

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

Open Minutes

Structural Engineering Board

Date: March 27, 2024
Convened: 10:12 am
Adjourned: 12:27 pm
Location: Springfield/Chicago/WEBEX

Members Present: Christine Freisinger, Vice-Chair
Salvatore Di Bernardo, Member
John Huff, Public Member
Dan Lutz, Member
Eric Wheeler, Member

Member(s) Absent: Chad Hodel, Chair
Alicia Kamischke, Member

Staff Present: Kyle Lazell, Acting Administrator Professional Services Sec.
Ron Almiron, IDFPR General Counsel Roy Cepero, IDFPR
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.

**1. Board Member
comments**

Christine Freisinger welcomed everyone for attending and
asked if any member had an announcement or comment to
share.

Hearing none, she asked the new member to introduce
himself.

Eric Wheeler shared he graduated with a BS in Architectural
Engineering from Tennessee State University and an MS
degree in Engineering from Purdue Engineering. He has been
practicing for about 15 years, began working at Thornton
Tomasetti in 2007 and is currently serving as a Vice-President
for the company.

The Board welcomed Eric Wheeler to the Board.

2. Guest comments

No guests present.

3. Licensing Manager Report

- A. Board Overview Mr. Lazell shared an overview of the Board functions.
- B. Legislative Update
1. HB 5608 HB 5608
Mr. Lazell shared that this bill has been assigned to the executive committee as of March 20, 2024.
2. SB 3767 SB 3767
Mr. Lazell shared that this bill had its third reading on March 22, 2024, in the Senate, and was passed and sent directly to the House.
- C. Rules Update Mr. Lazell shared that the department is awaiting the outcome of SB 3767 to submit the final version of the draft Rules to the associations for comment.

4. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the open minutes of the January 24, 2024, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Huff/Lutz) to approve the open minutes of the meeting as presented. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

5. Ongoing Business

- A. Continued discussion of approved coursework

Christine Freisinger said the subcommittee will continue working on compiling a list of approved courses and hopes to have a report at the next meeting.

6. Report from Subcommittees

- A. Complaint Review Committee/Subcommittee

Christine Freisinger shared the Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the March 2024 meetings for each profession:

Architect: Opened 9, Closed 4, Referred to prosecutions 0
SE: Opened 2, Closed 1, Referred to prosecutions 0
PE: Opened 10, Closed 5, Referred to prosecutions 0
LS: Opened 2, Closed 0, Referred to prosecutions 0

Complaints currently under investigation:

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Architect – 25
SE – 10
PE – 33
LS – 6

Cases currently being prosecuted:
Architect - 28
Land Surveyor - 4
Professional Engineer -19
Structural Engineer – 6

7. New Business

A. NCEES Central Zone Meeting- update

Mr. Lazell stated he asked Eric Wheeler if he was interested in attending the meeting as a delegate as the SE Board had an open spot. Eric indicated he was interested, and Mr. Lazell added him as the third delegate.

B. Delegate Selection for the NCEES Annual Meeting

Mr. Lazell shared that the NCEES Annual meeting will be held August 14-17 in Chicago, IL. Three delegates of the Board are eligible to attend as are any new members appointed since 2022 who have not yet attended.

The Board discussed and Chad Hodel, Christine Freisinger and Ronald Almiron will be the delegate for the Board. Dan Lutz, John Huff, Alicia Kamischke, and Eric Wheeler will attend under the new member funding.

Motion to move into Closed Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Huff/Di Bernardo) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:32 am. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

8. Closed Session:

A. Review of Closed Minutes

The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the January 24, 2024, meeting.

B. Application Review/discussion

The Board reviewed three 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 12:28 pm.

9. Motions, Reminders, and Signatures:

Accept recommendations:

Motion was made, seconded (Di Bernardo/Huff) to accept the recommendations made in closed session. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Review closed minutes and keep closed minutes closed:

Motion was made, seconded (Di Bernardo/Freisinger) to approve the closed minutes as presented and keep them closed. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Reminders

Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2024.

Action Sheets

On behalf of the Board, the Chair signed action sheets 24-0115 through 24-0017

10. Adjournment

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:27 pm.