

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

Open Minutes

Illinois Land Surveyors Licensing Board

Date: March 31, 2023
Convened: 9:33 am
Adjourned: 10:40 am
Location: WebEx

Members Present: Kim Lyons, Chair
Gale E. Hake, Vice-Chair
Michael Filipski, Member
John G. Huff, Public Member
Carol Sweet-Johnson, Member

James W. Abbitt Jr., Member

Member(s) Absent:

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
Kory Allred, Parkland College
David Sherill, SIU-E

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 9:33 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 tracking several legislative bills and is working on a new technician program.

Mr. Sherill mentioned that SIU is hosting an open house and encourages the members to attend.

III. Licensing Manager Report

- A. NCEES Surveying Education Award
- Mr. Lazell reminded the members that NCEES hosts an annual contest to recognize surveying/geomatics programs that reflect NCEES' mission.
- 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 minutes of the January 27, 2023, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Filipski/Huff) 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. Filipski 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 Ms. Lyons 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 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 PLS Board delegates will be:
- Kim Lyons
Gale Hake
- D. SIUE Program Review Mr. Lazell asked the members to review the submitted program for acceptance as being an approved program under Section 1270.14 of the Rules.
- The Members discussed and stated the coursework for the program, as submitted, would satisfy the education requirements listed in the approved program section of the rules.
- Ms. Lyons asked for a motion pertaining to this item.
- Motion was made, seconded (Huff/Sweet-Johnson) to accept the SIU-E Bachelor of Science degree in Land Surveying and Geomatics as an approved program. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.
- E. Discussion of 1270.15 education criteria Mr. Lazell requested the Board to discuss the recently changed language regarding Section 1270.15 (b) of the Rules.
- Mr. Hake commented this was brought up during a recent application review and that under the previous version, the eight hours could be satisfied with either chemistry OR physics coursework and did not require both topics to be taken.

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Mr. Allred and Mr. Sherill shared opinions from an education standpoint.

The Board discussed the matter, and the consensus was to ensure that the least restrictive option be listed in the Rules.

Mr. Lazell thanked the members for their discussion and recommendation.

Motion to move into Closed Session: Motion was made, seconded (Filipski/Huff) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 10:32 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 27, 2023, meeting.

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.

Moved back into Open Session: Board Chair adjourned the Closed Session and moved the meeting back into Open Session at 10:33 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 May 8, 2023.

XI. Adjournment Ms. Lyons adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am.