

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
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ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYORS LICENSING BOARD

**Open Minutes**

Illinois Land Surveyors Licensing Board

Date: January 27, 2023  
Convened: 9:32 am  
Adjourned: 11:15 am  
Location: WebEx

Members Present: Kim Lyons, Chair  
Gale E. Hake, Vice-Chair  
James W. Abbitt Jr., Member  
Michael Filipski, Member  
John G. Huff, Public Member  
C. Brian Lounsbury, Member  
Carol Sweet-Johnson, Member

Member(s) Absent: None.

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, IPLSA

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 9:32 am.  
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**I. Board Member Announcements, comments** Ms. Lyons welcomed everyone and asked if there were any Board announcements or comments.

*No board announcements.*

**II. Guest Announcements, comments** Mr. Roth said IPLSA is preparing for the 2023 annual meeting in February and hopes to see everyone there.

**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

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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.

D. Jurisdictional Exam Mr. Lazell stated he received an updated reference guide from Dr. Rodgers, but it will not be put into circulation until notified by IPLSA that their website has been updated to have a mechanism for applicants to obtain the reference materials available.

**IV. Review of Open Minutes** The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 18, 2022, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Lounsbury/Filipski) to accept the minutes of the meeting as amended. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

**V. Ongoing Business** *No business presented.*

**VI. Report from Subcommittees**

A. Complaint Review Committee/subcommittee Mr. Hake 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:

Architect – 37  
SE - 10

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PE – 29

LS – 8

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect – 35

LS – 7

PE – 18

SE – 6

## VII. New Business

A. Discussion of NCEES  
Surveying Education  
Standard/charge to NCEES  
education committee

Mr. Lazell shared that one item discussed at the NCEES MBA meeting was the use of the NCEES education standards for both engineering and surveying professions. Specifically, if the jurisdiction currently used it and if not, would you adopt the use of it.

He mentioned that the IL Board does not use it and had previously reviewed the education criteria and found it to be lacking in the sciences category and questioned the need for general education.

It was mentioned that perhaps the IL Board would want to submit a charge to the education committee to investigate the reasoning for including general education courses and maybe remove those and add additional sciences instead.

The Board discussed the topic and felt that there was no need to proceed with this at this time.

Mr. Lazell thanked members for the discussion.

### **Motion to move into Closed Session:**

Motion was made, seconded (Huff/Filipski) 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 18, 2022, meeting and the consensus was that the minutes needed minor correction.

B. Application Review/Discussion

The Board discussed 0 applications pursuant to Sections 1270.5, 1270.10, 1270.30 and 1270.65 of the Rules for the Administration of the Illinois Land Surveyors Act of 1989.

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Moved back into Open  
Session:

Board Chair adjourned the Closed Session and moved the meeting  
back into Open Session at 10:50 am.

**IX. Motions:**

Review of closed minutes:

Motion was made, seconded (Huff/Filipski) to approve the closed  
meeting minutes as amended. Motion passed with a quorum of  
members via roll call.

Keep closed minutes closed:

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

**X. Reminders**

Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled to  
be on January 27, 2023.

**XI. Adjournment**

Ms. Lyons adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.