



OKLAHOMA

Board of Licensure for
Professional Engineers
& Surveyors

OSPE STATE MEETING 2025

RICHARD WILLOUGHBY, P.E.
BOARD CHAIR 2025-2026

BOARD MEMBERS

AARON MORRIS, PLS

JOE CARDENAS, PE

PAT ADAMS, PUBLIC MEMBER

GENE BROWN, PE, SE

GLEN SMITH, PE, PLS

DAVID PAGE, PLS

RICHARD WILLOUGHBY, PE



➔ GLEN SMITH LEAVING THE BOARD AFTER
SERVING 18 YEARS (3 TERMS)

➔ NEW MEMBER JEFF COWAN, PE
TERM JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2031

THE MAKE-UP OF THE BOARD:

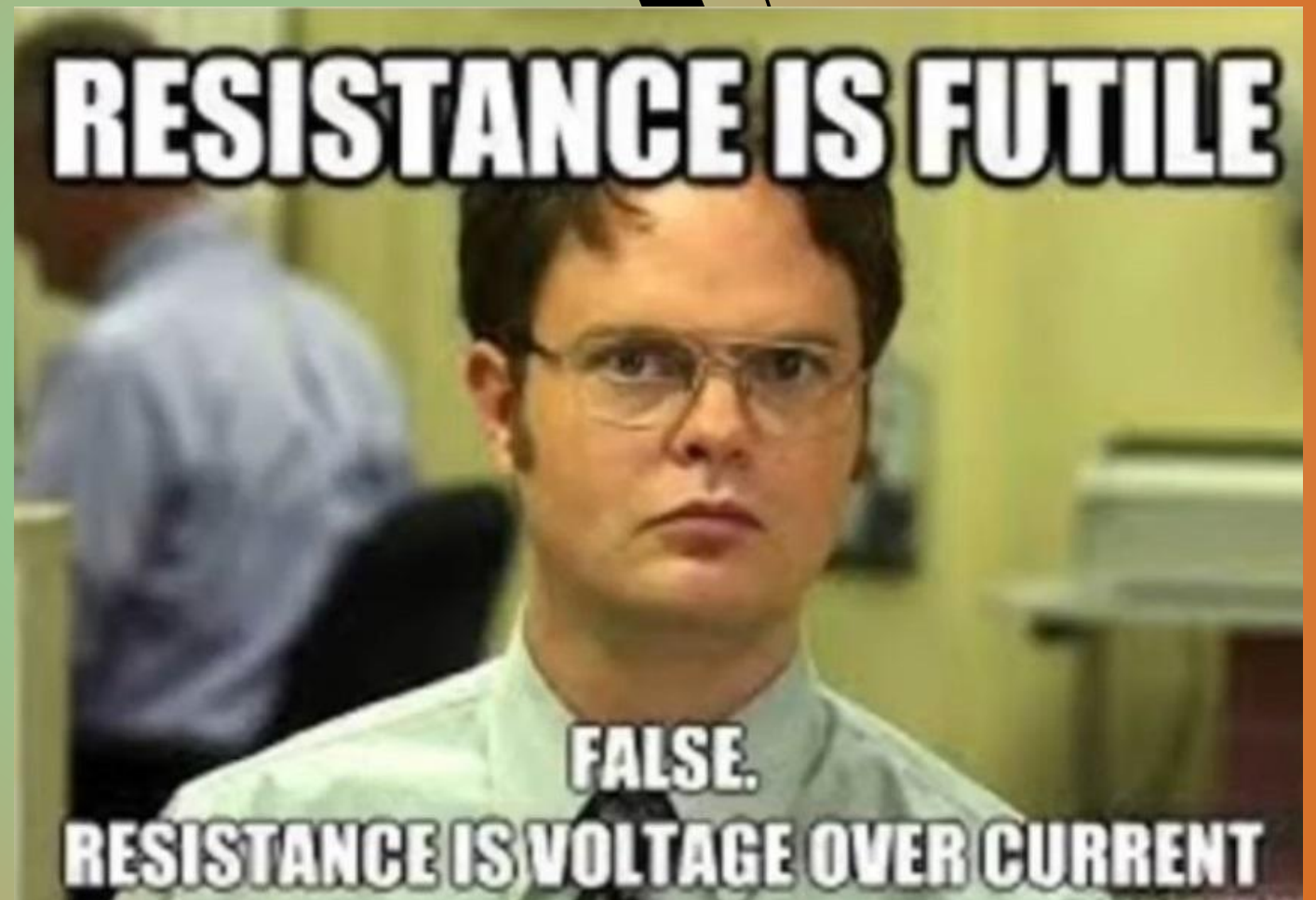
- ▶ 4 PE's, one of whom is a PE, SE and no more than 2 board members with the same area of competence
- ▶ 2 PS's, one may also be a PE, PS
- ▶ All are appointed by the Governor
- ▶ All except the Public Member are confirmed by the Senate.
- ▶ All except the Public Member are 6-year terms
- ▶ The Public Member serves at the pleasure of the Governor

**NEW BOARD WEBSITE
OKLAHOMA.GOV/PES**

*Thank you for your
patience as we
transition to our new
online licensing
system....
Board Staff*



TECHNOLOGY KEEPS MOVING FORWARD



SUMMARY OF APPROVED STATUTORY REVISIONS EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2024 (REFER TO PROVIDED STATUTE BOOKLET)

- A. Revised definition of the practice of engineering
 - ▶ Incidental Surveying (bottom of pg. 2 and top of pg. 3)
 - ▶ Building Engineering and incidental practice of architecture (bottom of pg 3 -5)
 - 1. This language was the result of work of the A/E task force consisting of member of the Architect Board and PELS Board to align our statutory requirements
- B. Definition of a Building (pg 9 #17)
 - 1. The significance of this addition was to align the Architect Board's definition and the PELS Board's understanding. Until this change the Architect Board's definition was very broad and did not align with the PELS Board's definition.
- C. Included definition of a Significant Structures in the statutes
 - 1. No changes to the definition (pg 9-11, #19)

A/E TASK FORCE CONTINUES ITS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR BUILDING PROJECTS IN OKLAHOMA

- 1. MEET REGULARLY TO DISCUSS ISSUES**
- 2. WORK WITH THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE
AND OTHER BUILDING OFFICIALS TO
COMMUNICATE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECTS
TO UTILIZE THE APPROPRIATE DESIGN
PROFESSIONAL(S)**
- 3. CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE LEGISLATURE
BY ACTING AS A RESOURCE IN REGARD TO
PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE THE
BUILDING PERMITTING PROCESS**

NEXT STEP AFTER PASSING LEGISLATION LAST YEAR – UPDATING ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO REFLECT STATUTE REVISIONS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES



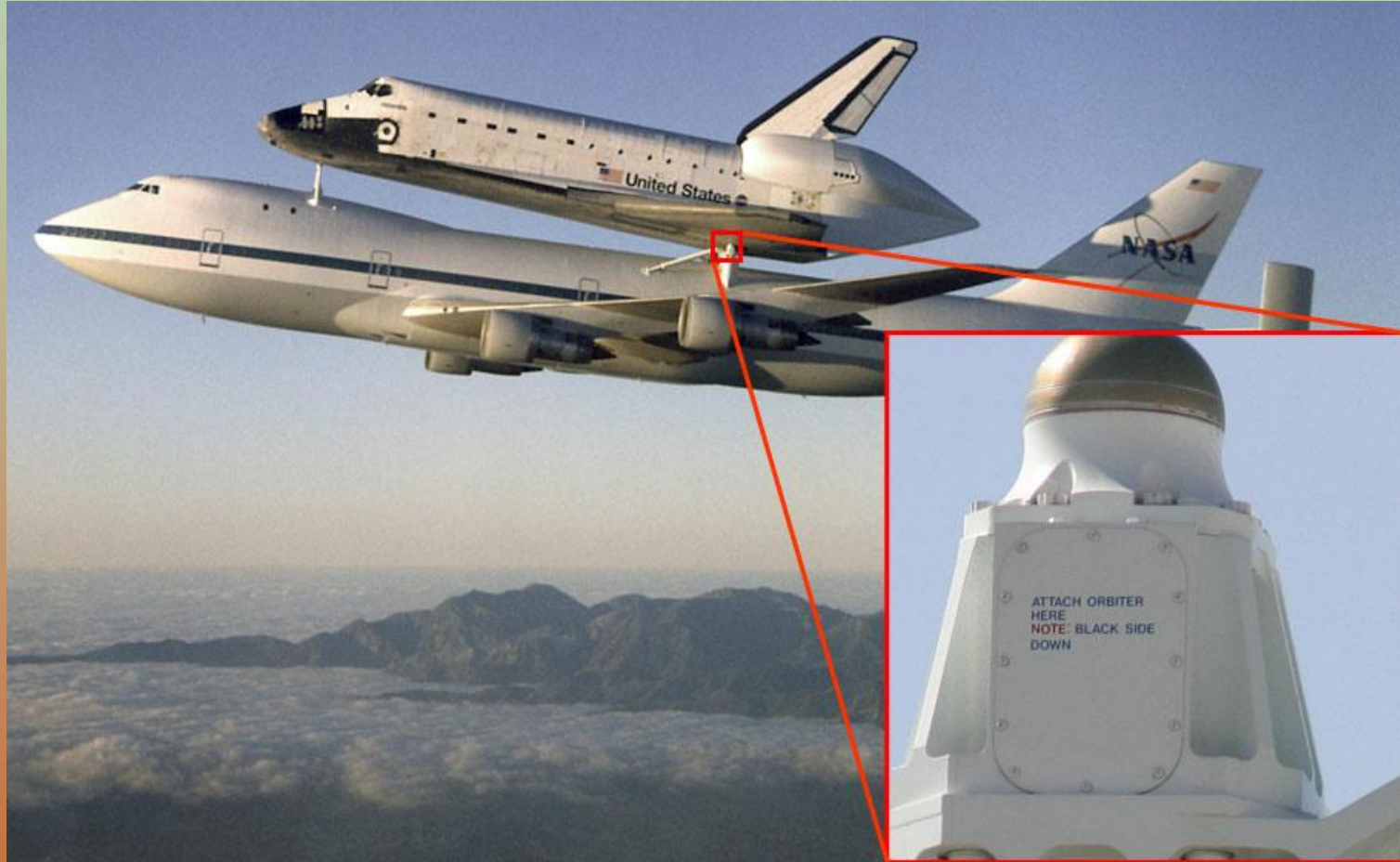
POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- Responsible Charge for Engineers and Surveyors
- Continuing Education
- Modernizing and clarifying language to make rules and requirements clear
- Allowing full-time professors with a PhD to waive the FE exam
- UK Mutual Recognition Agreement – accepting the licensed PE's in the UK to have reciprocal licensure as a PE in Oklahoma and vice-versa
- Public Meeting will be held in conjunction with the September 4, 2025 Board Meeting

AS THINGS CHANGE, WATCH FOR SIGNS AND NOTIFICATIONS

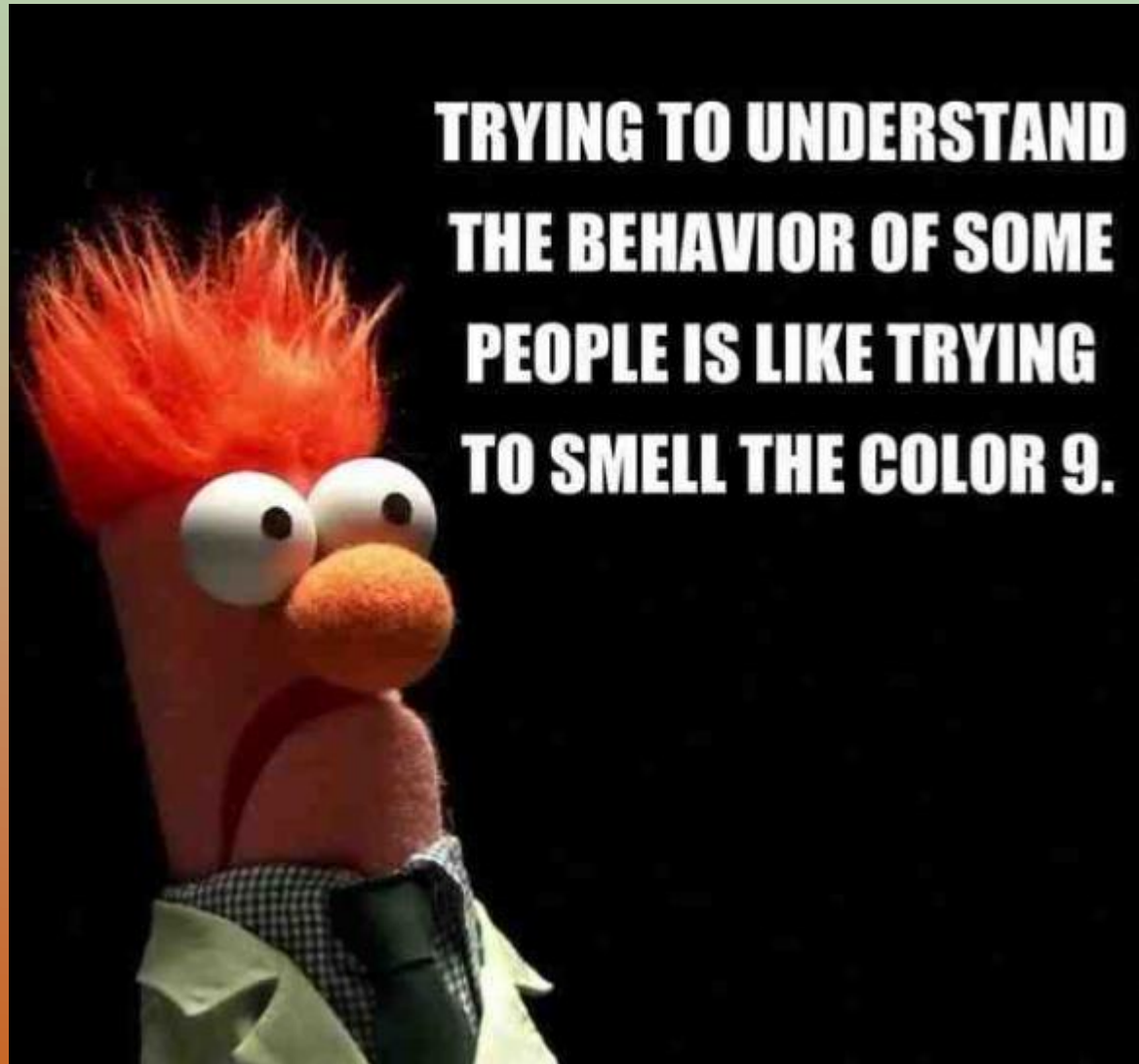


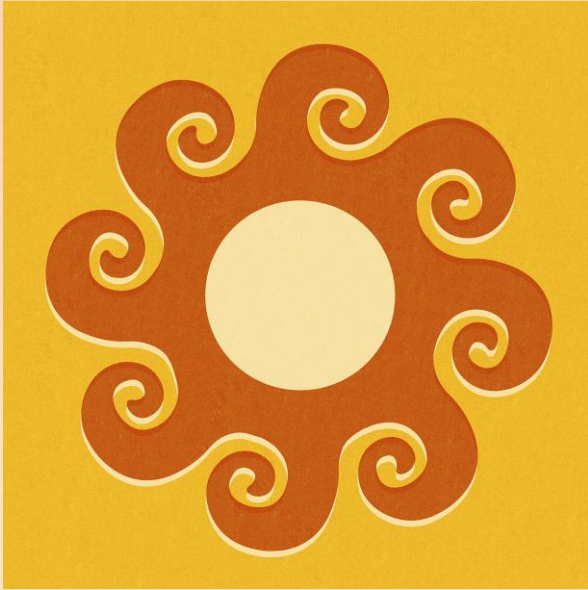
EVEN IF SIGNS SEEM DUMB, IF THEY ARE THERE, THERE IS A
REASON



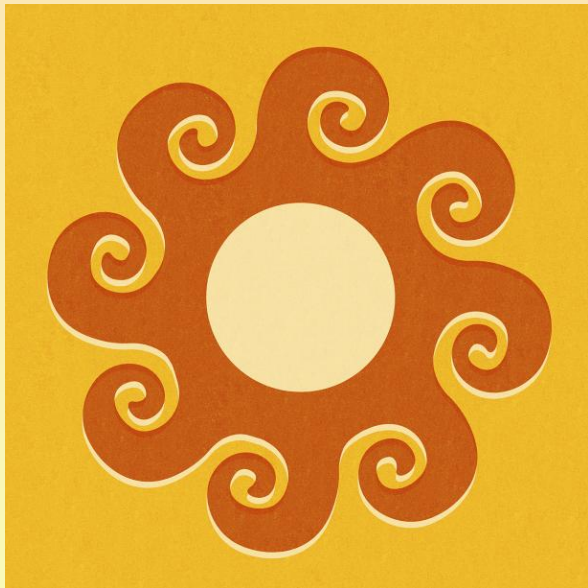
DON'T BE THE REASON

IF YOU ARE TRYING TO UNDERSTAND PRODUCT SAFETY,
JUST REMEMBER





- The Sunset Law is intended to ensure government agencies are fulfilling their intended purpose efficiently and effectively.
- It promotes accountability and transparency by requiring periodic evaluations of state entities.
- It allows the legislature to determine whether an agency should continue to exist, be reorganized, or be terminated.



**THE BOARD WILL GO THROUGH SUNSET
REVIEW JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026**

DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS?





THANK YOU!