



The Engineering Center Education Trust

**Serving on Public Boards
and Commissions
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- **PEs, PLSs, Registered Architects, other Design Professionals living in & licensed in MA - sought after to serve on certain public boards and commissions created under state law or by regulations.**
- **Directly participate in Public Policy**
- **Provide your professional expertise to help shape public policy for the benefit of residents.**



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- **Participating on a board or commission is more than being present – Be Prepared**
- **Board service requires a considerable contribution of expertise and time.**
 - **Board members help influence state policies and regulations, they need to stay informed about issues, legislative activity, and statutes affecting their board or commission.**
- **Board and commission members must attend meetings regularly.**
 - **Consistent attendance is important to understand board concerns and help to ensure that issues are examined from a variety of perspectives.**

Applying to serve

- **Read “job description”**
- **Read statutes and regulations related to board or commission - websites: board agendas, minutes**
- **Go to a meeting of the board – make sure the topics would be of interest to you**
- **Check in your employer - firm/organization - about any potential conflicts of interest – or appearance of a conflict**

Applying to serve (cont.)

- **Conduct of Board and Commission Members**
Most members of boards and commissions are subject to the State Conflict of Interest and Ethics Laws.
<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartIV/TitleI/Chapter268A>
- **Review each pertinent section prior to submitting your application.**
- **Contact the State Ethics Commission @ 617.371.9500 for free, confidential advice about how the laws would apply to you in a particular circumstance.**
- **?s about a specific position and eligibility: Contact the Boards and Commissions Office @ 617.725.4010.**

Applying to serve (cont.)

- **Submit your resume – with both home and work contact information on it, indicating position of interest. agoodman@engineers.org can review this for you.**
- **Background Check Paperwork - Sample of what an interested candidate may need to complete to be considered for appointment to a public board or commission by the Governor of Massachusetts: http://www.engineers.org/tec/file/2017/Background-Check-Paperwork-this_is_a_sample_only.pdf**
- **Appointment letter**
- **Other steps**

MA Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors

Openings for:

Chemical Engineer: not posted but see Electrical below

Electrical Engineer:

<http://www.engineers.org/index.cfm/cdid/11347/pid/10225>

Fire Protection Engineer:

<http://www.engineers.org/index.cfm/page/Board-of-Registration-Seeks-Fire-Protection-Engineer-Member-for-2018/cdid/11350/pid/10225>

2 Professional Land Surveyors

MA Designer Selection Board

Openings for:

**Professional Engineers and Registered Architects –
No current openings, but these do come up as terms
expire and people cannot be reappointed due to
term limits**

<http://www.engineers.org/index.cfm/cd/NAA/cdid/11258/pid/10225> for job description

**Firm/organization cannot do work for DCAMM or
related vertical building agencies**

Other Designer Selection Boards + Other Boards

Firm/organization cannot do work for these vertical building agencies

- **Mass School Building Authority OPM Selection Committee**
- **UMASS Building Authority**
- **State College Building Authority**

Other Boards of Registration: Serve as a public member on another board

Board of Building Regulations and Standards – other seats for PEs

The Wastewater Advisory Committee (WAC) Seeks Professional Engineer

Description:

<http://www.engineers.org/index.cfm/page/Wastewater-Advisory-Committee-seeks-PE-by-November-30,-2017/cdid/11295/pid/10225>

MWRA Board of Directors created WAC in 1990 to offer independent recommendations on wastewater policies and programs.

WAC's mission: An independent public forum for holistic discussion of wastewater issues.

Membership: Reflects knowledge & interest of major affected constituencies: engineering and construction, environmental advocacy, planning, academic research, and business.

Diversity on Boards

- Encourage people on your team to apply: Looking for technical professionals who are women and/or people of diverse cultures.

Questions?

- Type your question into the Chat Box