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Illinois Architecture Licensing Board: Open Meeting Minutes

Date: March 11, 2026

Location: Springfield / Chicago / WebEx

Convened: 9:14 AM | **Adjourned:** 10:00 AM

Roll Call

Members Present:

- Kimberly Kurtenbach, Chair
- Belinda O'Kelly, Vice-Chair
- Robert Anderson, Member
- Kimshasa Baldwin, Member
- Michelle Gillette-Murphy, Member
- Robert Lyons, Public Member

Members Absent:

- Norman Lach, Member

Staff Present:

- Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager
- Ronald Almiron, IDFPR General Counsel
- Stepfon Smith, IDFPR Legal Office
- Roy Cepero, IDFPR Investigator

Guests Present:

- Eric Klinner, AIA IL
- Melissa Cannata, Amber Book

Open Session

1. **Board Member Comments:** Ms. Gillette-Murphy noted the recent tornadic activity and destruction in the Kankakee, Illinois area.
2. **Guest Comments:** Mr. Klinner stated AIA-IL is monitoring the 2026 Spring legislative session.
3. **Board Liaison Report:**
 - A. Licensing System Update
 - i. Mr. Lazell shared that the profession application has been built in the new “CORE” system and there have been no issues with the implementation. He also noted that as part of the renewal process, licensees will be required to upload evidence of completing the courses or sessions.
4. **Approval of Previous Open Minutes:** The Board reviewed the open minutes of the January 21, 2026 meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Baldwin/Anderson) to approve the open minutes of the meeting as presented. Motion passed with a quorum of members.
5. **Ongoing Business:**
 - A. None.
6. **Ad Hoc Group Reports:**
 - A. Complaint Review Group
 - i. Mr. Lazell shared the Complaint Statistics for each profession:
 - **Complaints reviewed at the January 2026 meetings:**
 - Architect: Opened 2, Closed 0, Referred 1
 - Structural Engineer (SE): Opened 0, Closed 1, Referred 0
 - Professional Engineer (PE): Opened 5, Closed 6, Referred 2
 - Land Surveyor (LS): Opened 1, Closed 2, Referred 0
 - **Complaints under investigation:**
 - Architect: 20
 - Structural Engineer (SE): 11
 - Professional Engineer (PE): 32
 - Land Surveyor (LS): 6
 - **Cases in prosecutions:**
 - Architect: 33

- Structural Engineer (SE): 6
- Professional Engineer (PE): 24
- Land Surveyor (LS): 10

B. NCARB Information Review Group

- i. Ms. O’Kelly shared a report, noting the “Pathways to Practice” continues to be a high priority for NCARB and should be discussed at the regional and annual (national) meetings.

C. Continuing Education Group

- i. Ms. Baldwin shared an example of what a CE infographic could look like.
- ii. The concept was well received by the Board.
- iii. Mr. Lazell concurred it was an incredible idea, shared a few items to correct, and noted that for legal reasons DPR will need to develop the final infographic used.

7. New Business:

- A. General Discussion: No further items presented.

Closed Session

Motion to move into Closed Session: Motion was made, seconded (Gillette-Murphy /Anderson) 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 9:55 AM

Review of Previous Closed Minutes: The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the January 21, 2026 meeting.

Application Review/discussion: The Board did not review applications during this meeting.

The Board Chair moved the meeting back into Open Session.

Returned to Open Session at 9:58 AM

Motions and Reminders

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

Reminders: Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2026, and to turn in a travel voucher for reimbursement.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 AM