

# Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc.

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## **Introducing the 2017 TPCB Board of Direction**

Get to know your 2017 Transportation Professional Certification Board (TPCB) Board of Directors! A complete list of the twelve 2017 TPCB directors with their pictures and bios is available on the TPCB website [here](#).

The 2017 TPCB Chair is Michael K. Park, P.E., PTOE.



The 2017 Vice Chair is Diane W. Morabito, P.E., PTOE.



Ken Ackeret, Ph.D., P.E., PTOE will begin serving as the Immediate Past Chair.



Jennifer Rosales, P.E., T.E., PTOE begins as Discipline Director.



Thank you to all of our directors for your service! View everyone's photo and bio [here](#).

## **Congratulations to New PTOE and PTP Certificants**

The Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc. and the Institute of Transportation Engineers congratulate the following 74 new Professional Traffic Operations Engineers (PTOE) and 14 new Professional Transportation Planners (PTPs) who



passed the certification exams in October 2016. To learn more about these certifications and how to apply, visit [www.tpcb.org](http://www.tpcb.org).

### New PTOE Certificants

Charles W. Abel Jr.	Thomas E. Ingram	Megan Gould Peppard
Michael David Bailey	Dallas P. Joplin	Timothy Rhine
Judith M. Bennett	Abhishek A. Joshi	William Blake Richards
Benjamin J. Boudreaux	Adam Michael Kaliszewski	Stephanie Rogers
Christian Gerard Boutte	Leah Grace Kelsey	Ignacio Sanchez Hernandez
Sam C. Budzyna	John Clark Kennedy	Gregory Thomas Seib
Brandon D. Campbell	Alireza Khavari	Esther M. Shaw-Smith
Mickeal David Carda	David C. LeFaive	Ross Stephen Shillingford
Jennifer L. Caummisar-Kern	Michael J. Levasseur	Natalie J. Sistrunk
Christopher F. Chaffee	Ernesto S. Longoria	Dana Eileen Slone
Joseph Keaweualani Chang	Veena Madineni	Jason Edward Stack
Leonard C. Cheslock	Janet Kay Manley	Cheryl N. Stacks
Jeremy Matthew Chin	Fernando Gabriel Mascioli	Brian J. Staley
Rachel Leah Chipman	Ericka W.H. Miller	Lionel C. Starchman
Eamonn Michael Clements	Ryan Kenneth Miller	Allan Brendan Stevenson
Kyle Owen Clevenger	Nadereh Moini	Nicholas R. Streets
Brent C. Crowther	Rakesh Mora	Jianchen Sun
Justin Matthew Curewitz	Roger T. Mulvaney	Yimin Tang
Justin L. DiBiase	Erica E. Myers	Tsz Shing Tsoi
David J. Duarte	Gabriel David Nevarez	Justin Kenneth Tye
John Hamilton Eason	Thuha Nguyen Lyew	Reju V Radhakrishnan
Natasha A. Fatu	Whitney D. Nottage	Bradley Ames Walike
Diane Callahan Hammonds	Edward Kwame	Jason K. Watson
Melissa May Heidema	Ofori-Abebresse	Elena T. Wise
Daniel Hendrickson	Srikanth Panguluri	Dishili Davis Young

### PTP

Laurell L. Adams	Ajit Makhija	Sudarsana Seela
Aleida Andrino-Chavez	Sunita V. Nadella	Bin Wang
Nicholas Broussard	Tao Pan	Renee Nicole Murphy
James Allday Bunch	Sanjay Paul	Whitesell
Brian T. Kellogg	Jennifer Lynn Schenkman	Fan Wu

For a full list of PTOE- and PTP- certified individuals, visit the Directory of Certification Holders [here](#). New certificants are also recognized in the [February 2017 ITE Journal](#).

## Certification Programs Continue to Grow: PTP Program Reaches Milestone 400 Certificants!

Application and renewal rates continue to be strong for both the [Professional Traffic Operations Engineer® \(PTOE\)](#) and [Professional Transportation Planner® \(PTP\)](#) certification programs, and with each exam period, we continue to increase the number of PTOEs and PTPs.

The PTP program has reached a new milestone of 400 certificants! There are 3,148 certified PTOEs. With the applications received for the current February 2017 exam period, there have been more than 4,000 applications to take the PTOE exam since the program began in 1999, and more than 600 applications to take the PTP exam.

Share this newsletter with colleagues who seek professional growth through certification and help these programs continue to add value to the profession!

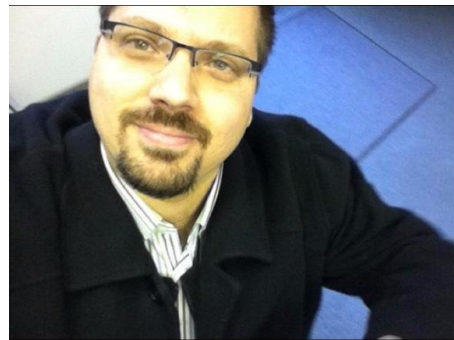


## **Celebrating the 400th PTP: Joseph Lafayette Meek III, P.E., PTOE, PTP**

Joseph Lafayette Meek III, P.E., PTOE, PTP successfully passed the PTP exam in October 2016, making him the program's 400th PTP certificant. Joseph is a Transportation Analyst in the Transportation Planning Analysis Unit of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

### **What prompted you to seek PTP certification?**

Transportation engineering and transportation planning are closely linked. As one discipline fades into the other, certification in both areas is useful for serving and working on a project. Certainly the needs and work that one pours into a project will come from both disciplines. At the end of the day, you want to improve safety, movement of people and goods, and livability or economic prosperity. After working a certain number of years on projects, you begin to use both disciplines. Having proven knowledge of both of these disciplines through certification increases your success as you work with different entities and are able to see the perspectives of both planners and engineers.



### **How does PTP certification set you apart and help advance your career?**

This certification sets you apart with the recognition that you have a professional's knowledge and experience. This shows an employer that you have a wider spectrum of knowledge to pull from to do your job.

### **What do you think professionals should know about pursuing PTP certification?**

As with preparing for the PTOE certification, it will require studying on your part. Take heart—it is better to keep your mind growing, rather than aging.

**Been promoted after certification? Share your certification story with Michelle Birdsall at [mbirdsall@ite.org](mailto:mbirdsall@ite.org) to be featured in the TPCB newsletter!**

## New Safety Certification Development Update

Over the past year, TPCB has been collaborating with colleagues representing the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) and other safety leaders to lay the foundation for the development of a new safety certification program. Based on these efforts, TPCB and TAC are preparing to develop a North American exam and accreditation process for the North American Road Safety Professional (RSP) certification. The focus of the new certification is on professionals who make daily work decisions that either directly or indirectly impact the frequency and severity of traffic collisions, ensuring they know how to explicitly consider and reduce negative safety impacts.

During the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting in January 2017, TPCB Executive Director Jeff Paniati and TAC representative Geni Bahar, P.Eng. held a meeting for invited industry stakeholders to learn more about the RSP program plans and provide input. Next steps include forming a RSP Steering Committee and a Subject Matter Expert group to develop the exam questions and supporting materials. Test administrator Castle Worldwide, Inc., which currently provides support for administering the PTOE and PTP examinations, has been contracted to help with the development of the RSP. Current plans are for the RSP program to launch in 2018, with the first exams to take place in the latter part of 2018.

More details on this exciting new opportunity for professionals to advance themselves in the area of safety will be provided as they become available.

## Earn PDHs at the Joint ITE/CITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit

Looking for opportunities to earn professional development hours (PDHs) to keep your certification current? Make plans now to attend the Joint ITE/CITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, July 30 - August 2, 2017. A full technical program focused on the theme, Transportation for All: Putting New Ideas into Practice, will provide many opportunities to earn PTOE and PTP PDHs, with topics ranging from automated and connected vehicle technologies to multimodal approaches to creating vibrant, healthy, and livable communities. Learn more at [www.ite.org/annualmeeting](http://www.ite.org/annualmeeting).



## Spread the Word on 2017 Certification Exams Next Application Deadline: April 5

Do you know a colleague interested in pursuing PTOE and/or PTP certification? Share this! April 5, 2017 is the deadline to apply for the certification exams taking place in the June 1 to June 30, 2017 timeframe.

Complete exam information is available at [www.tpcb.org/examschedule.asp](http://www.tpcb.org/examschedule.asp). Application forms are available [here](#). For a list of available exam cities please click [here](#).

## Updated PTOE Exam and Refresher Materials

PTOE certification applicants now take an updated exam that began with the October 2016 test administration. The Transportation Professional Certification Board, in conjunction

with the test administrator Castle Worldwide, Inc., updated this exam to insure that it covers the current terminology and practices used by professionals. In addition, the traffic safety portion has been revised to focus on the Highway Safety Manual. This update of examination questions is in keeping with the high standards of providing an accredited demonstration of the requisite knowledge, skill, and ability in the specialized application of traffic operations engineering.



For applicants preparing to take the new exam, new refresher materials are now available. The Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) offers an [on-demand webinar series](#) and [a practice exam](#) to help applicants prepare for taking the new PTOE examination. Learn more at [here](#).

### **Thank You to PTOE Job Analysis Volunteers**

The TPCB Board thanks all the volunteers who contributed their time participating in the PTOE Job Analysis Webinars that took place in the Fall of 2016. As a result of these efforts, the PTOE job analysis panel completed its review and update of the examination content outline, adding roughly 250 knowledge statements to supplement the existing domains and subdomains.

### **Update of the PTP Exam and Refresher Materials:**

TPCB Board member Gordon Meth is conducting a job task analysis in preparation for updating the PTP exam and refresher materials. The updated exam is planned for release in Fall 2017. This update, like the recent PTOE exam and refresher material update, reflects TPCB's commitment to ensuring the certification programs stay timely and current with today's engineering and planning practices.

The Transportation Professional Certification Board Inc. (TPCB), an autonomous certification body affiliated with the Institute of Transportation Engineers, offers the following certification programs: Professional Traffic Operations Engineer® (PTOE) and Professional Transportation Planner® (PTP). For more information, visit [www.tpcb.org](http://www.tpcb.org).

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