

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYORS LICENSING BOARD

Open Minutes

Illinois Land Surveyors Licensing Board

Date: September 26, 2024
Convened: 10:05 am
Adjourned: 11:18 am
Location: Springfield/Chicago/WEBEX

Members Present: Kim Lyons, Chair
Gale E. Hake, Vice-Chair
James W. Abbitt Jr., Member
Michael Filipski, Member
Rebecca Popeck, Member
Derek Twente, Member

Member(s) Absent: None.

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

Guests Present: Kim Robinson, IPLSA
Ryan Roth, IPLSA
Mark Anderson, license applicant

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am.
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

1. Board Member comments Mr. Lyons welcomed everyone and asked if there were any Board comments.

No comments shared.

2. Guest comments Mr. Roth stated that IPLSA will host a virtual conference on November 5th & 6th, and they are preparing for the 2025 annual conference in February.

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

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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 25, 2024, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Filipski/Hake) to accept the minutes of the meeting as presented. Motion passed with a quorum of members.
- 5. Ongoing Business** *None presented.*
- 6. Report from Subcommittees**
- A. Complaint Review Subcommittee Ms. Popeck 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
- Cases currently being prosecuted:
Architect - 27
Land Surveyor - 4

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Professional Engineer - 20
Structural Engineer - 8

B. Jurisdictional Exam Subcommittee No new actions reported.

7. New Business

A. NCEES Annual Business Meeting - report

Ms. Lyons 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. Hake commented that the PLSS exam will be formulated over the next few years.

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.

B. Mapping Science exam request

Ms. Popeck presented the Board with a request given to her to see if the Board would be willing to sign a petition to request NCEES investigate creating a Mapping Science exam.

The Board discussed and decided not to take action on the request as it does not directly impact the profession in Illinois.

Motion to move into Closed Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Popeck/Filipski) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:05 am. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

8. Closed Session:

A. Review of Closed Minutes

The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the July 25, 2024, meeting.

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B. Application Review/Discussion

No applications were presented to the Board for review, pursuant to Sections 1270.5, 1270.10, 1270.30 and 1270.65 of the Rules for the Administration of the Illinois Land Surveyors Act of 1989.

Moved back into Open Session:

Board Chair adjourned the Closed Session and moved the meeting back into Open Session at 11:14 am.

9. Motions & Reminders:

A. Review of closed minutes and keep the closed minutes closed.

Motion was made, seconded (Popeck/Filipski) to approve the July 25, 2024, closed meeting minutes as presented and to keep the closed minutes closed. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

B. Reminders

Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled to be on November 21, 2024, and reminded the members to send in their travel vouchers for reimbursement.

10. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 am.