

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

Open Minutes

Structural Engineering Board

Date: March 29, 2023

Convened: 9:02 am

Adjourned: 10:02 am

Location: WebEx

Members Present: Chad Hodel, Chair
Christine Freisinger, Vice-Chair
David J. Carroll, Member
Salvatore Di Bernardo, Member

Member(s) Absent: None.

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

Guests Present: None.

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 9:02 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 comments presented.

II. Guest Announcements, comments

No comments presented.

III. Licensing Manager Report

A. NCEES EPP/EAP 8

Mr. Lazell shared that the NCEES EPP committee will be reviewing the policy regarding the PE Structural “5-year” requirement to complete both components of the structural exam and whether it was still necessary or if it should be removed.

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He also noted that during discussion with David Cox, CEO for NCEES, changing this would require a full council vote at the NCEES Annual Meeting.

B. PDF Renewal

Mr. Lazell reminded the members that the Professional Design Firm registration is in renewal, will expire on April 30, 2023 and to contact DPR if assistance is needed.

IV. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the open minutes of the January 25, 2023, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Freisinger/Di Bernardo) to approve the open minutes of the meeting as written. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

V. Ongoing Business

A. Continued discussion of approved coursework/application processing

Tabled until the May meeting.

VI. Report from Subcommittees

A. Complaint Review Committee/subcommittee

Ms. Freisinger reported on the March 23, 2023, meeting.

Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the January 2023 meetings for each profession:

Architect: Opened 11, Closed 5, Referred to prosecutions 0
SE: Opened 6, Closed 0, Referred to prosecutions 0
PE: Opened 4 Closed 3, Referred to prosecutions 1
LS: Opened 2, Closed 2, Referred to prosecutions 0

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 43
SE - 16
PE – 28
LS – 8

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect – 31
LS – 6

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PE – 18
SE – 6

B. Act/Rules subcommittee The committee shared their comments of the proposed changes to the board and requested that feedback be provided by the May meeting.

VII. New Business

A. NCEES CZ Meeting Hr. Hodel asked if there was any further discussion pertaining to the central zone meeting. Mr. Lazell shared that he will be unable to attend the meeting.

B. 2023 proposed changes to NCEES bylaws *Tabled until the May meeting.*

C. NCEES Annual Meeting delegate selection Mr. Lazell shared that the Annual Meeting for NCEES will be held on August 15-18, 2023, in Boston, Ma. NCEES will fund up to three members of the Board to attend as delegates.

The Illinois SE Board delegates will be:
Christine Freisinger
Chad Hodel – tentatively
Salvatore Di Bernardo

Motion to move into Closed Session: Motion was made, seconded (Freisinger/Carroll) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 9:44 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 January 25, 2023, meeting.

B. Application Review/discussion
The Board reviewed no applications pursuant to Sections 1480.140, 1480.170 and 1480.185 of the Rules for the Administration of the Illinois Structural Engineering Practice 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 9:47 am.

IX. Motions:

Review closed minutes:

Motion was made, seconded (Freisinger/Di Bernardo) to approve the January 25, 2023, closed minutes as presented. 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 May 10, 2023.

B. Action Sheets

No Action Sheets signed

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:02 am.

XI. Adjournment