

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
ILLINOIS ARCHITECTURE LICENSING BOARD

***Open Minutes***

Illinois Architecture Licensing Board

Date: May 15, 2025  
Convened: 9:01 am  
Adjourned: 10:12 am  
Location: Springfield/Chicago/WEBEX

Members Present: Michelle Gillette-Murphy, Chair  
Kimberly Kurtenbach, Vice-Chair  
Robert Anderson, Member  
Robert Lyons, Public Member  
Belinda O'Kelly, Member

Member(s) Absent: Kimshasa Baldwin, Member  
Norman Lach, Member

Staff Present: Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager  
Ron Almiron, DPR General Counsel  
Ann Erickson, DPR General Counsel  
Amanda Oldfield, Design Unit Staff

Guests Present: Eric Kliner, AIA-IL  
Tonia Bogener  
Benro Olives  
Will Lee

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 9:01 am.  
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**I. Board Member Comments**

Ms. Gillette-Murphy welcomed everyone and asked if any member had comments to share.

None presented.

**II. Guest Comments**

Mr. Kliner shared that AIA national has released a statement regarding withdrawal of NAAB funding.

**III. Licensing Manager Report**

**A. Rules Update**

Mr. Lazell shared that the pending Rule packet has been submitted to JCAR for second notice and adoption.

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**IV. Review of Open Minutes** The Board reviewed the open minutes of the March 20, 2025, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (O'Kelly/Kurtenbach/) to accept the open minutes as presented. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

**V. Ongoing Business** *No discussion at this time.*

**VI. Report from Ad Hoc Groups**

A. Complaint Review Ms. O'Kelly shared the Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the March 2025 meetings for each profession:

The March CRC was cancelled.

The Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect - 25

Land Surveyor - 5

Professional Engineer - 23

Structural Engineer - 10

B. NCARB information review Ms. Kurtenbach shared a report of recent NCARB emails & events. She also noted that she was selected to be a member of NCARBs FY26 Education Committee.

C. Continuing Education *No update was provided.*

**VII. New Business**

A. General Discussion Ms. Gillette-Murphy brought up the topic of NAAB funding, noting that NAAB has historically been funded by AIA, NOMA, NCARB, and a few other organizations.

Additional information should be available during the NCARB National meeting.

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**Motion to move into Closed Session:**

Motion was made, seconded (Anderson/Kurtenbach) to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 9:44 am. Motion passed with a quorum of members voting yes via roll call.

**VIII. Closed Session:**

**A. Review of Closed Minutes**

The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the March 20, 2025, meeting.

**B. Review of applications**

The Board reviewed 3 applications, pursuant to Sections 1150.30, 1150.60 and 1150.105 of the Rules for the Administration of the Illinois Architectural Practice Act of 1989.

**Moved back into Open Session:**

The Board Chair adjourned the Closed Session and moved the meeting back into Open Session at 10:03 am.

**IX. Motions & Reminders**

Review closed minutes &  
keep closed minutes closed:

Motion was made, seconded (Kurtenbach/O'Kelly) to approve the closed minutes as presented and to keep the closed minutes closed. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Accept Recommendations:

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

Record Retention:

- 1) David Gonzales: Approved for licensure.
- 2) Joseph McKernan: Approved for licensure.
- 3) Thong Thai: Approved for licensure.

Reminders:

Motion was made, seconded (O'Kelly/Kurtenbach) to authorize DPR to dispose of all closed session recordings of the board for the years 2004 to 2022. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Mr. Lazell reminded the Board the next scheduled meeting is July 16, 2025. He also reminded the members to turn in their travel vouchers.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made, seconded (Kurtenbach/Anderson) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with a quorum of members. Meeting adjourned at 10:12 am.