

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

Open Minutes

Structural Engineering Board

Date: March 25, 2025
Convened: 10:09 am
Adjourned: 11:40 am
Location: Springfield/Chicago/WEBEX

Members Present: Chad Hodel, Chair
Christine Freisinger, Vice-Chair
Jerilyn Hassard, Member
John Huff, Public Member
Dan Lutz, Member

Member(s) Absent: Alicia Kamischke, Member
Eric Wheeler, Member

Staff Present: Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager
Ron Almiron, IDFPR General Counsel
Mark Thompson, IDFPR Deputy General Counsel

Guests Present: Stephanie Crain, SEAOL
Jan Block, SEAOL
Craig Tacey

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:09 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.

Ms. Hassard introduced herself, noting she is a Vice President at Modjeski and Masters and has been licensed since 2007.

The remaining members welcomed her and introduced themselves.

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 pending Rule packet is currently in the 45-day public notice period. Once that period elapses, it will be sent to JCAR for second notice and adoption.

4. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the open minutes of the January 28, 2025 meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Huff/Lutz) to approve the open minutes of the meeting as amended. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

5. Ongoing Business

A. Continued discussion of approved coursework

The Board recommended that this topic be removed from the agenda and revisited at the first meeting of each year.

B. Discussion of NCEES PE Structural exam issues

Mr. Hodel shared an update on the continued discussion with other states regarding this topic. He clarified the issues present are with the test environment, not the exam itself. Also noted was the NCEES SE exam PAK's study is not addressing these concerns.

Mr. Blok noted that he was notified the reference sources have indicated they would be happy to make adjustments to the indexing and formatting of the references if it will be beneficial to the examinees.

Mr. Hodel concluded that Mr. Lutz and himself will continue to participate in the web meetings with the other jurisdictions and provide feedback at the next meeting.

**6. Report from
Subcommittees**

A. Complaint Review
Committee/Subcommittee

Mr. Lazell shared the Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the January 2025 meetings for each profession:

Architect: Opened 6, Closed 4, Referred to prosecutions 0
SE: Opened 2, Closed 0, Referred to prosecutions 1
PE: Opened 2, Closed 1, Referred to prosecutions 0
LS: Opened 0, Closed 0, Referred to prosecutions 0

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Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 27

SE – 11

PE – 26

LS – 3

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect - 25

Land Surveyor - 5

Professional Engineer - 23

Structural Engineer – 10

Mr. Lazell shared that Meghan Pipolo moved to a new position within DPR and Oscar Pina will be the prosecuting attorney for the design professions until Meghan's replacement is selected.

7. New Business

A. NCEES Annual Meeting – Delegate Selection

Mr. Lazell shared that the Annual Meeting is scheduled for August 19-21 in New Orleans, LA., and requested the names of the funded delegates who will attend.

Ms. Freisinger, Mr. Lutz and Mr. Wheeler will be the delegates for the Board.

B. NCEES Model Rules – Digital Signature language

Mr. Lazell noted he added this item at the request of the Board at the previous meeting.

The Board discussed and requested that Mr. Almiron check with the North Carolina Board on their language and report back.

Motion to move into Closed Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Huff/Freisinger) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:12 am. Motion passed with a quorum of members voting yes via roll call.

8. Closed Session:

A. Review of Closed Minutes

The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the January 28, 2025, meeting.

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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 11:40 am.

9. Motions, Reminders, and Signatures:

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.

Accept recommendations:

Motion was made, seconded (Freisinger/Huff) to accept the recommendation made in closed session. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

1) Andrew McEachern – Exam Waiver Request Approved.

Reminders

Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2025 and to submit travel vouchers for reimbursement.

Action Sheets

On behalf of the Board, the Chair signed action sheet 25-0079.

10. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.