

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

**Open Minutes**

State Board of Professional Engineers

Date: November 17, 2023  
Convened: 10:01 am  
Adjourned: 11:20 am  
Location: Springfield/Chicago/WEBEX

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

Member(s) Absent: Richard M. Ray, Member

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

Guests Present: Ryan Roth, ISPE

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:01 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 from Board.*

**II. Guest Announcements, comments** Mr. Roth shared info for the ISPE "First Friday" events for December and January.

**III. Licensing Manager Report**

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A. HB 4162

Mr. Lazell shared that a bill was introduced in the House that would modify the Open Meetings Act to allow members of the Board to participate virtually in the proceedings of Board meetings. It did not make it out of committee during veto session; however, there is hope that it will be brought back in the Spring session.

**IV. Review of Open Minutes**

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the September 28, 2023, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Schlichting/Yockey) to approve the open minutes of the meeting as amended. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

**V. Ongoing Business**

Mr. Lazell shared an update regarding the draft Rule revisions that were reviewed by the Board at the September meeting. He indicated that items pertaining to possible fee increases were removed from this draft. A separate set of Rule revisions for fiscal items will be addressed at a later date.

**VI. Report from Subcommittees**

A. Complaint Review  
Committee/Subcommittee

Mr. Schlichting shared the Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the September 2023 meetings for each profession:

Architect: Opened 0, Closed 13, Referred to prosecutions 0  
SE: Opened 2, Closed 0, Referred to prosecutions 0  
PE: Opened 8, Closed 3, Referred to prosecutions 0  
LS: Opened 1, Closed 1, Referred to prosecutions 0

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 21  
SE – 11  
PE – 27  
LS – 8

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect - 26  
Land Surveyor - 4  
Professional Engineer -16  
Structural Engineer - 5

## VII. New Business

### A. Election of Officers

Mr. Lazell shared the Statutory Board officer term and duty requirements.

Call for nominations for Board Chair.

Ms. Crites nominated Mr. Berg to be appointed for Chair. Mr. Berg accepted the nomination. Motion was made, seconded (Yockey/Jamison) to close the nominations for Chair. The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Mr. Berg was re-elected as Board Chair for 2024.

Call for nominations for Board Vice-Chair.

Mr. Schlichting nominated Ms. Crites to be appointed for Vice-Chair. *Ms. Crites accepted the nomination.*

Mr. Berg nominated Mr. Burke to be appointed for Vice-Chair. *Mr. Burke declined.*

Motion was made, seconded (Yockey/Jamison) to close the nominations for Vice-Chair. The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Ms. Crites was elected as Board Vice-Chair for 2024.

### B. NCEES CZ Meeting – Delegate Selection

Mr. Lazell shared that the NCEES Central Zone meeting will be held April 25-27 in Des Moines, IA. Three delegates of the Board are eligible to attend.

The Board discussed and the following members will attend as delegates for the Board:

- Christy Crites
- James Schlichting

Mr. Rivera and Mr. Jamison indicated they would check their schedules to see if either could attend. If there is a vacancy, Mr. Lazell indicated he would check with the board investigator, attorney or Division Director if interested in attending.

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**Motion to move into Closed Session:** Motion was made, seconded (Schlichting/Burke) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 10:55 am. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

**VIII. Closed Session:**

A. Review of Closed Minutes  
The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the September 28, 2023, meeting.

B. Application Review/discussion  
The Board reviewed 2 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 11:18 am.

**IX. Motions:**

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

Approve closed minutes & keep closed minutes closed: Motion was made, seconded (Yockey/Schlichting) to approve the closed meeting minutes as presented and keep the closed minutes closed. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

**X. Reminders & Signatures**

A. Reminders Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting scheduled is on January 18, 2024.

B. Signatures On behalf of the Board, the Chair signed Action Sheets 23-0627 and 23-0628.

**XI. Adjournment** The Board chair adjourned the meeting at 11:20 am.