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State Board of Professional Engineers: Open Meeting Minutes

Date: July 29, 2026

Location: Springfield / Chicago / WebEx

Convened: 10:01 AM | **Adjourned:** 12:25 PM

Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Member(s) Absent:

- Myles Alexander, Public Member
- Vanessa Harris, Member

Staff Present:

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

Guests Present:

- Ryan Roth, Engineering Society of Illinois (ESI)
- Kim Robinson, Engineering Society of Illinois (ESI)

Open Session

1. **Board Member Comments:** None
2. **Guest Comments:** Mr. Roth noted that ESI recently had their annual meeting and noted the event was a success. Additionally he reminded the Board of the upcoming First Friday event and the S.E. Bootcamp that will take place in October.
3. **Board Liaison Report:**
 - A. Professional Development Infographic
 - i. Mr. Lazell shared an updated draft of the infographic being developed to assist licensees with navigating the PD requirement. He said the final version should be published in August.
4. **Approval of Previous Open Minutes:** The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 7, 2026, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Rivera/Kuether) 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. 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

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. Education Alternative Pathway discussion

- i. Ms. Au presented the Board with an alternative pathway for international graduates with a non-approved program degree and a U.S. master's degree in engineering from a university that has EAC/ABET bachelor's degree programs.
- ii. The premise being the applicant has an NCEES credential evaluation that shows a deficiency of ~3 credit hours in basic sciences (biology, chemistry, or physics) but may have completed a respective course in their high school. Additionally, the person has a U.S. master's degree in engineering from a university that has EAC/ABET bachelor's degree programs – that would be accepted in lieu of completing another course to satisfy the educational deficiencies.
- iii. The Board discussed. Some felt it may become cumbersome in practice and could open the door for applicants trying to use an advanced degree in lieu of several courses.
- iv. Mr. Lazell reminded the members under the current process with NCEES and Illinois, acceptable courses must be college level courses.
- v. He also noted this could present an issue in determining how many years of experience to assess for the person to gain as the two current pathways require four years of experience and each of those pathways satisfy the listed education criteria.
- vi. The Board tabled the item for further discussion at the next meeting.

C. General Discussion: No further discussion presented.

Closed Session

Motion to move into Closed Session: Motion was made, seconded (Kuether/Rivera) 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 11:12 AM

- A. **Review of Previous Closed Minutes:** The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the April 7, 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 12:22 PM

Motions and Reminders

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

1. Mohamed Abaza: FE exam waiver request – denied.
2. James Fry: FE exam waiver request – denied.
3. Asudul Amin: FE exam waiver request – denied.
4. Hassan Razmara: FE exam waiver request – denied.

Reminders: Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2026, and to turn in a travel voucher for reimbursement.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM