

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

Open Minutes

State Board of Professional Engineers

Date: January 26, 2023
Convened: 10:02 am
Adjourned: 10:33 am
Location: WebEx

Members Present: Brian Berg Jr, Chair
Kevin Burke III, Vice-Chair
Christy Crites, Member
Gale Jamison, Member
Philip Kunz, Public Member
Richard Rivera, Member
James P. Schlichting, Member
Richard M. Ray, Member
L. Duane Yockey, Member

Member(s) Absent: Sean Middleton, Member

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

Guests Present: Ryan Roth, ISPE

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am.
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**A. Board Member
Announcements,
comments**

Mr. Berg thanked everyone for attending and asked if any of the members had any announcements or comments.

No comments presented.

**II. Guest Announcements,
comments**

Mr. Roth commented that ISPE is working on items for the annual conference and the next First Friday event is coming up.

III. Licensing Manager Report

- A. Rules Update Mr. Lazell shared that the proposed Rules packet was adopted on January 6, 2023, and mentioned that information regarding the changes were sent to all active licensees via email as part of the January issue of the DesignTimes quarterly newsletter. He also noted the changes are listed on the profession page of the DPR website.
- B. 2022 Year-in-review Mr. Lazell shared statistics with the number of applications received, licenses issued and the current number of active licensees.
- C. NCEES MBA meeting Mr. Lazell shared that the MBA committee met prior to the MBA council meeting and commented that he enjoyed his time at the new NCEES building.

IV. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the November 17, 2022, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Yockey/Jamison) to approve the open minutes of the meeting as amended. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

V. Ongoing Business

No ongoing business discussed.

VI. Report from Subcommittees

A. Complaint Review Committee/subcommittee

Mr. Burke reported on the January 12, 2023, meeting.

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

Architect: Opened 12, Closed 7, Referred to prosecutions 0
SE: Opened 4, Closed 1, Referred to prosecutions 0
PE: Opened 6 Closed 3, Referred to prosecutions 1
LS: Opened 3, Closed 1, Referred to prosecutions 2

Complaints currently under investigation:

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Architect – 37
SE - 10
PE – 29
LS – 8

Cases currently being prosecuted:
Architect – 35
LS – 7
PE – 18
SE – 6

VII. New Business *No business presented.*

Motion to move into Closed Session: Motion was made, seconded (Schlichting/Crites) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 10:26 am. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

VIII. Closed Session:

A. Review of Closed Minutes
The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the November 17, 2022, meeting.

B. Application Review/discussion
The Board reviewed 0 applications pursuant to Sections 1380.242, 1380.250 and 1380.280 of the Rules for the Administration of the Illinois Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989.

Moved back into Open Session: The Board Chair moved the meeting back into Open Session at 10:29 am.

IX. Motions:

Approve closed minutes: Motion was made, seconded (Schlichting/Yockey) to approve the closed meeting minutes as written. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

Keep closed minutes closed: Motion was made, seconded (Yockey/Crites) to keep the closed minutes closed. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

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X. Reminders & Signatures

A. Reminder

Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting scheduled is on March 30, 2023.

XI. Adjournment

The Board chair adjourned the meeting at 10:33 am.