

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

Open Minutes	State Board of Professional Engineers
Date:	September 25, 2025
Convened:	10:03 am
Adjourned:	11:07 am
Location:	Springfield/Chicago/WEBEX
Members Present:	Brian Berg Jr, Chair Christy Crites, Vice-Chair Katherine Au, Member Vanessa Harris, Member Jennifer Kuether, Member Justan Mann, Member Sean Middleton, Member Richard Rivera, Member
Member(s) Absent:	Myles Alexander, Public Member Kevin Burke III, 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 Melissa Cannata, Amber Book
Open Session:	The Meeting was called to order at 10:03 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. No comments shared.
2. Guest comments	<i>Mr. Roth reminded the board of the upcoming October First Friday webinar and the Bootcamp event in October.</i>

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3. Licensing Manager Report	
A. CORE System Update	Mr. Lazell noted he has been working with the vendor to build out the design profession applications in the new CORE system and should be fully implemented no later than January 2026. He also said the renewal module for the system will be comprehensive and require uploads of the CE as part of the renewal process.
4. Review of Open Minutes	The Board reviewed the Minutes of the July 24, 2025, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Crites/Kuether) to approve the open minutes of the meeting as presented. Motion passed with a quorum of members.
5. Ongoing Business	<i>None brought before the board.</i>
6. Report from Ad Hoc Groups	
A. Complaint Review Group	Mr. Middleton shared the Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the July 2025 meetings for each profession: Architect: Opened 3, Closed 7, Referred to prosecutions 4 SE: Opened 4, Closed 2, Referred to prosecutions 1 PE: Opened 10, Closed 5, Referred to prosecutions 0 LS: Opened 1, Closed 1, Referred to prosecutions 0 Complaints currently under investigation: Architect – 16 SE – 8 PE – 31 LS – 6 Cases currently being prosecuted: Architect - 30 Land Surveyor - 11 Professional Engineer - 22 Structural Engineer - 5

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7. New Business A. NCEES Annual Meeting – Report	Ms. Crites presented a report to the Board. Main topics discussed included: • ICOR overlap of practices guide • AI usage • Finance Motions • NCEES Foundation • Central Zone update • PE Structural exam changes & pass rates • UK MRA updates
B. General Discussion	Motion was made, seconded (Crites/Kuether) to grant emeritus member status to Gale Jamison to allow him to continue to serve on NCEES committees. Motion passed with a quorum of members. Mr. Lazell presented a draft Rule amendment from the Illinois Structural Engineer Board to address the digital seal and signature and how to ensure security measures are in place to limit the potential for fraudulent usage. The Board discussed the topic. Mr. Berg felt requiring licensees to pay for encryption software could be problematic and wondered if there are free versions available. Ms. Kuether noted that the Florida Board requires encryption. Mr. Lazell requested the members review the draft and provide feedback by the next board meeting.
Motion to move into Closed Session:	Motion was made, seconded (Crites/Kuether) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:49 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 July 24, 2025,

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Moved back into Open Session:	meeting. B. Application Review/discussion The Board reviewed 1 application, 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. The Board Chair moved the meeting back into Open Session at 10:57 am.
9. Motions, Reminders, and Signatures:	
Approve closed minutes & keep closed:	Motion was made, seconded (Au/Kuether) 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/Au) to accept the recommendations made in closed session. Motion passed with a quorum of members. 1) Omme Saberi: Education Waiver request, denied.
Reminders	Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting scheduled is on November 13, 2025 and to turn in a travel voucher for reimbursement.
10. Adjournment	Motion was made, seconded (Rivera/Harris) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with a quorum of members. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

