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Structural Engineering Board: Open Meeting Minutes

Date: March 24, 2026

Location: Springfield / Chicago / WebEx

Convened: 10:02 AM | **Adjourned:** 11:33 AM

Roll Call

Members Present:

- Chad Hodel, Chair
- Christine Freisinger, Vice-Chair
- Jerilyn Hassard, Member
- John Huff, Public Member
- Alicia Kamischke, Member
- Dan Lutz, Member

Member(s) Absent:

- Eric Wheeler, Member

Staff Present:

- Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager
- Ronald Almiron, IDFPR General Counsel
- Roy Cepero, IDFPR Design Professions Investigator

Guests Present:

- Stephanie Crain – SEAOL
- Melissa Canata – Amber Book

Open Session

1. Board Member Comments: None

2. Guest Comments: None

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.

B. Continuing Education Infographic

- i. Mr. Lazell shared a draft of the infographic that is being developed to assist licensees with navigating the CE requirement.

4. Approval of Previous Open Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 27, 2026, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Kamischke/Huff) to approve the open minutes of the meeting as presented. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

5. Ongoing Business: None

6. Ad Hoc Group Reports:

1. Complaint Review Group

- o Mr. Hodel 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

7. New Business:

A. **NCEES Annual Meeting – Delegate Selection:** Mr. Lazell shared the 2026 NCEES ABM is being held on August 18-21, 2026 in Henderson, NV. NCEES will fund three members of the board to attend.

- i. Mr. Hodel, Mr. Lutz, and Ms. Hassard 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 (Huff/Lutz) 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 11:08 AM

A. **Review of Previous Closed Minutes:** The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the January 27, 2026 meeting.

B. **Application Review/discussion:** The Board reviewed 3 application at today's meeting.

The Board Chair moved the meeting back into Open Session.

Returned to Open Session at 12:01 PM

Motions and Reminders

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

1. Nadar Namdar: SE exam waiver request, approved.

2. Dan Campbell: SE exam waiver request approved pending receipt of discipline clarification.
3. Mathew Beck: Endorsement application deferred, pending receipt of meeting the approved program education requirements, or an additional six years three months of structural experience to satisfy the non-approved program experience requirement.

Reminders: Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2026, and to turn in a travel voucher for reimbursement.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 PM