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Illinois Land Surveyors Licensing Board: Open Meeting Minutes

Date: May 20, 2026

Location: Springfield / Chicago / WebEx

Convened: 10:06 AM | **Adjourned:** 12:03 PM

Roll Call

Members Present:

- Rebecca Popeck, Chair
- Derek Twente, Vice-Chair
- James W. Abbitt Jr., Member
- Gale E. Hake, Member
- Kim Lyons, Member
- Jennifer Trapani, Member

Staff Present:

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

Guests Present:

- Ryan Roth, IPLSA

Open Session

1. **Board Member Comments:** None.
2. **Guest Comments:** Mr. Roth shared that IPLSA continues to monitor the Spring session proceedings.
3. **Board Liaison Report:**
 - A. Licensing System Update
 - i. Mr. Lazell shared that the Design Firm application is still being built and hopes it will be able to test in June and have it published in July/August.
4. **Approval of Previous Open Minutes:** The Board reviewed the open minutes of the February 4, 2026 meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Lyons/Hake) to approve the open minutes of the meeting as presented. Motion passed with a quorum of members.
5. **Ongoing Business:** None presented.
6. **Report from Ad Hoc Groups:**
 - A. Complaint Review Group
 - i. Ms. Popeck 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

B. Jurisdictional Exam Group

- i. Mr. Lazell shared the comments received from Mr. Twente on the importance of convening an exam review committee with Dr. Ron Rodgers and awaits a response.

7. New Business:

A. NCEES Interim Central/NE Zone Meeting Report.

- i. Ms. Popeck shared a report, noting that none of the motions were shared by the committees during their respective reports.
- ii. The FS & PS exam pass rate is up year over year.
- iii. Seeing an increase in licensure of 20/30%.
- iv. Redefined the PS exam definition.
- v. 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
- vi. 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.
- vii. 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.
- viii. Birth rate decline will result in lower exams administered.
- ix. Exam fees increase every two years.
- x. Discussed seal fraud increase.

B. General Discussion: Mr. Lazell shared an email with the Board requesting alternate education options to be added to enable a broader range of applicants the ability to apply for licensure – specifically creating a pathway for an associate degree or high school diploma.

The Board discussed and decided to investigate this issue further as we get closer to the sunset of the Act.

Closed Session

Motion to move into Closed Session: Motion was made, seconded (Hake/Lyons) 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 11:42 AM

Review of Previous Closed Minutes: The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the February 4, 2026 meeting.

Application Review/discussion: The Board did not review applications during the meeting but will review and return recommendations in the next few weeks.

The Board Chair moved the meeting back into Open Session.

Returned to Open Session at 11:58 AM

Motions and Reminders

Approval of Previous Closed Minutes: Motion was made, seconded (Lyons/Twente) 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 July 14, 2026, and to turn in a travel voucher for reimbursement.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 PM