

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
ILLINOIS ARCHITECTURE LICENSING BOARD

Open Minutes

Illinois Architecture Licensing Board

Date: May 24, 2024
Convened: 9:02 am
Adjourned: 12:05 pm
Location: Springfield/Chicago/WEBEX

Members Present: Michelle Gillette-Murphy, Chair
Kimberly Kurtenbach, Vice-Chair
Robert Anderson, Member
Norman Lach, Member
Thomas Lawler, Public Member E.
Belinda O'Kelly, Member
William Reichert III, Member

Member(s) Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager
Ron Almiron, DPR General Counsel
Roy Cepero, DPR Design Investigator

Guests Present: Eric Klinner, AIA-IL
Dustin Goffron

The Meeting was called to order at 9:02 am.
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Open Session: Ms. Gillette-Murphy welcomed everyone and asked if anyone had announcements or comments.

I. Board Member Comments

As no other members had comments, welcomed the two new members and invited them to introduce themselves.

Ms. O'Kelly shared that she was licensed in 2009 and started a firm in 2010 specializing in aviation, commercial, and hospitality projects.

Mr. Anderson shared that he graduated from SIU-C, where he currently teaches courses at and has worked for several firms over the past 20+ years, and is excited to be on the Board where the "rubber" meets the road.

II. Guest Comments

Mr. Klinner shared that SB 2819 passed and the bill will be sent to the Governor's office for signature.

III. Licensing Manager Report

A. Legislative Update

SB 2819

Mr. Lazell added that the effective date is January 1, 2025, and he will work on drafting Rule changes based on these changes.

SB 3767

Mr. Lazell shared that the bill has been passed in both the House and Senate and will be sent to the Governor for signature. The effective date is January 1, 2025, and he will work on drafting Rule changes based on these changes.

B. Rules Update

Mr. Lazell shared that he is waiting to receive confirmation from the Director on how to proceed with fee increases prior to submitting the final version of the draft Rules to the associations for comment.

IV. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the open minutes of the March 22, 2024, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Kurtenbach/Reichert) to accept the open minutes as amended. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

V. Ongoing Business

No ongoing business discussed.

VI. Report from Subcommittees

A. Complaint Review Subcommittee

Vice-Chair Kurtenbach shared the Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the March 2024 meetings for each profession:

Architect: Opened 2, Closed 10, Referred to prosecutions 1

SE: Opened 5, Closed 5, Referred to prosecutions 0

PE: Opened 10, Closed 17, Referred to prosecutions 0

LS: Opened 5, Closed 2, Referred to prosecutions 0

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Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 16

SE – 10

PE – 26

LS – 9

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect - 28

Land Surveyor - 4

Professional Engineer -18

Structural Engineer - 6

She also shared that Meghan Pipolo is the new prosecuting attorney for the design professions at IDFPR.

B. NCARB information review committee

Ms. Kurtenbach shared that the main items were the upcoming Annual meeting and an email about mentorship.

VII. New Business

A. NCARB Resolution review

Mr. Lazell asked the Board to review the seven resolutions that will be voted on at the Annual meeting.

The Board discussed each resolution and consensus was to vote YES on all seven resolutions.

The Board also discussed the candidates for the At-Large director positions.

Ms. Gillette-Murphy also shared that she would like Board input on revisions to the opening remarks she will present at the NCARB Annual Meeting.

Motion to move into Closed Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Kurtenbach/Lach) to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:23 am. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

VIII. Closed Session:

A. Review of Closed Minutes

The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the March 22, 2024, meeting.

B. Review of applications

The Board reviewed two applications pursuant to Sections

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1150.30, 1150.60 and 1150.105 of the Rules for the Administration of the Illinois Architectural Practice Act of 1989.

Moved back into Open Session:

The Board Chair adjourned the Closed Session and moved the meeting back into Open Session at 12:01 pm.

IX. Motions & Reminders

Accept recommendations:

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

Review closed minutes & keep closed minutes closed:

Motion was made, seconded (Reichert/Lach) to approve the closed minutes of the January 19, 2024, meeting as presented and to keep the closed minutes closed. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Reminders:

Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next scheduled meeting is July 18, 2024. He also reminded the members to turn in their travel vouchers to him.

Action Sheets:

On behalf of the Board, the Chair signed Action Sheets 24-0192 & 24-0193.

X. Adjournment

Motion was made, seconded (Lach/Kurtenbach) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm.