

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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ILLINOIS STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING BOARD MINUTES

Open Minutes

Structural Engineering Board

Date: July 28, 2021
Convened: 9:07 am
Adjourned: 12:35 pm
Location: WebEx

Members Present: Chad Hodel, Chair
David J. Carroll, Vice-Chair
David R. Bibbs, Member
Steven E. Bishop, Member
Salvatore Di Bernardo, Member
Christine Freisinger, Member

Member(s) Absent: None.

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

Guests Present: Stephanie Crain, SEAOI

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 9:07 am.
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**I. Board Member
Announcements,
comments**

Mr. Hodel welcomed everyone for attending and asked if any member had an announcement or comment to share.

No Board comments.

**II. Guest Announcements,
comments**

Ms. Crain mentioned that SEAOI continues to conduct meetings virtually.

**III. Licensing Manager
Report**

A. Legislative Update

Mr. Lazell shared that the previously mentioned possibility of making statutory updates has been postponed at this time to ensure availability for professions that are under “sunset review” to submit a bill. The Department may look at including the recommended changes in future legislative sessions over the next few years.

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Additionally, he shared that the Administrative Rules amendment packet is in queue for review by the Sr. Deputy Chief General Counsel for review/approval then will be sent to the Governor's office to start the official review process with JCAR.

B. NCEES 16-hour exam administration update

Mr. Lazell stated that he was recently notified that the CTS contract has been finalized and the NCEES examinations have been removed from the contract. This means that as of the yet to be determined date, all NCEES examinees would no longer be required to co-register with CTS to be scheduled to sit for any NCEES examination.

He mentioned that he and his team would be do some training with NCEES on performing the manual approval aspects on their electronic system to approve an exam candidate after the Board has reviewed and approved the candidates' applicant.

Additionally, he shared that once confirmation has been received that CTS has been officially notified and the language has been approved from the Department's PIO, he would notify SEAOL and ISPE of the change to share with their members as well as posting on the DPR website and including in the next quarterly newsletter.

C. NCEES MBA-Committee

Mr. Lazell said he was notified that he was selected to participate on the MBA Committee and should have the first meeting for this committee in the next few weeks.

IV. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the July 28, 2021 meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Bishop/Di Bernardo) 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. Ongoing Business

No business discussed.

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**VI. Report from
Subcommittees**

A. Complaint Review Committee/subcommittee
Mr. Bibbs reported on the July 22, 2021 meeting.

A. Complaint Review
Committee/subcommittee

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

Architect: Opened 10, Closed 5, Referred 3
SE: Opened 1, Closed 3, Referred 0
PE: Opened 3 Closed 7, Referred 3
LS: Opened 4, Closed 4, Referred 0

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 17
SE - 2
PE – 7
LS – 10

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect – 31
LS – 7
PE – 22
SE – 10

VII. New Business

A. NCEES Annual Meeting
Report

Mr. Hodel provided a brief report of the NCEES Annual Meeting, mentioning that while it was nice to at least attend the meeting virtually, it will be nice when the conference is held in-person again.

He shared that Brian Robertson was selected as the NCEES Board President. He also mentioned that all but one motion ultimately passed; however, several were pulled from the consent agenda and discussed for various reasons prior to being approved.

The 2022 Annual Meeting is scheduled be held on August 23-26 in Carlsbad, CA.

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Motion to go into Closed Session: Motion was made, seconded (Di Bernardo/Bishop) and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 10:50 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 July 28, 2021 meeting.

B. Application Review
The Board did not review any applications.

Motion to go into Open Session: Motion was made, seconded (Di Bernardo/Bishop) and passed to go into Open Session at 12:29 pm. Roll Call - The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Motion to accept Recommendations: Motion was made, seconded (Bishop/Freisinger) 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 (Carroll/Di Bernardo) 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 meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2021. He also reminded the members to be sure to complete the annual Board member Ethics and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training requirements.

X. Adjournment Motion was made, seconded (Di Bernardo/Carroll) and passed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.