

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

Open Minutes

Structural Engineering Board

Date: September 24, 2024
Convened: 10:21 am
Adjourned: 11:35 am
Location: Springfield/Chicago/WEBEX

Members Present: Chad Hodel, Chair
John Huff, Public Member
Dan Lutz, Member
Alicia Kamischke, Member
Eric Wheeler, Member
Vacant, Member

Member(s) Absent: Christine Freisinger, Vice-Chair

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

Guests Present: Stephanie Crain, SEA01

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:21 am.
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

1. Board Member comments

Mr. Hodel welcomed everyone for attending and asked if any member had any comment to share.

No comments presented.

2. Guest comments

Ms. Crain shared that SEA01 is preparing for their virtual SE Symposium to assist with gaining CE for renewals. Also hosting webinars for tips/tricks on the PE Structural CBT exam.

3. Licensing Manager Report

A. New Licensing System

Mr. Lazell shared that DPR has begun working on phase one of the new Comprehensive Online Regulatory Environment "CORE" Licensing system with their vendor. The design professions will be added to CORE during phases two and three. He also added that the project is expected to be completed in the next two years.

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- B. Virtual Appointments Mr. Lazell informed the Board that DPR is testing virtual appointments on Wednesdays, so individuals need not drive to the Springfield office for assistance with their application, etc.
- C. Online Payments Mr. Lazell also stated that DPR has initiated an online payment process for paper-based applications and all reinstatement/restoration applications.
- D. Restoration Application Changes Mr. Lazell shared that DPR has changed the process for reviewing & processing restoration applications.

4. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the open minutes of the May 29, 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

Ms. Kamischke said they are making revisions and will provide a final list at the next meeting.

6. Report from Subcommittees

- A. Complaint Review Committee/Subcommittee

Mr. Lazell shared the Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the July 2024 meetings for each profession:

Architect: Opened 7, Closed 3, Referred to prosecutions 0
SE: Opened 3, Closed 2, Referred to prosecutions 0
PE: Opened 8, Closed 7, Referred to prosecutions 0
LS: Opened 3, Closed 2, Referred to prosecutions 0

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 23
SE – 9
PE – 23
LS – 12

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Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect - 27

Land Surveyor - 4

Professional Engineer - 20

Structural Engineer - 8

7. New Business

A. NCEES Annual Meeting -
Report

Mr. Hodel shared a report, noting that there was not a lot of contentious motions. The motion regarding ETAC/ABET programs was heavily discussed and ultimately approved.

Additionally, he shared that during the Engineering Forum, the PE Structural exam was discussed.

Mr. Wheeler noted that a NCEES Task Force was created to identify structural disciplines within a jurisdiction.

Mr. Lazell said the UK MRA signing ceremony for the professional & structural engineer professions was an interesting experience and he looks forward to the next step with NCEES.

Motion to move into Closed Session:

8. Closed Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Huff/Di Kamischke) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:09 am. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

A. Review of Closed Minutes

The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the May 29, 2024, meeting.

B. Application Review/discussion

Three applications were reviewed by the Board, 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 11:30 am.

9. Motions, Reminders, and Signatures:

Accept recommendations:

Motion was made, seconded (Huff/Wheeler) 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 (Lutz/Huff) 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 November 19, 2024.

Action Sheets

On behalf of the Board, the Chair signed action sheets 24-0342 through and 24-0344.

10. Adjournment

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:35 am.