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ILLINOIS STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING BOARD MINUTES

***Open Minutes***

Structural Engineering Board

Date: July 22, 2025  
Convened: 10:02 am  
Adjourned: 11:42 am  
Location: Springfield/Chicago/WEBEX

Members Present: Chad Hodel, Chair  
Christine Freisinger, Vice-Chair  
Jerilyn Hassard, Member  
John Huff, Public Member  
Alicia Kamischke, Member  
Dan Lutz, 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, SEAOL  
John McClean, SEAOL  
Paul Papazisi  
Ken Korolyk

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 shared.*

**2. Guest comments**

Ms. Crain thanked the board for the opportunity to attend and reminded the Board of the upcoming Structures Symposium. She also noted that SEAOL will be having a webinar on the recent Rule changes in the fall.

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**3. Licensing Manager Report**

- A. Rules Update Mr. Lazell shared that the Rule packet has been approved by JCAR and they should be adopted in the next few weeks. He also noted that a second set of Rules will be submitted soon that will address fee increases, changes to the endorsement section regarding international applicants, and minor cleanup for a few sections.
- B. CORE System Update He also gave an update on the CORE licensing system conversion process, noting that the architect profession should be migrated in the fall and fully implemented no later than January 2026.

- 4. Review of Open Minutes** The Board reviewed the open minutes of the May 20, 2025 meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Huff/Kamischke) to approve the open minutes of the meeting as amended. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

**5. Ongoing Business**

- A. Discussion of NCEES PE Structural exam issues Mr. Hodel gave an update on the continued discussion with other states regarding this topic.
- He noted the NCEES Motion to address the PE Structural exam issues was not approved by the NCEES Board of Directors.
- Ms. Freisinger also noted the July exam scores were recently posted and were very similar to the Spring exam scores.

**6. Report from Ad Hoc Groups**

- A. Complaint Review Group Mr. Lazell shared the Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the May 2025 meetings for each profession:
- Architect: Opened 3, Closed 4, Referred to prosecutions 1  
SE: Opened 1, Closed 3, Referred to prosecutions 0  
PE: Opened 10, Closed 7\*, Referred to prosecutions 0

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LS: Opened 3\*, Closed 0, Referred to prosecutions 0  
\* 1 PE complaint re-assigned to Land Surveyor Board

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 24

SE – 7

PE – 27

LS – 6

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect - 27

Land Surveyor - 5

Professional Engineer - 21

Structural Engineer - 10

**B. Digital Seal/Signature  
Group**

Mr. Hodel provided a draft of Rule changes to the seal/signature section for review and comment by the Board.

Mr. Almiron shared information from the North Carolina Board's requirements.

Ms. Kamischke noted an issue with how CDB requires seals to be submitted with the CAD files.

**7. New Business**

**A. NCEES Annual Meeting  
– Motions**

The Board discussed the proposed motions, noting the Position Statement # 2 on AI technology, Finance Motion # 4 regarding the transfer of funds to the NCEES Foundation, and ACCA Motion # 1.

**Motion to move into  
Closed Session:**

Motion was made, seconded (Kamischke/Freisinger) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:48 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 May 20, 2025, meeting.

**B. Application Review/discussion**

One application was reviewed by the Board, pursuant to

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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 12:08 pm.

**9. Motions and Reminders**

Review closed minutes and keep closed minutes closed:

Motion was made, seconded (Lutz/Huff) to approve the closed minutes as amended and keep them closed. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Accept Recommendations:

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

1) Kenneth Korolyk: Exam waiver approved.

Reminders

Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2025 and to submit travel vouchers for reimbursement.

**10. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 pm.