

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

Open Minutes

Structural Engineering Board

Date: December 4, 2024
Convened: 10:06 am
Adjourned: 11:46 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, SEAIO
Jennie Traut-Todaro, SEAIO
Cathleen Jacinta, SEAIO
Michelle Ryland, SEAIO
Jan Blok, SEAIO
Jon Sfura, SEAIO
Yasmine Chaudlry, SEAIO
Oana Whalen, WJE

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:06 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 thanked the board for the opportunity to attend.

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3. Licensing Manager Report

A. Rules Update

Mr. Lazell shared that the draft Rule amendment packet will be sent to the Governor's office for approval. He shared that he hopes the amendments will be in place by late Spring or early Summer.

4. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the open minutes of the September 24, 2024, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Kamischke/Huff) 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 provided an update to the Board.

6. Report from Subcommittees

A. Complaint Review Committee/Subcommittee

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

Architect: Opened 1, Closed 2, Referred to prosecutions 0
SE: Opened 3, Closed 2, Referred to prosecutions 1
PE: Opened 8, Closed 10, Referred to prosecutions 0
LS: Opened 0, Closed 4, Referred to prosecutions 1

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 22
SE – 9
PE – 21
LS – 7

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect - 25
Land Surveyor - 5
Professional Engineer - 20
Structural Engineer - 8

7. New Business

A. Election of Officers

Mr. Lazell shared the Statutory Board officer term and duty requirements.

Call for nominations for Board Chair.

Mr. Huff nominated Mr. Hodel to be re-appointed for Chair. Mr. Hodel accepted the nomination. Motion was made, seconded (Kamischke/Wheeler) to close the nominations for Chair. The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board. Mr. Hodel was re-elected as Board Chair for 2025.

Call for nominations for Board Vice-Chair.

Mr. Huff nominated Ms. Freisinger to be re-appointed for Vice-Chair. Ms. Freisinger accepted the nomination. Motion was made, seconded (Lutz/Wheeler) to close the nominations for Vice-Chair. The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board. Ms. Freisinger was elected as Board Vice-Chair for 2025.

B. Discussion of NCEES PE Structural exam issues

Mr. Lehmon thanked the Board for presenting this topic for discussion and gave an overview of the examination.

Mr. Hodel started the discussion regarding the issues presented in the letter sent from SEAOL, mentioning that he received comments from examinees about the difficulties presented during the administration of the new exam format.

Ms. Traut-Todaro shared that examinees spend time and money studying for and taking the exam, only to have administration issues with the exam references, differing formats, etc. She also noted that professional development is compromised as they take time off work to sit for the exam.

The Board discussed the topic further and decided to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

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**Motion to move into
Closed Session:**

8. Closed Session: Motion was made, seconded (Huff/Lutz) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:22 am. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

A. Review of Closed Minutes

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

B. Application Review/discussion

Two 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.

**Moved back into Open
Session:**

Board Chair adjourned the Closed Session and moved the meeting back into Open Session at 11:38 am.

**9. Motions, Reminders, and
Signatures:**

Accept recommendations: Motion was made, seconded (Huff/Kamischke) 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 January 28, 2025 and to submit travel vouchers for reimbursement.

Action Sheets On behalf of the Board, the Chair signed action sheets 24-0399 and 24-0400.

10. Adjournment The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:46 am.