

Do I get Compensation?

No. The Board Technical Advisor is a volunteer that provides their expertise to the Board. The benefit of not paying for a technical advisor is that it shows in a hearing that the technical advisor is independent of the Board when providing their opinion.

If you are a Board Technical Advisor and you are selected to review a complaint that is under investigation, you will receive professional development hours for your work on that case.

Per our Administrative Code, credit for service to the Board as a volunteer Technical Advisor may be earned on an hourly basis not to exceed 10 PDH per year.



Money vs PDH Hours

How to Apply

Provide a resume to the Board Office. Your resume will be reviewed by the Board at a Board Meeting for consideration.

If you have questions about being a Technical Advisor, contact Bob Herbert at robert.herbert@bels.alabama.gov or 334-242-5089.



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Board Technical Advisor

Professional Engineer



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What is a Board Technical Advisor?

An Alabama licensed Professional Engineer who lives in Alabama and who has volunteered to assist the Board when a complaint is filed that concerns the competency of a professional engineer or a failure to adhere to the acceptable standards of practice regarding engineering by providing a report to the Board.



Engineers holding
engineers
accountable

What is Involved to be a Board Technical Advisor?

The Advisor is initially contacted to determine if they will have time to review the documents. Usually the Board requests a report to be provided within 15-30 days. We understand the amount of time necessary to provide an examination of documents submitted for review and realize the burden it may place on a technical advisor. The Board limits the amount of cases assigned to the Advisor per year and selects the Advisor from a different geographical area from the respondent in the case.

The Advisor must not visit the property site or interview anyone connected with the investigation without first contacting the Investigator.

The Advisor should specify in a written report any competency issues, any comments regarding lack of adherence to acceptable standards of practice of engineering.

The Advisor must return the copy of the plans/documents and review report to the Investigator.

As the investigation process continues, it may be necessary to have further discussions and reviews by the Advisor. This review could occur during the investigation or during preparation of charges. If a Formal Hearing is held, the Advisor may be subpoenaed to testify as an expert witness.

The Advisor's review is confidential and should not be discussed with anyone except members of the investigative committee.

Questions from anyone regarding this review process should be referred to a member of the Investigative Committee.



The Technical Advisor Process

Volunteers

Section 6-5-336

(3) The provisions of this section are intended to encourage volunteers to contribute their services for the good of their communities and at the same time provide a reasonable basis for redress of claims which may arise relating to those services.

(d) Any volunteer shall be immune from civil liability in any action on the basis of any act or omission of a volunteer resulting in damage or injury if:

(1) The volunteer was acting in good faith and within the scope of such volunteer's official functions and duties for a nonprofit organization, a nonprofit corporation, hospital, or a governmental entity; and

(2) The damage or injury was not caused by willful or wanton misconduct by such volunteer.

(Acts 1991, No. 91-439, p. 781, §§1-4; Acts 1993, No. 93-614, §1(1).)