oath or affirmation for the faithful discharge of official duties.

C. Appointments to the Board shall be in such manner and for such period of time so that no two terms, with the exception of the lay member, shall expire in the same year. On the expiration of the term of any member, except the lay member, the Governor shall in the manner herein provided appoint for a term of six (6) years a professional engineer or professional land surveyor having the qualifications required in Section 475.4 of this title. The lay member of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor to a term coterminous with that of the Governor. The lay member shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Provided, the lay member may continue to serve after the expiration of the member's term until such time as a successor is appointed. Members may be reappointed to succeed themselves. Each member may hold office until the expiration of the term for which appointed or until a successor has been duly appointed and has qualified. In the event of a vacancy on the Board due to resignation, death or for any cause resulting in an unexpired term, if not filled within three (3) months, the Board may appoint a provisional member to serve in the interim until the Governor acts.

Section 475.4. Qualifications of Board members

Each professional engineer member of the Board shall be a citizen of the United States and resident of this state. The member shall have been engaged in the lawful practice of engineering as a professional engineer for at least ten (10) years. The member shall have been in responsible charge of engineering projects for at least five (5) years and shall be a licensed professional engineer in this state. Each professional land surveyor member of the Board shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of this state. The member shall have been engaged in the lawful practice of land surveying as a professional land surveyor for at least ten (10) years. The member shall have been in responsible charge of land surveying projects for at least five (5) years and shall be a licensed professional land surveyor in this state.

Section 475.6. Removal of Board members - Vacancies

The Governor may remove any member of the Board for misconduct, incompetence, neglect of duty or any sufficient cause, in the manner prescribed by law for removal of state officials. Vacancies in the membership of the Board shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the Governor as provided in Section 475.3 of this title.

Section 475.7. Meetings – Officers - Quorum

The Board shall hold at least four regular meetings each year. Special meetings may be held as the bylaws of the Board provide. The Board shall elect or appoint annually the following officers: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. A quorum of the Board shall consist of a majority of the full Board that includes at least one professional land surveyor member.