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Structural Engineering Board: Open Meeting Minutes

Date: May 19, 2026

Location: Springfield / Chicago / WebEx

Convened: 10:01 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
- Gwendolyn Payton, IDFPR General Counsel
- Roy Cepero, IDFPR Design Professions Investigator

Guests Present:

- Jan Block – 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 Design Firm application is still being built and hopes the revised version will be reviewed in June and published in July/August.

4. Approval of Previous Open Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 24, 2026, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Lutz/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:

A. Complaint Review Group

- o Mr. Hodel shared the Complaint Statistics for each profession:

- **Complaints reviewed at the March 2026 meetings:**

- Architect: Opened 9, Closed 8, Referred 1
- Structural Engineer (SE): Opened 3, Closed 3, Referred 0
- Professional Engineer (PE): Opened 13, Closed 9, Referred 1
- Land Surveyor (LS): Opened 1, Closed 1, Referred 1

- **Complaints under investigation:**

- Architect: 20
- Structural Engineer (SE): 11
- Professional Engineer (PE): 35
- Land Surveyor (LS): 5

- **Cases in prosecutions:**

- Architect: 34
- Structural Engineer (SE): 10
- Professional Engineer (PE): 26
- Land Surveyor (LS): 7

B. Seal/Signature Group

- Mr. Hodel noted he inquired at the interim Central/NE zone meeting and other states are also seeing issues and a few are putting notices out on their respective websites alerting licensees and the public to this ongoing threat.

7. New Business:

A. NCEES Interim Central/NE Zone Meeting Report.

- i. Mr. Hodel shared a report, noting that none of the motions were shared by the committees during their respective reports.
- ii. Ms. Kamischke shared a report on the Structural Task Force.
- iii. Nominations/Elections:
 - 1. Central Zone assistant vice president, Kim Cramers
 - 2. Central Zone Vice President James Hollingsworth
 - 3. Central Zone president Elect is Jason Sulter
- iv. Future zone meetings:
 - 1. 2027 will be in all zones meeting in Omaha Nebraska.
 - 2. 2028 will be a combined central northeast zoning.
 - 3. 2029 is proposed to be held in Springfield, IL.
 - 4. 2030 is proposed to be held in Saint Louis, MO.
- v. Discussed that we may want to recommend switching years with Missouri as a potential project at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel adjacent to the convention center or changing the venue to Chicago as there are limited flights to the local airport.
- vi. Ms. Kamischke noted that during the engineering forum, there was discussion about the ongoing low SE Exam pass rates, SE Model Law changes, and structural engineering technology degrees.

B. General Discussion: No further items presented.

Closed Session

Motion to move into Closed Session: Motion was made, seconded (Huff/Kamischke) 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 11:17 AM

A. **Review of Previous Closed Minutes:** The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the March 24, 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.

Motions and Reminders

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

1. Christopher Bradbury: SE exam waiver request, approved.
2. Carl Milsum: FE exam waiver request, approved.
3. Mohammad Mahdi: Acceptance of examination, approved.

Reminders: Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2026, and to turn in a travel voucher for reimbursement.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:22PM