

2023 Board Update

Kathy S. Hart, Executive Director

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

2023-2024

Chris Ramseyer, P.E., S.E. [Norman] (term expires June 28, 2023)

David Page, P.L.S. - Chair [Durant]

Glen Smith, P.E., P.L.S. - Vice Chair [Edmond]

Aaron Morris, P.L.S. - Secretary [Ardmore]

Richard Willoughby, P.E. [Guthrie]

Gene Brown, P.E., S.E. [Edmond]

Joe Cardenas, P.E. (effective June 29, 2023)
[Edmond]

Pat Adams, Public Member [Edmond] (serves at the pleasure of the Governor)

Legislative Update - 2023-2024

Sunset 2023 -
Extended the Board to
July 1, 2026

2023

2023-2024

Proposed legislation for 2023-2024

1. A/E Task Force charged with working on common statutory language to avoid conflicts within our regulations
2. Misc.Updates
3. Make-up of the Board modified to include one P.E., S.E.

Computer Updates - 2023

- APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE
- Our 2nd attempt to move to a new licensing platform in 2 years.



Biggest Computer Challenge - Firms Licensure and Renewals

Initial CA

- What Services is the Firm going to offer
- Who is the Managing Agent
- If Surveying is included, who are the Responsible Charge Surveyors
- What Offices will be offering/performing engineering and/or surveying services

Renewing CA

- Update ALL contact information including branch offices
- Update Managing Agent
- Update Responsible Charge Surveyors
- Make sure that if you have delegated this responsibility to someone else that there are legally binding certifications they will be swearing to on your behalf - BUT IT ULTIMATELY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!!



Questions?
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Compliance Model: Does What Work Nationally Work for Oklahoma?

Purpose of Licensure, Enforcement, and the Board (Both Nationally and Statewide)

Licensure

- *To ensure that professional engineers are qualified to practice their profession in their designated area(s) of competence*

Enforcement

- *To ensure that professional engineers are performing their professional services in conformity with the intent and purpose of the law and related Rules of Professional Conduct - and - to safeguard the public from the unlicensed practitioner*

Board

- *To protect the health, safety, welfare and property of the public in the regulation of the practice of engineering and land surveying [through Licensure and Enforcement]*

Licensee's
Responsibility to
Know the Law in
ALL STATES Prior
to Offering or
Performing Services
in a State

Understanding the laws and rules

Don't assume every state is the same - Ask Questions

Common Requirements that May Differ:

- Continuing Education Requirements
- At what point is a professional license required?
- Is your firm required to have a CA?
- Structural Engineering requirements
- Practice/licensed by discipline

Source of complaints?

Complaints
usually come
from:

1. Other licensees

2. Consumer
Public

3. NCEES
Enforcement
Exchange

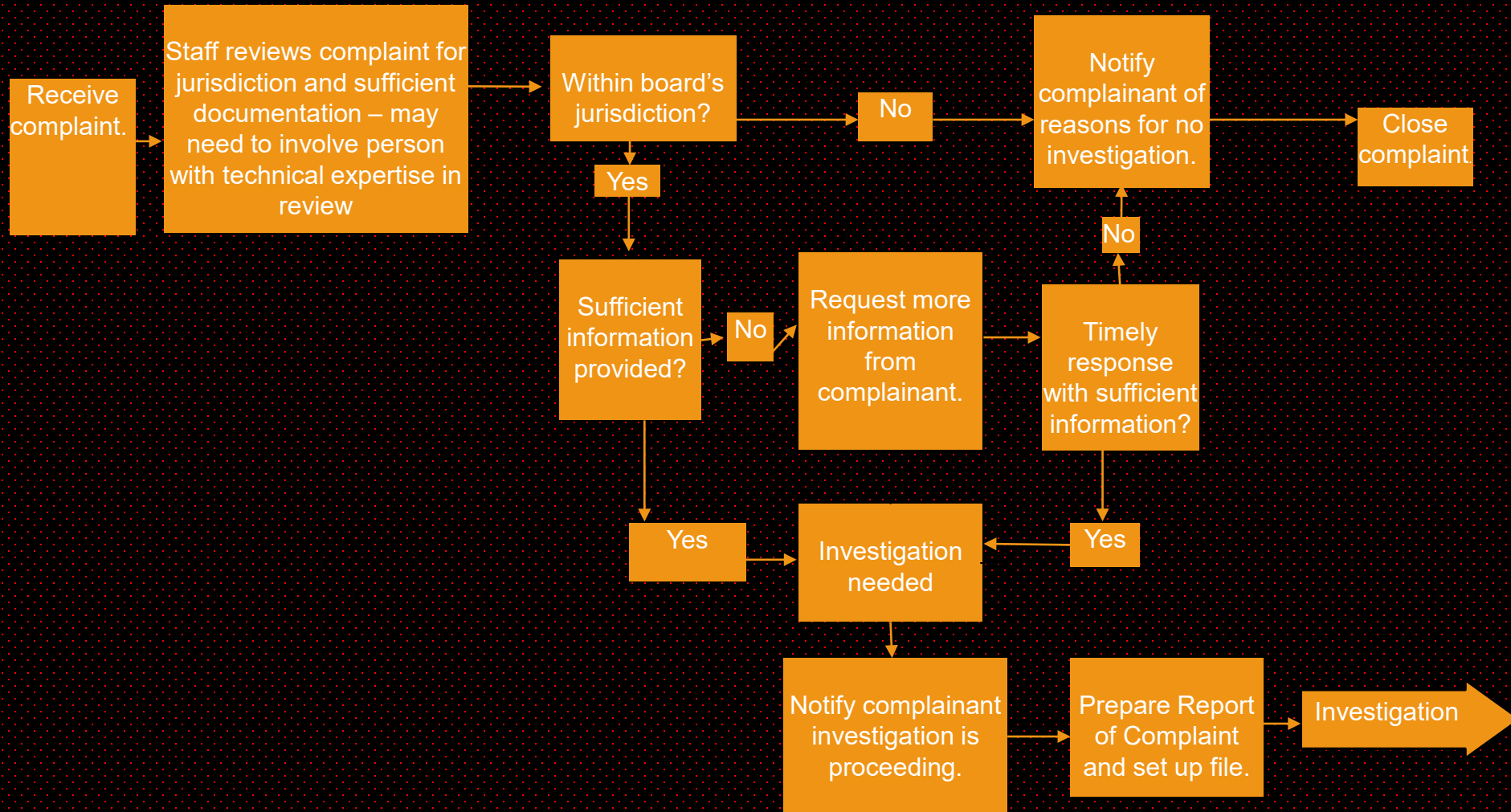
4. Continuing
Education Audit

5. Southwest
Construction
News

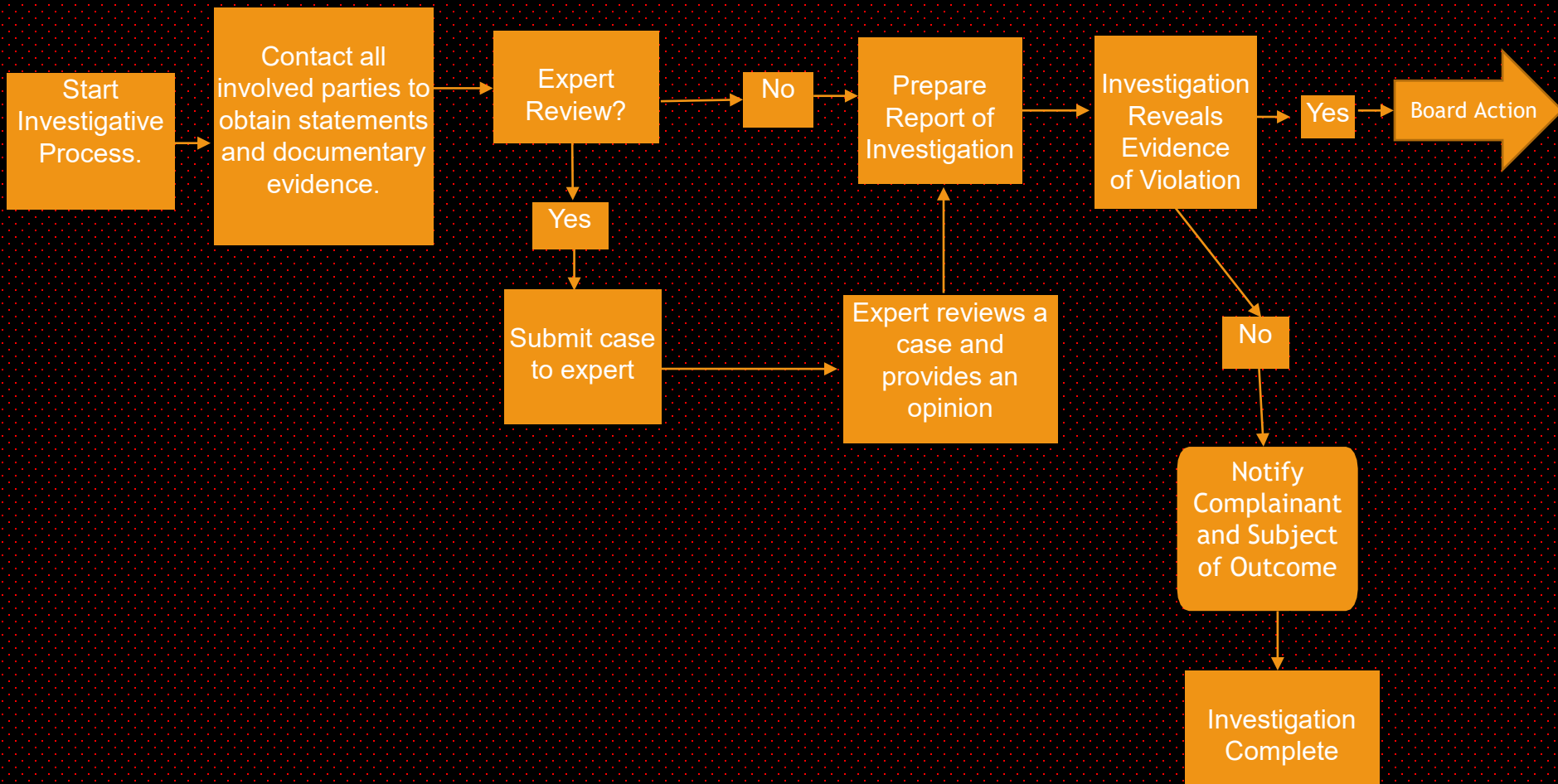
6. City/State
Building
Officials/Agencies

7. Anonymous

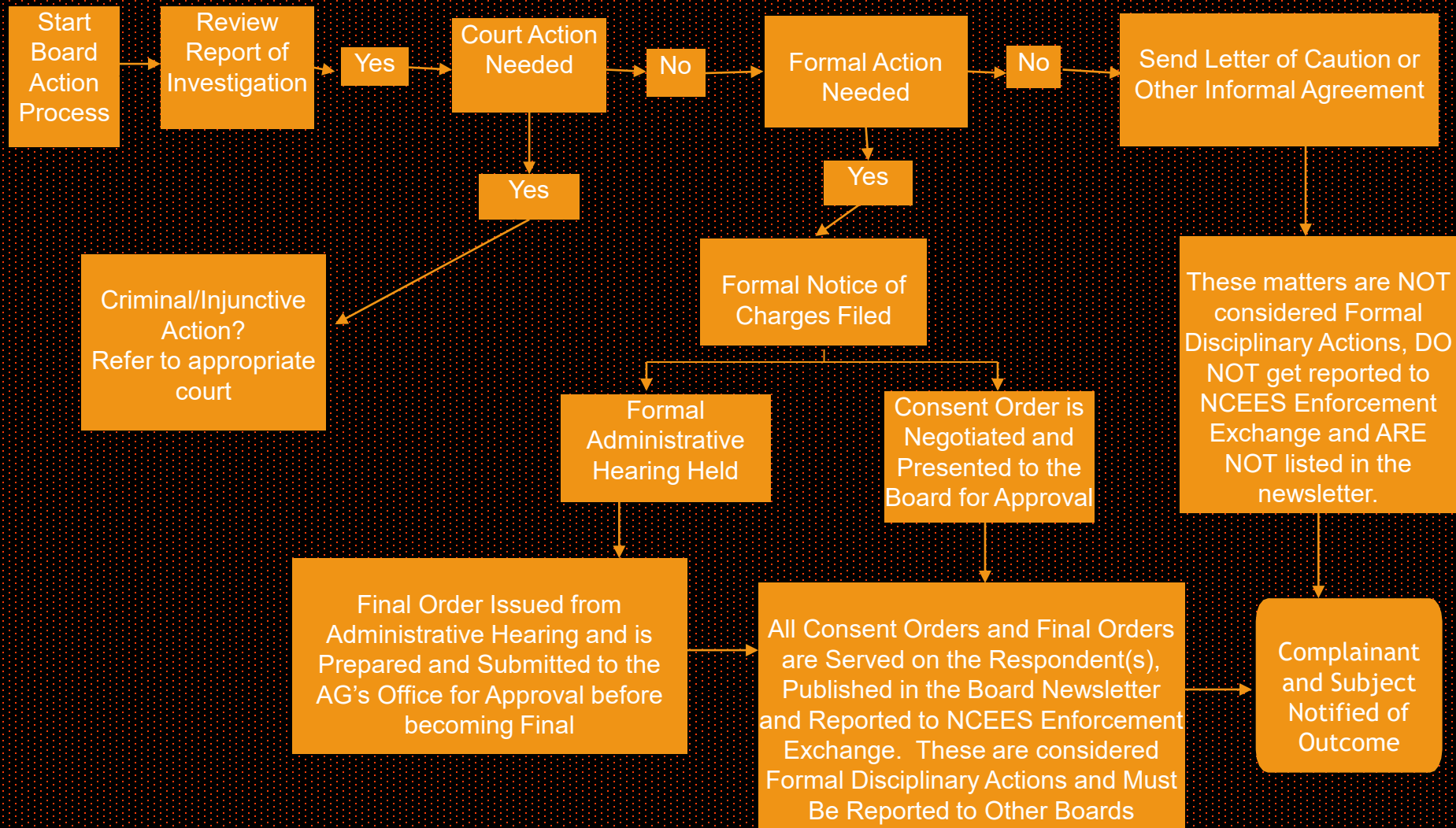
Complaint Flow Chart



Investigation Flow Chart



Board Actions Flow Chart



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