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## **State Board of Professional Engineers: Open Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** April 7, 2026

**Location:** Springfield / Chicago / WebEx

**Convened:** 10:04 AM | **Adjourned:** 11:37 AM

## **Roll Call**

### **Members Present:**

- Brian Berg Jr., Chair
- Christy Crites, Vice-Chair
- Myles Alexander, Public Member
- Katherine Au, Member
- Kevin Burke III, Member
- Sean Middleton, Member
- Jennifer Kuether, Member
- Richard Rivera, Member

### **Member(s) Absent:**

- Vanessa Harris, Member
- Justan Mann, Member

### **Staff Present:**

- Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager
- Roy Cepero, IDFPR Design Professions Investigator

### **Guests Present:**

- Ryan Roth, Engineering Society of Illinois (ESI)

# Open Session

**1. Board Member Comments:** None

**2. Guest Comments:** Mr. Roth noted that ESI 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.

B. Professional Development Infographic

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

**4. Approval of Previous Open Minutes:** The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 28, 2026, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Middleton/Crites) 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 Report:**

A. Complaint Review Group

- o Mr. Berg 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. Ms. Crites and Mr. Rivera will attend on behalf of the Board.
- B. General Discussion:
- i. The Board discussed the education requirements for non-approved program graduates and the changes to the Rules that were effective January 2023 and July 2025.

## Closed Session

**Motion to move into Closed Session:** Motion was made, seconded (Kuether/Au) 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 10:49 AM

- A. **Review of Previous Closed Minutes:** The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the January 28, 2026 meeting.
- B. **Application Review/discussion:** The Board reviewed 4 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 11:33 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 (Burke/Middleton) to accept the recommendations made in closed session. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

1. Ahmed Ghaley: FE exam waiver request – deferred pending additional info for review by Board.
2. Moshen Issa: Application approved.
3. Siavash Kazerani: FE&PE exam and experience waiver request – denied.
4. Nesar Ahmed: Application approved.

**Reminders:** Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2026, and to turn in a travel voucher for reimbursement.

## Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 AM.