

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

Open Minutes

State Board of Professional Engineers

Date: March 30, 2023
Convened: 10:12 am
Adjourned: 11:48 am
Location: WebEx

Members Present: Brian Berg Jr, Chair
Kevin Burke III, Vice-Chair
Gale Jamison, Member
Sean Middleton, Member
Richard M. Ray, Member
L. Duane Yockey, Member

Member(s) Absent: Christy Crites, Member
Philip Kunz, Public Member
Richard Rivera, Member
James P. Schlichting, 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:

None.

Open Session:

The Meeting was called to order at 10:12 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**

No guest comments presented.

III. Licensing Manager Report

A. 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 Minutes of the January 26, 2023, 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

A. 10-Year lookback

At the request of the Board, Mr. Lazell provided a report showing the statistics for active practice for the past 10 years.

VI. Report from Subcommittees

A. Complaint Review Committee/subcommittee

Mr. Yockey 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
PE – 18
SE – 6

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VII. New Business

A. NCEES CZ Meeting

Mr. Berg 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

The Board discussed the proposed changes and had no comments at this time.

C. NCEES ABM 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 PE Board delegates will be:

Mr. Yockey

Mr. Jamison – Tentatively

Mr. Lazell indicated he will inquire with the absent members regarding possible attendance.

Motion to move into Closed Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Burke) 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 January 26, 2023, meeting.

B. Application Review/discussion

The Board reviewed 8 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 11:24 am.

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IX. Motions:

Accept Recommendations: Motion was made, seconded (Yockey/Middleton) to accept the recommendations made in closed session. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

Approve closed minutes: Motion was made, seconded (Yockey/Middleton) 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/Middleton) 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 scheduled is on May 9, 2023.

B. Signatures On behalf of the Board, the Chair signed Action Sheets 2023-0247 through 0254

XI. Adjournment The Board chair adjourned the meeting at 11:28 am.