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Structural Engineering Board: Open Meeting Minutes

Date: July 28, 2026

Location: Springfield / Chicago / WebEx

Convened: 10:01 AM | **Adjourned:** 11:56 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
- Eric Wheeler, Member

Member(s) Absent:

- None

Staff Present:

- Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager
- Ron Almiron, IDFPR General Counsel
- Roy Cepero, IDFPR Design Professions Investigator
- Ray Cantelo, IDFPR Law Clerk

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. CE infographic

- i. Mr. Lazell shared an updated infographic noting the final version should be published in August.

4. Approval of Previous Open Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 19, 2026, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Huff/Kamischke) 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 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. Seal/Signature Group

- Mr. Hodel noted that Licensure Motion 3 doesn't provide sufficient information and changes that address the overall concerns being presented.

7. New Business

- A. NCEES Annual Business Meeting – discussion of motions
 - i. The Board discussed the presented motions. Most do not appear to cause concern. It was noted that a few will most likely be discussed at the plenary session and the delegates will listen to the discussion and collaborate with the other Illinois boards on how to vote on each motion.
- B. General Discussion: The SE exam score reports were discussed by the Board. It was noted the pass rates for the April 2026 administration were up.

Closed Session

Motion to move into Closed Session: Motion was made, seconded (Hassard/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 11:15 AM

- A. **Review of Previous Closed Minutes:** The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the May 19, 2026 meeting.
- B. **Application Review/discussion:** The Board reviewed 1 application at today's meeting.

The Board Chair moved the meeting back into Open Session.

Returned to Open Session at 11:52 AM

Motions and Reminders

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

1. Christopher Petteys: SE exam waiver request, approved.

Reminders: Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2026, and to turn in a travel voucher for reimbursement.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM