

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

Open Minutes

State Board of Professional Engineers

Date: July 29, 2021
Convened: 10:01 am
Adjourned: 12:05 pm
Location: Springfield

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

Member(s) Absent: Philip Kunz, Public Member
John M. Whitt, Member
Richard M. Ray, Member

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

Guests Present: Ryan Roth, ISPE

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:01 am.
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**I. Board Member
Announcements,
comments**

Mr. Yockey thanked everyone for attending and asked if there were any Board announcements/comments to share.

No announcements presented to the Board.

**II. Guest Announcements,
comments**

Mr. Roth shared that the August First Friday event is coming up and that they are working on the upcoming Bootcamp taking place in early October for those who are needing to gain their PDHs for renewal.

III. Licensing Manager Report

- A. Legislative Update
- Mr. Lazell notified the Board that the Interior Design Sunset Bill was passed by the House and Senate and submitted to the Governor's office for signature to take effect by January 1, 2022.
- He also shared that the Landscape Architect Bill to re-regulate the profession is scheduled to be approved by the Senate and sent to the Governor's office sometime this Summer/Fall.
- Mr. Lazell stated that he was requested to submit possible statute revisions to the legislative affairs unit for review and possible inclusion during a "light" legislative session but reminded the Board that the items submitted may not be included but will update the Board as new information is available.
- B. Quarterly Newsletter
- Mr. Lazell shared that the latest newsletter should be published in the next few weeks and send to all active licensees and will look slightly different as the new Acting Secretary has directed that all newsletters now be formatted and designed by the Central Management Services agency.
- C. Design Unit Email
- Mr. Lazell shared that he has implanted a new email account specific to the Design Unit to replace email accounts currently used by several other units and hopes that having a unique account will assist with providing a more efficient method of contacting Design Unit staff. The new email address is FPR.DesignUnit@Illinois.gov
- D. Travel & meeting information
- Mr. Lazell said that he would be send all members the current travel voucher form and travel related information as soon as it becomes available and reminded the members to use the most economical method of transportation as possible for board related travel.
- E. CTS Fee Increase
- Mr. Lazell shared that CTS has notified the Department that they have increased their exam administration fees for most examinations.

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- F. MBA Committee Request Mr. Lazell shared that he has been asked by NCEES to participate on the NCEES MBA Committee and requested that the Board approve him to be an associate member of the Board as required by NCEES for Committee membership.

The Board discussed the request.

Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Burke) and passed to nominate Mr. Lazell as an associate member of the Board in order to be part of an NCEES Committee. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

- G. ABET Visit Request Mr. Lazell informed the Board that he was contacted by ABET to determine if any Board members were interested in observing one of the upcoming Accreditation reviews. He asked that if a member had interest to please let him know.

- IV. Review of Open Minutes** The Board reviewed the Minutes of the May 26, 2021 meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Burg) and passed to accept the open minutes of the meeting as written. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

V. Unfinished Business

- A. Continued Discussion of using the NCEES Engineering Education Standard Mr. Yockey asked if the members had any additional questions or comments pertaining to the item.

Mr. Lazell shared a letter from Mr. Whitt who was unable to attend the meeting but wanted the Board to know that he had reviewed the information and research presented at the previous meetings and has revised his position and now is in favor of supporting the recommendation so long as there are certain safeguards in place.

Mr. Burke commented that he was in favor of making the change as it will aid the candidates and streamline the license application review process with the Board.

Mr. Yockey asked if there was further discussion on the matter and hearing none asked if a member would like to make a motion.

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Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Burke) and passed to approve the recommendation to adopt using the NCEES Engineering Education Standard of 2019 as the non-approved education and recommended to the Department to update Section 1380.220 of the Administrative Rules to reflect the necessary changes. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**VI. Report from
Subcommittees**

**A. Complaint Review
Committee/subcommittee**

Mr. Yockey reported on the July 22, 2021 meeting.

Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the May meetings for each profession:

Architect: Opened 8, Closed 2, Referred 6
SE: Opened 0, Closed 2, Referred 0
PE: Opened 4 Closed 7, Referred 2
LS: Opened 3, Closed 2, Referred 1
PDF: Opened 0, Closed 0, Referred 0

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 17
SE - 4
PE – 14
LS – 10
PDF – 0

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect – 33
LS – 8
PE – 20
SE – 10

**B. Industrial Exemption
subcommittee**

Mr. Yockey stated that there was no new information to provide at this time.

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VII. New Business

- A. NCEES Annual Meeting update
Mr. Lazell shared with the Board that the Director and Secretary are not approving any out-of-state travel due to concerns related to COVID-19. As a result, Illinois members would only be able to attend via the virtual option.

Motion to go into Closed Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Berg/Crites) and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:10 am.

VIII. Closed Session:

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

A. Review of Closed Minutes

The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the May 26, 2021 meeting.

B. Application Review/discussion

Motion to go into Open Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Berg) and passed to go into Open Session at 12:02 pm. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Motion to accept Recommendations:

Motion was made, seconded (Berg/Schlichting) 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 (Schlichting/Burke) and passed to keep the closed minutes closed. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

IX. Reminders

Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next scheduled meeting is September 29, 2021.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Burke) and passed to adjourn. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.