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State Board of Professional Engineers: Open Meeting Minutes

Date: January 28, 2026

Location: Springfield / Chicago / WebEx

Convened: 10:01 AM | **Adjourned:** 10:42 AM

Roll Call

Members Present:

- Brian Berg Jr., Chair
- Christy Crites, Vice-Chair
- Katherine Au, Member
- Vanessa Harris, Member
- Sean Middleton, Member
- Jennifer Kuether, Member
- Justan Mann, 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:

- Ryan Roth, ESI

Open Session

1. **Board Member Comments:** None
2. **Guest Comments:** None
3. **Board Liaison Report:** Mr. Lazell presented a report on the 2025 year-in-review statistics.
4. **Approval of Previous Open Minutes:** The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 13, 2025, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Middleton/Harris) to approve the open minutes of the meeting as presented. Motion passed with a quorum of members.
5. **Ongoing Business:** None
6. **Report from Ad Hoc Groups:**
 1. Complaint Review Group
 - Mr. Berg shared the Complaint Statistics for each profession:
 - **Complaints reviewed at the November 2025 meetings:**
 - Architect: Opened 5, Closed 3, Referred 0
 - Structural Engineer (SE): Opened 2, Closed 1, Referred 0
 - Professional Engineer (PE): Opened 6, Closed 5, Referred 1
 - Land Surveyor (LS): Opened 0, Closed 1, Referred 0
 - **Complaints under investigation:**
 - Architect: 18
 - Structural Engineer (SE): 7
 - Professional Engineer (PE): 30
 - Land Surveyor (LS): 5
 - **Cases in prosecutions:**
 - Architect: 29
 - Structural Engineer (SE): 9
 - Professional Engineer (PE): 19
 - Land Surveyor (LS): 5
7. **New Business:**
 - A. **NCEES CZ/NE Zone Meeting – Delegate Selection:** Mr. Lazell shared the 2026 NCEES Central & Northeast Zone joint interim meeting is being held on May 14-16, 2026 in Columbus, OH. NCEES will fund three members of the board to attend. Ms. Crites will attend on behalf of the Board.
 - B. **General Discussion:** No further items presented.

Closed Session

Motion to move into Closed Session: Motion was made, seconded (Middleton/Kuether) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4 & 15) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion passed with a quorum of members voting yes via roll call.

Entered Closed Session at 10:33 AM

- A. **Review of Previous Closed Minutes:** The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the November 13, 2025 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.

Returned to Open Session at 10:39 AM

Motions and Reminders

Approval of Previous Closed Minutes: Motion was made, seconded (Harris/Crites) to approve the closed meeting minutes as presented, and keep the closed minutes closed. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

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

1. Terry Gunderson: FE exam waiver request, denied.

Reminders: Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2026, and to turn in a travel voucher for reimbursement.

Adjournment

Motion was made, seconded (Harris/Au) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM.