

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

Open Minutes

Structural Engineering Board

Date: November 16, 2022

Convened: 9:01 am

Adjourned: 11:19 am

Location: WebEx

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

Member(s) Absent: Chad Hodel, Chair

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

Guests Present: John McLean, SEAIO
Jan Block, SEAIO

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

I. Board Member Announcements, comments

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

II. Guest Announcements, comments

No comments presented.

III. Licensing Manager Report

A. General Counsel Change Mr. Lazell shared that Ronald Almiron has joined IDFPR and will serve as the GC for the Structural and Professional Engineer Boards as well as the Land Surveyor Board.

Mr. Almiron introduced himself to the Board.

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- B. Rules Updated** Mr. Lazell shared that DPR spoke with SEAOL about their received comments. In total, 40 comments were received. Of those 40, only eight needed further discussion or clarification on why we were proposing certain items. At present, SEAOL has indicated they are satisfied with the reasonings given and are fine with the revisions as noted.
- The revised version of the proposed Rules which includes the items agreed/accepted by DPR will be submitted to JCAR for review at their yet-to-be listed December meeting.
- C. Board Member Update** Mr. Lazell shared that the Director's office has a new staff member – Joan Thomas – and will be focusing on filling the current vacancies on the Board as well as any re-appointments.
- D. NCEES CZ Awards** Mr. Lazell shared that the NCEES Central Zone is accepting nominations for the Central Zone Distinguished Service Award.
- E. NCEES CZ Meeting** Mr. Lazell shared that the NCEES Central Zone meeting will be held April 27-29, 2023, in Houston, Texas. Three delegates of the Board are eligible to attend.
- F. NCEES CEO Change** Mr. Lazell shared that David Cox, CEO for NCEES plans to retire in 2024 and Davy McDowell will be the successor.
- IV. Review of Open Minutes** The Board reviewed the open minutes of the July 27, 2022, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Di Bernardo/Carroll) to approve the open minutes of the meeting as written. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.
- V. Ongoing Business** Salvatore Di Bernardo volunteered to be the SE Board delegate for the NCEES Central Zone meeting.

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**VI. Report from
Subcommittees**

A. Complaint Review
Committee/subcommittee

Mr. Carroll reported on the November 2, 2022, meeting.

Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the
September 2022 meetings for each profession:

Architect: Opened 3, Closed 3, Referred to prosecutions 0
SE: Opened 1, Closed 1, Referred to prosecutions 0
PE: Opened 6 Closed 1, Referred to prosecutions 0
LS: Opened 0, Closed 0, Referred to prosecutions 0

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 32
SE - 7
PE – 27
LS – 8

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect – 34
LS – 5
PE – 17
SE – 5

VII. New Business

A. NCEES Annual Meeting -
Report

Mr. Bishop presented a detailed report to the Board.
Main items shared were the motions presented for council
vote, price increases for NCEES examinations, SE exam
format changes and administration changes from a two-day to
four-day format.

The Board thanked Mr. Bishop for providing a thorough report
for review.

B. SE Board Act/Rules
subcommittee

Mr. Lazell requested the Board to reactivate this subcommittee
to review the upcoming structural engineer examination
changes and determine potential Administrative Rule changes
needed.

He also stated he received an email from Mr. Chad Hodel who
indicated he would be willing to be a member of the
subcommittee.

Mr. Carroll said he would be willing to continue as a member.

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C. Election of Officers

Mr. Lazell shared the Statutory Board officer term and duty requirements. He also stated that he received an email from Mr. Hodel who indicated he would be willing to serve as Chair or Vice-Chair if nominated.

Call for nominations for Board Chair.

Mr. Di Bernardo nominated Mr. Hodel to be re-appointed for Chair. Mr. Hodel accepted the nomination via email. Motion was made, seconded (Di Bernardo/Carroll) to close the nominations for Chair.

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

Mr. Hodel was re-elected as Board Chair for 2023.

Call for nominations for Board Vice-Chair.

Mr. Bishop nominated Ms. Freisinger to be appointed for Vice-Chair. Ms. Freisinger accepted the nomination. Motion was made, seconded (Bishop/Di Bernardo) to close the nominations for Vice-Chair.

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

Ms. Freisinger was elected as Board Vice-Chair for 2023.

D. Emeritus Member
Nomination

Motion was made, seconded (Freisinger/ Di Bernardo) to grant Emeritus member status for Steve Bishop. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

Mr. Bishop thanked the members for the nomination.

**Motion to move into Closed
Session:**

Motion was made, seconded (Bishop/ Di Bernardo) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 9:58 am. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

VIII. Closed Session:

A. Review of Closed Minutes

B. Application Review/discussion

The Board reviewed 1 application pursuant to Sections

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1480.140 and 1480.170 of the Rules for the Administration of the Illinois Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989.

Moved back into Open Session:

Board Vice-Chair adjourned the Closed Session and moved the meeting back into Open Session at 10:20 am.

IX. Motions:

Accept recommendations:

Motion was made, seconded (Di Bernardo/Freisinger) to accept the recommendations made in Closed Session. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

Review closed minutes:

Motion was made, seconded (Di Bernardo/Bishop) to approve the July 27, 2022, closed minutes as written. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

Keep closed minutes closed:

Motion was made, seconded (Freisinger/ Di Bernardo) to keep the closed minutes closed. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

X. Reminders & Signatures

A. Reminder

Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2023.

B. Action Sheets

On behalf of the Board, the Board Chair will sign Action Sheet 22-0901.

XI. Adjournment

The Board Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:25 am.