

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

Open Minutes

Structural Engineering Board

Date: January 28, 2025
Convened: 10:15 am
Adjourned: 11:40 am
Location: Springfield/Chicago/WEBEX

Members Present: Chad Hodel, Chair
Christine Freisinger, Vice-Chair
John Huff, Public Member
Dan Lutz, Member
Alicia Kamischke, Member
Eric Wheeler, Member

Member(s) Absent: None.

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

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:15 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.

3. Licensing Manager Report

A. Legislative Update

Mr. Lazell informed the Board that the statute was amended as of January 1, 2025, because of the changes made in SB 3767. He also noted that there are several bills that have been filed

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that will amend the Open Meetings Act – one of which would allow members to attend meetings virtually.

B. Rules Update

Mr. Lazell shared that the pending Rule packet should be approved by the Governor's office soon and then will be submitted to the IL SOS for publication in the next available IL Register for the required 45-day public notice period.

C. Year in Review

Mr. Lazell provided a report for 2024 statistics of applications received, licenses issued and current number of licensees.

4. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the open minutes of the December 4, 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 provided an update to the Board. Mr. Hodel provided a few comments on some of the courses listed.

B. Discussion of NCEES PE Structural exam issues

Mr. Hodel shared that members from several jurisdictions that use the PE Structural exam for licensure will be meeting at the end of February to discuss the mutual concerns.

6. Report from Subcommittees

A. Complaint Review Committee/Subcommittee

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

Architect: Opened 4, Closed 3, Referred to prosecutions 0
SE: Opened 2, Closed 1, Referred to prosecutions 1
PE: Opened 9, Closed 5, Referred to prosecutions 0
LS: Opened 0, Closed 4, Referred to prosecutions 0

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 23

SE – 9

PE – 25

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Cases currently being prosecuted: **NO STATS SHARED**

Architect -

Land Surveyor -

Professional Engineer -

Structural Engineer -

7. New Business

A. NCEES Zone Meeting

Mr. Lazell shared that the Central Zone meeting will be conjoined with the Western Zone in Albuquerque, NM on May 15-19th.

Mr. Lutz and Ms. Kamischke will be the delegates for the Board. Mr. Cepero will also attend.

Motion to move into Closed Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Freisinger/Kamischke) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:27 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 December 4, 2024, meeting.

B. Application Review/discussion

One application was 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 11:37 am.

9. Motions, Reminders, and Signatures:

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- Accept recommendations: Motion was made, seconded (Freisinger/Huff) 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/Kamischke) 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 March 25, 2025 and to submit travel vouchers for reimbursement.
- Action Sheets On behalf of the Board, the Chair signed action sheet 25-0023.
- 10. Adjournment** The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:40 am.