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## Illinois Architecture Licensing Board: Open Meeting Minutes

**Date:** July 15, 2026

**Location:** Springfield / Chicago / WebEx

**Convened:** 9:14 AM | **Adjourned:** 10:20 AM

## Roll Call

### Members Present:

- Belinda O'Kelly, Vice-Chair
- Robert Anderson, Member
- Kimshasa Baldwin, Member
- Norman Lach, Member
- Robert Lyons, Public Member

### Members Absent:

- Kimberly Kurtenbach, Chair
- Michelle Gillette-Murphy, Member

### Staff Present:

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

### Guests Present:

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

# Open Session

**1. Board Member Comments:** No comments.

**2. Guest Comments:**

- A. Mr. Klinner stated AIA-IL is planning a webinar in partnership with NCARB. Ms. Kurtenbach will be in attendance.

**3. Board Liaison Report:**

A. Infographic

- i. Mr. Lazell shared an updated version of the draft infographic that includes the accepted providers as shown in the Rules for the administration of the Act.
- ii. The Board reviewed and provided feedback on a few changes to make – add the renewal deadline, add clarifying info for elective options and the sexual harassment prevention.

**4. Approval of Previous Open Minutes:** The Board reviewed the open minutes of the May 13, 2026 meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Baldwin/Lach) to approve the open minutes of the meeting as presented. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

**5. Ongoing Business:** No comments.

**6. Ad Hoc Group Reports:**

A. Complaint Review Group

- i. Mr. Lazell shared the Complaint Statistics for each profession:

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

- Architect: Opened 8, Closed 9, Referred 0
- Structural Engineer (SE): Opened 3, Closed 2, Referred 2
- Professional Engineer (PE): Opened 12, Closed 12, Referred 1
- Land Surveyor (LS): Opened 3, Closed 2, Referred 0

- **Complaints under investigation:**

- Architect: 19
- Structural Engineer (SE): 10
- Professional Engineer (PE): 33
- Land Surveyor (LS): 6

- **Cases in prosecutions:**

- Architect: 33

- Structural Engineer (SE): 13
- Professional Engineer (PE): 29
- Land Surveyor (LS): 9

B. NCARB Information Review Group

- i. Merged with the comments for the NCARB Annual Meeting – Report.

**7. New Business:**

A. NCARB Annual Meeting – Report.

- i. Ms. Baldwin shared comments about the NCARB Region 4 Educator Symposium, noting it was a well organized event. She noted three points for awareness that was discussed.
  - a. AI infiltration in the classroom and the problems it presents.
  - b. A collaborative effort with a California architecture program and a Design firm to allow students to gain hands-on experience prior to graduation.
  - c. The need to educate the public on the role of an Architect on a project.
- ii. Mr. Lyons noted he was very glad he attended the Annual Meeting and found it very informative, especially about how important his role is on the Board. He also noted that the Pathways to Practice topic was heavily discussed.

B. General Discussion: No further items presented.

## Closed Session

**Motion to move into Closed Session:** Motion was made, seconded (Lyons/Baldwin) 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 10:13 AM

**Review of Previous Closed Minutes:** The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the May 13, 2026 meeting.

**Application Review/discussion:** No applications were reviewed.

The Board Chair moved the meeting back into Open Session.

Returned to Open Session at 10:15 AM

## Motions and Reminders

**Approval of Previous Closed Minutes:** Motion was made, seconded (Anderson/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 September 16, 2026, and to turn in a travel voucher for reimbursement.

## Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM