

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

Open Minutes

State Board of Professional Engineers

Date: January 18, 2024
Convened: 10:02 am
Adjourned: 11:45 am
Location: Springfield/Chicago/WEBEX

Members Present: Brian Berg Jr, Chair
Christy Crites, Vice-Chair
Sean Middleton, Member
Richard Rivera, Member
James P. Schlichting, Member
L. Duane Yockey, Member

Member(s) Absent: Kevin Burke III, Member
Gale Jamison, Member
Philip Kunz, Public Member
Richard M. Ray, Member

Staff Present: Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager
Camile Lindsay, IDFPR Division Director
Roy Cepero, IDFPR Investigator
Ronald Almiron, IDFPR General Counsel
Ann Erickson, IDFPR General Counsel

Guests Present: None.

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:02 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

Ms. Lindsay introduced herself as the new Acting Director for the Division of Professional Regulation and thanked the members for their service to the profession.

III. Licensing Manager Report

- A. 2023 Year in Review Mr. Lazell shared the 2023 statistics for the profession.
- B. Board Member Appointments Mr. Lazell shared that replacements for Mr. Schlichting, Mr. Ray and Mr. Jamison are currently being vetted and will soon be reviewed by the Acting Director. A new public member is also being vetted. He also provided an update for the other members on their status on the Board.

- IV. Review of Open Minutes** The Board reviewed the Minutes of the November 17, 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

- A. Draft Rules Mr. Lazell shared that the draft Rules packet was shared with ISPE for their comment on the proposed changes. Once he receives their comments, DPR will review them and discuss changes with ISPE if needed prior to finalizing the draft and submitting it for insertion unto the next available Illinois Register publication through the Illinois Secretary of State for public reviewing and comment.

VI. Report from Subcommittees

- A. Complaint Review Committee/Subcommittee Mr. Berg shared the Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the November 2023 meetings for each profession:

Architect: Opened 7, Closed 7, Referred to prosecutions 1
SE: Opened 1, Closed 2, Referred to prosecutions 1
PE: Opened 6, Closed 2, Referred to prosecutions 3
LS: Opened 1, Closed 5, Referred to prosecutions 0

Complaints currently under investigation:
Architect – 20

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SE – 9
PE – 28
LS – 4

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect - 27
Land Surveyor - 4
Professional Engineer - 18
Structural Engineer - 6

VII. New Business

A. NCEES PE Civil/Structural Examination

Mr. Lazell shared that beginning April 1, 2024, the NCEES Civil/Structural discipline of the Principles and Practice of engineering examination will no longer be accepted toward satisfying the PE examination requirement in Illinois.

Beginning in April, the PE Civil Exams will no longer have a common (civil) breadth portion. At that time, each exam will be its own standalone discipline specific exam. For the Civil/Structural exam, that means all 80 questions on the examination will consist of strictly Structural aspects, which is outside the scope of practice for a PE under Section 4 (o) of the PE Act and therefore unable to be accepted toward satisfying the examination for a PE license in Illinois.

The other Civil sub-discipline exams (Geotechnical, Transportation, Water Resources, and Construction) will continue to be accepted as their exam contents remain within the PE scope of practice.

The Board discussed the topic and thanked Mr. Lazell for the information.

B. Statutory Amendments

Mr. Almiron shared that the department was approached by a senator requesting potential statutory changes to remove unnecessary barriers of entry to the profession and noted that the Department submitted a few items for review and consideration.

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Motion to move into Closed Session: Motion was made, seconded (Schlichting/Middleton) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:17 am. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

VIII. Closed Session: A. Review of Closed Minutes
The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the November 17, 2023, meeting.

B. Application Review/discussion
The Board reviewed two 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 11:42 am.

IX. Motions:

Accept Recommendations: Motion was made, seconded (Schlichting/Yockey) 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 (Schlichting/Crites) 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 March 28, 2024.

B. Signatures On behalf of the Board, the Chair signed Action Sheets 24-0023 and 24-0024.

XI. Adjournment The Board chair adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.