

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

Open Minutes

State Board of Professional Engineers

Date: September 29, 2021
Convened: 10:01 am
Adjourned: 12:05 pm
Location: WebEx

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

Member(s) Absent: Sean Middleton, Member

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

Guests Present: Ryan Roth, ISPE
Kim Robinson, ISPE

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:01 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 Board announcements/comments to share.

Mr. Jamison shared that he was not re-appointed to serve on the UPLG Committee and was not selected to be part of any other committees.

Mr. Berg also shared that he was not re-appointed to serve on the Finance Committee.

**II. Guest Announcements,
comments**

Ms. Robinson shared that ISPE is hosting their Fall Boot Camp on October 5 – 8th and looks forward to seeing everyone in person.

III. Licensing Manager Report

A. Legislative Update

Mr. Lazell shared that the previously mentioned possibility of making statutory updates has been postponed at this time to ensure availability for professions that are under “sunset review” to submit a bill. The Department may look at including the recommended changes in future legislative sessions over the next few years.

Additionally, he shared that the Administrative Rules amendment packet is in queue for review by the Sr. Deputy Chief General Counsel for review/approval then will be sent to the Governor’s office to start the official review process with JCAR.

B. NCEES MBA Committee

Mr. Lazell said he was notified that he was selected to participate on the MBA Committee and should have the first meeting for this committee in the next few weeks.

C. CTS Update

Mr. Lazell stated that he was recently notified that the CTS contract has been finalized and the NCEES examinations have been removed from the contract. This means that as of November 1, 2021, all NCEES examinees would no longer be required to concurrently register with CTS to be scheduled to sit for any NCEES examination.

He mentioned that he and his team would be do some training with NCEES on performing the manual approval aspects on their electronic system to approve an exam candidate after the Board has reviewed and approved the candidates’ applicant.

Additionally, he shared that once confirmation has been received that CTS has been officially notified and the language has been approved from the Department’s PIO, he would notify ISPE of the change to share with its members as well as posting on the DPR website and including in the next quarterly newsletter.

IV. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the July 29, 2021 meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Schlichting/Jamison) and passed to accept the open minutes of the meeting as written. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

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V. Ongoing Business

No business discussed.

**VI. Report from
Subcommittees**

**A. Complaint Review
Committee/subcommittee**

Mr. Yockey reported on the September 23, 2021 meeting.

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

Architect: Opened 10, Closed 5, Referred 3
SE: Opened 1, Closed 3, Referred 0
PE: Opened 3 Closed 7, Referred 3
LS: Opened 4, Closed 4, Referred 0

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 17
SE - 2
PE – 7
LS – 10

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect – 31
LS – 7
PE – 22
SE – 10

**B. Industrial Exemption
subcommittee**

Mr. Yockey stated that since the sub-committee presented the Board position statement to the Department, he wondered if this sub-committee was still necessary.

The Board discussed and the consensus was to suspend the sub-committee at this time.

VII. New Business

A. NCEES Annual Meeting update

Mr. Yockey provided a brief report of the NCEES Annual Meeting.

He shared that Brian Robertson was selected as the NCEES Board President. He also mentioned that all but one motion ultimately passed; however, several were pulled from the consent agenda and discussed for various reasons prior to being approved.

He shared that the 2022 Central Zone meeting will be held in Oklahoma City, OK on April 21 - 23rd and the 2022 Annual Meeting is scheduled be held in Carlsbad, CA on August 23 - 26.

Motion to go into Closed Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Ray/Whitt) and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 10:40 am.

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 July 29, 2021 meeting.

B. Application Review/discussion

Motion to go into Open Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Berg/Ray) and passed to go into Open Session at 10:52 am. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Motion to accept Recommendations:

Motion was made, seconded (Crites/Berg) and passed to accept the recommendations made in Closed Session. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Motion to keep Closed Minutes closed:

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

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IX. Reminders

Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next scheduled meeting is November 18, 2021. He also reminded the members to be sure to complete the annual Board member Ethics and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training requirements.

X. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.