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## Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Surveyors

## **Executive Director Announcement**

The Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors is pleased to announce the appointment of Monica Gilmore as its new Executive Director. Ms. Gilmore attended Alcorn State University as a pre-engineering major and then attended Mississippi State University where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. While at Mississippi State University she was a member of the Alumni Ambassador Program and graduated with honors. At Alcorn State University she pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and was a President's list scholar.

She is a member of the 2014 class of "Mississippi's 50 Leading Business Women" and is a Class of 2010 member of Leadership Greater Jackson. She is also the 2009 Volunteer of the Year for the City of Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce. She is a native Mississippian and grew up in Port Gibson, Mississippi not far from the campus of Alcorn State University.

She is a champion of programs which introduce youth to careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and helped to bring the National Society of Black Engineers Summer Engineering Experience for Kids (SEEK) program to Jackson, Mississippi. She also previously served as a member of the Board for Jackson Public Schools, during which time she also served as the Board President.

Since joining the Licensure Board, she has been responsible for implementing such programs as the monthly Spotlight Feature and the rebranding of the agency newsletter into what's now known as PEP Talks. The PEP Talks newsletter highlights and promotes the engineering and surveying professions in the State of Mississippi, provides exam and licensee information as well as Board updates.

Ms. Gilmore previously served as the agency Public Relations and Outreach Coordinator and brings more than 7 years of experience in the licensure and compliance field to this new role. In addition, she has more than 20 years of experience in the environmental consulting business.

The Board looks forward to continued service to the engineering and surveying professions in the State of Mississippi.

Patrick Martino, PLS Board President