

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
ILLINOIS STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING BOARD MINUTES

Open Minutes

Structural Engineering Board

Date: May 27, 2020
Convened: 9:06 am
Adjourned: 12:23 pm
Location: WEBEX

Members Present: David R. Bibbs, Chair
Steven E. Bishop, Vice-Chair
David J. Carroll, Member
Salvatore Di Bernardo, Member
Chad Hodel, Member
David L. Greifzu, Member

Member(s) Absent: Gladson Varghese, Public Member

Staff Present: Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager
Chau Nguyen, IDFPR General Counsel
Eduardo Fernandez, IDFPR Prosecuting Attorney

Guests Present: Stephanie Crain, SEAIO
Soliman Khuderia, SEAIO
Jan Block, SEAIO

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 9:19 am.
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**I. Announcements,
Correspondence,
Guest comments**

Mr. Bibbs thanked everyone for attending and asked if anyone had announcements.

Mr. Lazell shared that he was notified that Mr. Bishop has been selected to receive the Central Zone Distinguished Service Award.

Ms. Crain shared that the Annual SEAIO meeting is scheduled to be held on July 10, 2020 and will be a virtual meeting format.

Mr. Hodel requested that a new item be added to the agenda under Open Session – Continuing Education modification.

II. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Bishop/Di Bernardo) and passed to accept the open minutes of the meeting as written.

III. Old Business

A. Legislative Update - Rules

Mr. Nguyen shared that the draft for the Rule amendments are still on "hold."

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**IV. Report from
Subcommittees**

**A. Complaint Review
Committee/Subcommittee
Reports**

Mr. Lazell reported on the January 23, 2020 meeting.

Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the November 7, 2019 meeting:

Architect: Opened 4, Closed 5, Referred 6
PE: Opened 6 Closed 8, Referred 6
LS: Opened 3, Closed 0, Referred 1
SE: Opened 5, Closed 2, Referred 2
PDF: Opened 0, Closed 0, Referred 0

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 27
PE – 37
LS – 15
SE - 15
PDF – 0

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect – 16
LS – 8
PE – 16
SE – 4
PDF – 0

**B. S.E. Exam Subcommittee
Report**

Mr. Hodel reported that after attending an NCEES SE exam review committee and discussing the proposed changes with NCEES staff he is hopeful that the “AM” portion of the SE exam will not change at this time.

Mr. Di Bernardo asked for clarification as to what changes to the “AM” portion were proposed.

Mr. Hodel stated that NCEES received comments from exam candidates that were concerned about having to know codes that may not be utilized in their specified type of work (bridge vs building), etc. and NCEES questioned whether to make the “AM” portion more generalized; however, after discussion with the exam review committee, this idea will not be investigated further at this time.

Mr. Hodel also shared that after his discussions, he is confident that the proposed changes to CBT format will retain the current rigor for the afternoon “PM” questions.

Mr. Greifzu asked if the CBT format will be fixed dates for administration or if it will be an on-demand format.

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Mr. Hodel indicated that current information provided by NCEES is that for the first two CBT exam administration cycles will be fixed dates and will evaluate at that time and determine how best to move forward.

V. New Business

A. NCEES Annual Meeting

Mr. Lazell stated that the 100th NCEES Annual meeting will be completely virtual this year and will be conducted as a four-part webinar series conducted in June, July and August.

He requested that the Board review the proposed NCEES Bylaws changes in order to complete the voting form at the next meeting.

B. Administrative Rules review

In light of the current situation, the Board decided to table this item until the next meeting.

C. Continuing Education modification

Mr. Hodel inquired if the Department has discussed removing the CE restriction currently in place in the Administrative Rules to allow licensees to acquire all 30 hours of CE required for renewal online due to the cancellation of many in-person conferences.

Mr. Nguyen stated that nothing specifically has been discussed at this time for the SE profession, but the Department will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and may address the issue at a later date as needed.

Motion to go into Closed Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Di Bernardo/Bishop) and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 10:35 am.

VI. Closed Session:

Roll Call.

The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

A. Review of Closed Minutes

The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting.

B. Application Review

The Board did not review any applications.

Motion to go into Open Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Bishop/Greifzu) and passed to go into Open Session at 12:19 pm.

Recommendations:

Motion was made, seconded (Di Bernardo/Carroll) and passed to accept the recommendations made in Closed Session.

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VII. Signatures

A. Action Sheets

The Board did not sign actions sheets.

B. Travel Vouchers

VIII. Adjournment

Motion was made, seconded (Hodel/Greifzu) and passed to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm.