

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

**Open Minutes**

State Board of Professional Engineers

Date: September 23, 2020  
Convened: 10:03 am  
Adjourned: 12:13 pm  
Location: WebEx

Members Present: James P. Schlichting, Chair  
L. Duane Yockey, Vice-Chair  
Brian Berg Jr, Member  
Kevin Burke III, Member  
Christy Crites, Member  
Gale Jamison, Member  
Sean Middleton, Member  
Richard M. Ray, Member  
John M. Whitt, Member

Member(s) Absent: Philip Kunz, Public Member

Staff Present: Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager  
Chau Nguyen, IDFPR General Counsel  
Eduardo Fernandez, IDFPR Prosecuting Attorney  
Roy Cepero, IDFPR Investigator

Guests Present: Ryan Roth, ISPE  
Marius Popescu, public guest

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:03 am.  
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**A. Announcements,  
Correspondence,  
Guest comments**

Mr. Schlichting thanked everyone for attending and asked if there were any announcements to share.

Mr. Lazell shared that the Department submitted an Emergency Rules packet to JCAR to allow SE & PLS licensees to take all CE/PDH hours required online and should be published in early October. The Emergency Rule is in place for 120 days; however, there is a standard Rules packet that was subsequently submitted to JCAR with the same language that will supersede the Emergency Rule timeframe.

He also shared that he has coordinated with Mr. Fernandez and Mr. Cepero to enact an online review process for the

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Complaint Review Committee/subcommittee to review complaints virtually using WEBEX.

Mr. Roth shared that the ISPE has their next “first Friday” event happening soon. Additionally, he shared that they will have their annual SE boot camp virtually this year. Mr. Lazell stated that he will be presenting at this event.

**II. Review of Open Minutes** The Board reviewed the Minutes of the July 30, 2020 meeting.

Motion was made, seconded (Ray/Yockey) and passed to accept the open minutes of the meeting as written. Roll Call: Mr. Whitt abstained as he was not present at that meeting; however the remaining Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**III. Old Business** No old business was brought before the Board.

**IV. Report from Subcommittees**

A. Rules Subcommittee Ms. Crites requested that this be tabled until the next meeting.

**V. New Business**

A. Report on NCEES Annual Meeting Session 4 Mr. Schlichting reported that he attended the fourth session and commented that the summary report provided by Mr. Lazell was concise and provided the pertinent information. He noted that all proposed motions were approved.

B. Acceptance of ETAC/ABET degree Mr. Lazell provided a draft of proposed language to amend the language of Section 1380.220 (e) to allow applicants with a BS degree in Engineering Technology to apply and be reviewed as a non-approved degree, noting that only non-technology courses would be applicable for review and use toward satisfying the education requirement.

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft and determined that this would not be a hindrance to the profession as the

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applicant would be required to satisfy the educational and experience requirements in place for a non-approved/related science applicant.

Mr. Jamison stated he felt this would be an appropriate change to the Rule to allow an opportunity for applicants with this degree to apply to take exams or to be licensed.

Mr. Whitt stated he concurs with Mr. Jamison's statement that this is an appropriate and fair change to make. He also said the Board & Department would need to continue to monitor future NCEES changes that may be applicable to ETAC degrees.

Motion was made, seconded (Burke/Jamison) to adopt this proposed Rule change. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**Motion to go into Closed Session:**

Motion was made, seconded (Yockey/Ray) and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 10:31 am.

**VI. Closed Session:**

Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

A. Special Board Conference and interview

B. Review of Closed Minutes

The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the July 30, 2020 meeting.

C. Application Review

**Motion to go into Open Session:**

Motion was made, seconded (Yockey/Whitt) and passed to go into Open Session at 12:07 pm.

Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**Motion to accept Recommendations:**

Motion was made, seconded (Berg/Jamison) and passed to accept the recommendations made in Closed Session.

Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**Motion to keep Closed Minutes closed:**

Motion was made, seconded (Berg/Jamison) and passed to keep the closed minutes closed.

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Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**VII. Signatures**

A. Action Sheets

**VIII. Adjournment**

Motion was made, seconded (Yockey/Ray) and passed to adjourn. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm.