

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

**Open Minutes**

State Board of Professional Engineers

Date: January 21, 2021  
Convened: 10:04 am  
Adjourned: 12:13 pm  
Location: WebEx

Members Present: L. Duane Yockey, Chair  
Brian Berg Jr, Vice-Chair  
Kevin Burke III, Member  
Christy Crites, Member  
Gale Jamison, Member  
Sean Middleton, Member  
Richard M. Ray, Member  
James P. Schlichting, Member  
John M. Whitt, Member

Member(s) Absent: Philip Kunz, Public Member

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

Guests Present: Kim Robinson, ISPE  
Bud Hurley, NSPE

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:04 am.  
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**I. Board Member  
Announcements,  
comments**

Mr. Yockey thanked everyone for attending and asked if there were any announcements to share.

Mr. Ray shared that he has been selected to serve on the NCEES Fire Protection task force.

Mr. Yockey stated that he will be attending the NCEES Board Presidents' Assembly meeting on January 29, 2021.

**II. Guest Announcements,  
comments**

Mr. Hurley stated that two top executives at NSPE have departed, and their replacements will be officially named soon.

He also shared that NSPE currently has fifteen free webinars available for members to use toward the PDH requirement.

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**III. Licensing Manager  
Report**

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| A. 2020 Profession year-in-review             | A. Mr. Lazell provided a brief year-in-review summary for the profession.  |
| B. Quarterly Newsletter                       | B. Mr. Lazell shared that that the latest quarterly newsletter has been published and sent to all active design profession licensees and those individuals who have requested to receive the newsletter.   |
| C. FY22 Board Schedule                        | C. Mr. Lazell shared that he is formulating the FY22 Board schedule and should have the draft version available in mid-February.   |
| D. NCEES Central Zone Awards Nominations      | D. Mr. Lazell shared that NCEES is currently receiving nominations for the Central Zone Awards.  |
| E. NCEES Dues                                 | E. Mr. Lazell shared that he has received the NCEES Dues invoices and submitted them to the accounting unit for processing.  |
| F. NCEES Board of Directors Visit Invitation. | F. Mr. Lazell shared that NCEES has submitted a notice to all Member Board Executives sharing that the NCEES BOD is available to attend a Board meeting if desired. The Board discussed this item and stated they would appreciate a visit from the NCEES BOD. |

**IV. Review of Open Minutes**

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting.

Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Ray) and passed to accept the open minutes of the meeting as written.

Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**V. Old Business**

No old business was brought before the Board.

## VI. Report from Subcommittees

### A. Complaint Review Committee/subcommittee

Ms. Crites reported on the November 19, 2020 meeting. Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the September 2020 CRC meetings for each profession:

Architect: Opened 3, Closed 2, Referred 1

SE: Opened 1, Closed 1, Referred 0

PE: Opened 3 Closed 2, Referred 4

LS: Opened 3, Closed 0, Referred 0

PDF: Opened 0, Closed 0, Referred 0

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 30

SE - 11

PE – 21

LS – 10

PDF – 0

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect – 13

PE –12

SE – 5

LS – 8

## VII. New Business

### A. NCEES Central Zone Meeting Information

Mr. Yockey shared that the Central Zone meeting will be held virtually on April 29<sup>th</sup> and he planned to attend.

Mr. Jamison shared that he would be attending as part of the UPLG committee.

### B. Industrial Exemption review/discussion

Mr. Berg shared that he would be attending as part of the

Mr. Lazell started the discussion by sharing with the Board a letter received by a concerned individual about the existence of the exemption and would the Board/Department to investigate the possibility of removing this exemption referencing the

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NTSB accident report for an explosion that took place in Massachusetts.

Ms. Robinson shared that ISPE has drafted a policy statement pertaining to the Industrial Exemption.

Mr. Whitt commented that the previously held Industrial Exemption sub-committee discussed this item and recommended that the sub-committee be re-formed to further discuss the topic and present a Board position statement to the Division Director and Department Secretary so each is aware of the Boards' stance on this topic.

Mr. Whitt volunteered to chair the re-formed Industrial Exemption sub-committee. Mr. Ray and Mr. Schlichting also volunteered to be on the sub-committee.

**Motion to go into Closed Session:**

**VIII. Closed Session:**

Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Berg) and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:06 am.

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 November 19, 2020 meeting.

B. Application Review

**Motion to go into Open Session:**

Motion was made, seconded (Ray/Schlichting) and passed to go into Open Session at 11:55 am.

Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**Motion to accept Recommendations:**

Motion was made, seconded (Schlichting/Berg) and passed to accept the recommendations made in Closed Session.

Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

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**Motion to keep Closed**

**Minutes closed:**

Motion was made, seconded (Berg/Whitt) and passed to keep the closed minutes closed.

Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**IX. Reminders**

Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next scheduled meeting is March 24, 2021.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion was made, seconded (Ray/Berg) and passed to adjourn. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm.