

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Open Minutes

State Board of Professional Engineers

Date: July 24, 2025
Convened: 10:15 am
Adjourned: 11:07 am
Location: Springfield/Chicago/WEBEX

Members Present: Brian Berg Jr, Chair
Christy Crites, Vice-Chair
Myles Alexander, Public Member
Katherine Au, Member
Kevin Burke III, Member
Vanessa Harris, Member
Jennifer Kuether, Member
Justan Mann, Member
Sean Middleton, Member

Member(s) Absent: Richard Rivera, Member

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

Guests Present: Kim Robinson, ESI
Ryan Roth, ESI

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. Berg thanked everyone for attending and asked if any of the members had any comments.

Hearing none, he welcomed Ms. Harris to the Board and asked if she would introduce herself.

Ms. Harris said she is an environmental engineer by trade and excited to be on the board.

The remaining members introduced themselves.

2. Guest comments *Mr. Roth reminded the board of the upcoming August First Friday webinar and the Bootcamp event in October.*

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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.
- B. CORE System Update Mr. Lazell 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 Minutes of the May 29, 2025, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Au/Kuether) to approve the open minutes of the meeting as presented. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

- 5. Ongoing Business** *None brought before the board.*

**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
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

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7. New Business

A. NCEES Annual Meeting
– Motions

The Board discussed the proposed motions, noting the Position Statement # 2 on AI technology, Education Motion # 1, Finance Motion # 4, and ACCA Motion # 1.

B. General Discussion

None presented.

Motion to move into Closed Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Middleton/Crites) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:00 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 29, 2025, meeting.

B. Application Review/discussion

The Board reviewed 2 applications, pursuant to Sections 1380.242, 1380.250 and 1380.280 of the Rules for the Administration of the Illinois Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989.

Moved back into Open Session:

The Board Chair moved the meeting back into Open Session at 11:12 am.

9. Motions, Reminders, and Signatures:

Approve closed minutes &
keep closed:

Motion was made, seconded (Kuether/Middleton) to approve the closed meeting minutes as presented, and keep the closed minutes closed. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Accept Recommendations:

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

- 1) Hassan Alawsi: Education Waiver request, denied.
- 2) Francisco Ochoa: Education Waiver request, denied.

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Reminders

Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting scheduled is on September 25, 2025 and to turn in a travel voucher for reimbursement.

10. Adjournment

Motion was made, seconded (Au/Kuether) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with a quorum of members. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 am.

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