

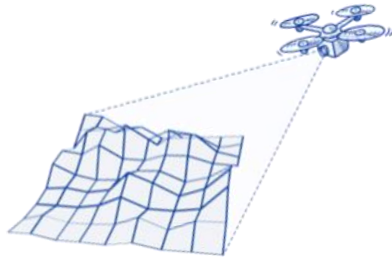


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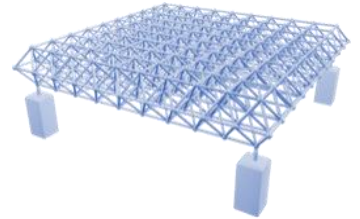
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IDFPR INTRODUCES VIRTUAL LICENSING APPOINTMENTS



Effective July 24, 2024, the Division of Professional Regulation requests that individuals seeking updates on licensure applications make virtual appointments on Wednesdays instead of visiting the Department's Springfield office.

This request is so staff are adequately prepared to address your concerns, while also ensuring the public has equitable access to appointments without needing to visit the Springfield office. Virtual licensing appointments may be [scheduled via this online calendar](#). Appointments are available in 30-minute intervals starting at 9am each Wednesday and ending at 4pm.

Two individuals can sign up for appointments during each time slot.

Appointments can be made as soon as 14 days prior to the appointment date, but cannot be made less than 48 business hours before the appointment date (as the calendar will close at that time for additional appointments).

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BOARD UPDATES

Board Member Changes

IDFPR and the respective design board thanked the following outgoing board members for their years of dedication & service to the Board and providing invaluable knowledge & expertise for the profession to IDFPR.

- [Architect Board](#)
E. William Reichert
- [Structural Engineer Board](#)
Salvatore Di Bernardo

The following member was added to the Architect board; and we look forward to hearing her thoughts and insight on the profession, and how best to ensure the continued protection of the public.

- [Architect Board](#)
Kimshasa Baldwin was recently appointed & welcomed to the Board.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Architecture Act Legislation

SB 2819 was signed by the Governor and will take effect on January 1, 2025. The department will work with the Board and associations to amend the administrative rules to reflect this change in early 2025.

The text of the bill is available here: [SB 2919](#)

Other legislation being tracked

SB 3767 was passed in the Senate and House and submitted to the Governor for signature. Assuming it is signed, it will have an effective date of January 1, 2025, and the department will work with the Board and associations to amend the administrative rules to reflect this change in early 2025.

The text of the bill is available here: [SB 3767](#)

NCARB 2024 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Members of the Illinois Architecture Licensing Board attended the annual business meeting in June, which was held in Chicago this year.

The members attended workshops that addressed overlapping practice with other design professions, AI in Architecture, among others.

Additionally, they collaborated with members from other U.S. jurisdictions on best practices for the profession and methods to ensure that reasonable regulations persist to maintain public safety.



Pictured from left to right:
Member Norm Lach, Chair Michelle Gillette-Murphy, IDFPR Assistant
General Counsel Ron Almiron and Member Robert Anderson.

MONTHLY ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TAKEN

Information regarding disciplinary actions taken by IDFPR against unlicensed individuals and licensed professionals and businesses are public record and available on our website. Many of these actions are the final outcome of what began as a complaint submitted to the Department.



Recent Enforcement actions are available below.

- Manuel Velez, 001013480 - Architect license suspended for failure to file and/or pay Illinois state income taxes.

ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR PAPER APPLICATIONS

The Department has initiated a pilot program to enable certain professions to submit payments for their **paper applications** online using ePay.

ePay is a full-service electronic payment program specifically designed for Illinois governments so they can quickly and securely receive monies through convenient, customized payment channels that offer constituents easier, faster payment choices to pay fees 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The following professions are tentatively scheduled to added to the pilot program mid-August.

- Professional Engineer applicants without a U.S. SSN or ITIN
- Professional Design Firm

The link to use the ePay program is here: <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/epay.html>

REINSTATEMENT & RESTORATION CHANGES

In addition to the above mentioned ePay pilot program, the Department has implemented the same program for specific professions applying for reinstatement or restoration of a license. Currently, we are in PHASE 2 of this pilot program and the following professions will soon been added to this program.

- **Architecture**
- **Professional Engineering**

The program page is available here:

<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/dpr/license-renewal-info.html>



QUICK LINKS

To better serve applicants and licensees, several important functions may be found on the Department website. A list of these services is below for your convenience to ensure a quick and accurate interaction with the Department.

Apply for a license: <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/newapplications.html>

License Look-up: <https://online-dfpr.micropact.com/lookup/licenselookup.aspx>

Update your contact information: <https://online-dfpr.micropact.com/>

Download a license: <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/fpr-applications/getmylicense/loginprof.html>

Request a license and/or exam certification/verification:

<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idfpr/forms/dpr/cert-req-design-2022.pdf>

Review the Code Enforcement Manual:

<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idfpr/forms/dpr/design-code-manual.pdf>

Registration for a Professional Design Firm:

<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idfpr/renewals/apply/forms/f1419lt.pdf>

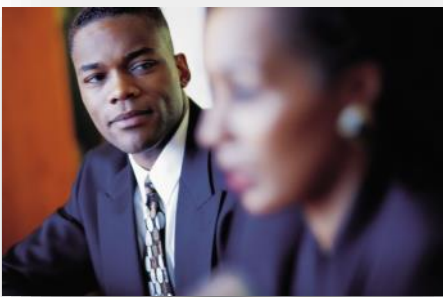
Add or remove services from your firm:

<https://idfpr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idfpr/renewals/apply/forms/f2309.pdf>

File a complaint: <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/admin/complaints.html>



UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS



Members of the public are invited to attend the open session of Board Meetings to gain a better understanding of the current topics and issues prevalent in the respective professions as well as how the Board is working to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public are being protected.

As unforeseen issues may occur, always check the Department website to ensure that the Board is meeting.

Note: members of the public wishing to attend a meeting in-person must request a guest pass to attend the meeting three days prior to the meeting and may do so by emailing fpr.boards@illinois.gov with your Full Name, Board Meeting Name and Meeting Date.

September

Architect Board, 9/19/2024

Structural Engineering Board, 9/24/2024

Professional Engineering Board, 9/25/2024

Professional Land Surveyor Board, 9/26/2024



CE/PDH CREDIT

State of Illinois

Continuing Education / Professional Development Credit

Reading this newsletter is worth credit toward your Illinois Design Profession license renewal requirement of Illinois state statutes and rules. This shall serve notice and certify that the person named below has earned 0.25 Continuing Education for Architects and Structural Engineers and 0.25 Professional Development for Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors.

To receive CE/PDH credit, you must complete and score 70% or higher on the online quiz, and maintain a copy of the quiz score notification.

Access the quiz here: <https://forms.office.com/g/F5txUxxRSK>

NEWLY LICENED?

We recommend that you review the code enforcement manual to ensure that you and your Professional Design Firm are in compliance with all applicable requirements as well as find an example to use when you purchase your Illinois seal. Illinois does not supply a seal or approve any vendors. You may purchase your seal at a vendor of your choice. As long as it is a reproducible seal (non-embossed) it will be accepted.

Code Enforcement Manual: [Manual for Code Enforcement Officials and Design Professionals](#)



Did you know IDFPR is comprised of four Divisions?

In addition to the Division of Professional Regulation that oversees design professions, there are also the Division of Banking, Division of Financial Institutions, and Division of Real Estate.

Learn more about IDFPR – and the resources for licensees and consumers on our website idfpr.illinois.gov

*Please let us know how we can serve you better by
emailing your comments and suggestions to us at: FPR.DesignUnit@Illinois.gov*



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