

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

**Open Minutes**

Structural Engineering Board

Date: January 19, 2022  
Convened: 9:18 am  
Adjourned: 12:13 pm  
Location: WebEx

Members Present: Chad Hodel, Chair  
Steven E. Bishop, Member  
Salvatore Di Bernardo, Member  
Christine Freisinger, Member

Member(s) Absent: David J. Carroll, Vice-Chair  
David R. Bibbs, Member

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

Guests Present: Stephanie Crain, SEAOI  
Jan Block, SEAOI  
Mike Drewyor, NCEES Central Zone Vice-President

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 9:18 am.  
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**A. Board Member Announcements, comments**

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

Mr. Bishop shared several points of a *Structure Magazine* article that he felt the board should take note of and possibly adopt parts within the IL SE Act/Rules.

The Board discussed the article and thanked Mr. Bishop for bringing it to the Boards' attention.

**II. Guest Announcements, comments**

Ms. Crain mentioned that SEAOI is planning to hold an SE refresher course again soon.

Mr. Drewyor shared the current offerings that NCEES can provide, noting the examinations, Record and Education evaluation programs as well as support with potential threats to licensure from legislators and the Model Law and Rules.

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**III. Licensing Manager Report**

Mr. Lazell shared a report on the 2021 statistics for the profession.

A. 2021 Year-in-Review Report

Mr. Lazell stated he had no update for the pending rule packet at this time and hopes to provide an update by the next meeting.

B. Rules Update

**IV. Review of Open Minutes**

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the November 17, 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**

Mr. Lazell commented that he submitted an OOS travel approval request to allow him to attend the meeting and would notify the Board if he is granted permission.

A. 2022 NCEES Central Zone Interim Meeting

**VI. Report from Subcommittees**

A. Rules subcommittee

Mr. Hodel shared a report with findings that he and Mr. Di Bernardo compiled. The main items were acceptance/allowance of "carry-over" CE hours, acceptance of micro-hours and a cap of CE hours gained within 24 hours.

It was noted that upon review of the findings, most states surrounding Illinois allow for some aspect of "carry-over" hours for continuing education.

Additionally, it was shared that some states do have a cap of CE hours that can be gained within a 24-hour period, but the maximum number varied.

The Board discussed the findings and recommended that the subcommittee continue to research these topics and draft language to include in the Administrative Rules for review at the next meeting.

