

# Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc.

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## Winter Newsletter: February 12, 2016

### TPCB, Inc. Welcomes New Executive Director and CEO, Jeffrey F. Paniati, P.E.

The [Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc.](http://www.tpcb.org) (TPCB) Board of Directors appointed Jeffrey F. Paniati, P.E. as the new TPCB Executive Director and CEO in October 2015. The appointment followed Mr. Paniati joining the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) staff as Executive Director and CEO. He steps into the two new positions taking over for Thomas W. Brahms, who retired from TPCB and ITE on December 31, 2015.

Prior to joining TPCB, Mr. Paniati had a 32-year career with the Federal Highway Administration, including serving as Executive Director from 2008-2015.



As Executive Director he was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the agency, overseeing 2,900 transportation professionals and a \$400 million operating budget. He assisted the FHWA Administrator on establishing programs, policies, and priorities for the \$40 billion annual federal-aid highway program. Under Mr. Paniati's leadership, FHWA was recognized as a Best Place to Work by the Partnership for Public Service. Previously, Mr. Paniati held senior leadership positions with FHWA in the areas of system management and operations, intelligent transportation systems, and highway safety.

Mr. Paniati has received numerous honor awards, including the prestigious Presidential Rank Award of Distinguished Executive. He has been inducted into the University of Connecticut Academy of Distinguished Engineers and the ITS America Hall of Fame. Mr. Paniati has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Connecticut and a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Maryland. He is a Fellow of ITE and a registered professional engineer.

### Introducing the 2016 TPCB Board of Direction

The TPCB Board of Direction appointed Diane W. Morabito, Organizational Director-PTOE, and Dennis A. Randolph, Organizational Director-Local Government, to a second term on the board. New to the TPCB Board in 2016, Lloyd Brown has been appointed as Public Director.

**A complete list of directors with their bios is available on the TPCB website at [www.tpcb.org/TPCB\\_Board.pdf](http://www.tpcb.org/TPCB_Board.pdf).** Congratulations, Diane, Dennis, and Lloyd, and

thank you for your service!

For those unfamiliar with the make-up of the Board, it consists of 12 members: 7 of which are appointed and 5 of which are elected by TPCB certificants. The majority of the Board members are to be current certificants of an active TPCB certification program, and at least one discipline director is required for each active TPCB certification program. The Public Director is NOT to be a transportation professional, but should be in a position to use the services of a certified transportation professional.

## **Celebrating Certification Success: Recognizing Our 1,000th, 2,000th, and 3,000th PTOE Certificants**

Three TPCB certificants, recognized as the 1,000th, 2,000th, and 3,000th person respectively to receive their PTOE certification, recently shared their certification stories with TPCB. Know a colleague that would benefit from certification? Share these stories and help grow our body of certified professionals!

**1,000th PTOE:  
Kirsten Tynch, PE, PTOE, LEED AP BD+C,  
ENV SP  
Transportation Manager for VHB**



**What prompted you to seek certification as a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer?**

I originally sought certification as a business decision-I saw having my PTOE as a differentiator from my competitors, especially after noticing that requests for proposals (RFPs) with complex traffic engineering components requested PTOE certification.

**How has PTOE certification set you apart and/or advanced your career?**

Clients identify me as a strong traffic engineer due to my PTOE. Those that don't know what PTOE stands for will ask, providing me the opportunity to share what I do with them. This certification has opened many doors throughout my career.

**What do you think new professionals should know about certification?**

I feel the PTOE certification identifies those professionals with the commitment to staying in the forefront of traffic engineering. Obtaining the certification will increase your marketability now and into the future.

**2,000th PTOE:  
Christopher A. Prisk, P.E., PTOE  
Project Manager for Langan**

**What prompted you to seek certification as a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer?**

Just as obtaining your P.E. License is a critical step in a civil engineer's career path, obtaining your PTOE certification has become an important part of a traffic engineer's career growth. I did not want to limit my

career opportunities with the absence of this certification.



**How has PTOE certification set you apart and/or advanced your career?**

There have been numerous projects and proposal leads that came to my attention because of this additional certification.

**What do you think new professionals should know about certification?**

Clients and peers alike recognize the distinction of being a PTOE. As a result, the testing process and continuing education credits for this certification are challenging but very worthwhile.

**3000th PTOE:**

**Andrew Warren, P.E., PTOE  
Arkansas State Highway &  
Transportation Department,  
Senior Transportation Planning  
Engineer**



**What prompted you to seek certification as a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer?**

I was looking for a challenge and an opportunity to expand my knowledge and skills. Furthermore, as a government representative, I was seeking to establish traffic engineering as a distinguished field in my state.

**How has PTOE certification set you apart and/or advanced your career?**

Obtaining my certification has demonstrated to agency officials that I desire to improve the state of the practice within our organization.

**What do you think new professionals should know about certification?**

Certification demonstrates your proficiency to employers and clients, and it assures them that projects assigned to you are in capable and skilled hands.

**Tell Us Your Certification Story**

How have you benefitted from PTOE or PTP certification? Send your certification success story to Ann O'Neill, Certificate Programs Associate, at [certification@tpcb.org](mailto:certification@tpcb.org).

**Certification Program Continues to Grow**

Application and renewal rates continue to be strong for both the Professional Traffic Operations Engineer® (PTOE) and Professional Transportation Planner® (PTP) certification programs. With the applications received for the current February 2016 PTOE exam, there have been 4,030 applications to take the PTOE exam since the program began in 1999, and 562 applications to take the PTP exam. There are currently 3,025 PTOE certificants and 388 PTP certificants.

## PTOE Certification Renewal Reminder

Renewal paperwork is now due for those who have received notification by email. The Transportation Professional Certification Board now states that those PTOE certificate holders who do not renew within three months of the expiration date will be required to retake the PTOE exam to become re-certified.

If you are due for renewal, please do so immediately. This new policy will be rigorously enforced. Renewal forms are available at [www.tpcb.org/ptoe/PTOERenewalForm.pdf](http://www.tpcb.org/ptoe/PTOERenewalForm.pdf).

**Contact Ann O'Neill, Certificate Programs Associate, at [certification@tpcb.org](mailto:certification@tpcb.org)**, with any questions. Also, be sure to contact Ann if your contact information has changed so that you will receive renewal notices and other important information.

## Spread the Word on 2016 Certification Exams Application Deadline: April 15

Do you know a colleague interested in pursuing PTOE and/or PTP certification? Here is information to share! **The application deadline for computer-based exams to be taken in the June 1 to 30, 2016 time frame is April 15, 2016.**

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](#).

### Know Someone Taking the PTOE or PTP Exam in February?

ITE offers individuals taking the upcoming PTOE and PTP exams the following preparatory resources:

- [Professional Traffic Operations Engineer \(PTOE\) Online Practice Exam](#)
- [PTOE Refresher Online Course](#)
- [Professional Transportation Planner \(PTP\) Online Practice Exam](#)
- [PTP Refresher Online Course](#)

Click on the links above for complete information.

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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