

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

Open Minutes

Structural Engineering Board

Date: July 28, 2021
Convened: 9:08 am
Adjourned: 1:10 pm
Location: Springfield

Members Present: Chad Hodel, Chair
Steven E. Bishop, Member
Salvatore Di Bernardo, Member
Christine Freisinger, Member

Member(s) Absent: David J. Carroll, Vice-Chair
David R. Bibbs, Member

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

Guests Present: None.

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 9:08 am.
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**I. Board Member
Announcements,
comments**

Mr. Hodel welcomed everyone for attending and asked if any member had an announcement or comment to share.

Mr. Bishop shared that he has been selected to participate on the EPP committee with NCEES for a fourth year.

**II. Guest Announcements,
comments**

No guest comments presented to the Board.

**III. Licensing Manager
Report**

A. Legislative Update

Mr. Lazell notified the Board that the Interior Design Sunset Bill was passed by the House and Senate and submitted to the Governor's office for signature to take effect by January 1, 2022.

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He also shared that the Landscape Architect Bill to re-regulate the profession is scheduled to be approved by the Senate and sent to the Governor's office sometime this Summer/Fall.

Mr. Lazell stated that he was requested to submit possible statute revisions to the legislative affairs unit for review and possible inclusion during a "light" legislative session but reminded the Board that the items submitted may not be included but will update the Board as new information is available.

B. Quarterly Newsletter

Mr. Lazell shared that the latest newsletter should be published in the next few weeks and send to all active licensees and will look slightly different as the new Acting Secretary has directed that all newsletters now be formatted and designed by the Central Management Services agency.

C. Design Unit Email

Mr. Lazell shared that he has implanted a new email account specific to the Design Unit to replace email accounts currently used by several other units and hopes that having a unique account will assist with providing a more efficient method of contacting Design Unit staff. The new email address is FPR.DesignUnit@Illinois.gov

D. NCEES 16-HR Exam

Mr. Lazell informed the Board that he has not received any new information on the current contract negotiations but expects to receive information soon and will share with the Board as it becomes available.

E. Travel & meeting information

Mr. Lazell said that he would be send all members the current travel voucher form and travel related information as soon as it becomes available and reminded the members to use the most economical method of transportation as possible for board related travel.

IV. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the May 25, 2021 meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Bishop/Di Bernardo) 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. Unfinished Business

A. Board position statement on decoupling examinations

Mr. Hodel stated that Mr. Di Bernardo was tasked with drafting the Structural Engineer Board Position Statement to allow for decoupling and was circulated to the Board for review by Mr. Lazell.

The Board discussed the draft and Mr. Hodel asked for a motion to approve the position statement and allow for decoupling.

Motion was made, seconded (Bishop/Freisinger) and passed to accept the Structural Engineer Board Position Statement on decoupling and recommend to the Department to update the Administrative Rules to allow for decoupling. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

VI. Report from Subcommittees

A. Complaint Review Committee/subcommittee

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Mr. Bishop reported on the July 22, 2021 meeting.

Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the May meetings for each profession:

Architect: Opened 8, Closed 2, Referred 6
SE: Opened 0, Closed 2, Referred 0
PE: Opened 4 Closed 7, Referred 2
LS: Opened 3, Closed 2, Referred 1
PDF: Opened 0, Closed 0, Referred 0

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 17
SE - 4
PE – 14
LS – 10
PDF – 0

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect – 33
LS – 8
PE – 20
SE – 10

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B. Rules Subcommittee:
report on Section 1480.210
– Standards of Professional
Conduct

Mr. Bishop shared a brief report on the final draft and asked if the members had any comments. The Board discussed a few items in the draft. Upon discussion and consensus, Mr. Hodel asked for a motion to approve the recommended changes.

Motion was made, seconded (Di Bernardo/Bishop) and passed to approve the recommended changes to Section 1480.210 of the Administrative Rules and recommend to the Department to update the Administrative Rules accordingly. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

VII. New Business

A. NCEES Annual Meeting
Info/Update

Mr. Lazell shared with the Board that the Director and Secretary are not approving any out-of-state travel due to concerns related to COVID-19. As a result, Illinois members would only be able to attend via the virtual option.

**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 12:10 pm.

VIII. 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 May 25, 2021 meeting.

B. Application Review

The Board did not review any applications.

**Motion to go into Open
Session:**

Motion was made, seconded (Freisinger/Di Bernardo) and passed to go into Open Session at 1:06 pm. Roll Call - The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**Motion to accept
Recommendations:**

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

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Motion to keep Closed Minutes closed: Call - The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

IX. Reminders Motion was made, seconded (Bishop/Di Bernardo) and passed to keep the closed minutes closed. Roll Call - The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

X. Adjournment Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2021.

Motion was made, seconded (Freisinger/Bishop) and passed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.