

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

Open Minutes

State Board of Professional Engineers

Date: September 25, 2024
Convened: 10:02 am
Adjourned: 11:46 am
Location: Springfield/Chicago/WEBEX

Members Present: Brian Berg Jr, Chair
Christy Crites, Vice-Chair
Myles Alexander, Public Member
Katherine Au, Member
Kevin Burke III, Member
Gale Jamison, Member
Jennifer Kuether, Member
Sean Middleton, Member
Justan Mann, Member
Richard Rivera, Member

Member(s) Absent: None.

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

Guests Present: Kim Robinson, ISPE
Avalisha Fisher

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am.
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

1. Board Member comments Mr. Berg thanked everyone for attending and asked if any of the members had any comments.

No comments presented.

2. Guest comments *No comments presented.*

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

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“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.

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 Minutes of the July 24, 2024, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Rivera) to approve the open minutes of the meeting as presented. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

5. Ongoing Business

None brought before the board.

6. Report from Subcommittees

A. Complaint Review Committee/Subcommittee

Mr. Jamison 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 Business Meeting - Report

Ms. Crites shared a report on the meeting, noting that there was not a lot of contentious motions. The motion regarding ETAC/ABET programs was heavily discussed and ultimately approved.

Mr. Lazell said the UK MRA signing ceremony was an interesting experience and he looks forward to the next step with NCEES.

Motion to move into Closed Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Burke/Crites) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 10:41 am. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

8. Closed Session:

A. Review of Closed Minutes

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

B. Application Review/discussion

The Board reviewed 3 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 11:26 am.

9. Motions, Reminders, and Signatures:

Accept Recommendations:

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

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- Approve closed minutes & keep closed minutes closed: Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Burke) to approve the closed meeting minutes as amended, and keep the closed minutes closed. Motion passed with a quorum of members.
- Reminders Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting scheduled is on November 20, 2024.
- Action Sheets On behalf of the Board, the Chair signed action sheets 24-0339 through 24-0341.
- 10. Adjournment** Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Middleton) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with a quorum of members. Meeting adjourned at 11:46 am.