

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

Open Minutes

Structural Engineering Board

Date: May 25, 2022
Convened: 9:03 am
Adjourned: 11:19 am
Location: WebEx

Members Present: Chad Hodel, Chair
David J. Carroll, Vice-Chair
Steven E. Bishop, Member
Salvatore Di Bernardo, Member
Christine Freisinger, Member

Member(s) Absent: None.

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

Guests Present: Stephanie Crain, SEAOI
Jan Block, SEAOI
John Mclean, SEAOI
Todd Brewood, licensed SE

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 9:03 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.

Hearing none, Mr. Hodel shared with the Board the unfortunate news of the sudden passing of Board Member, David Bibbs, stating that Mr. Bibbs was a friend to everyone he came across and was a mentor to many who knew him and said his presence will be missed.

II. Guest Announcements, comments

Ms. Crain mentioned that SEAOI is planning to honor David Bibbs with the excellence in engagement award (posthumously) for his extensive involvement in the committee.

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III. Licensing Manager Report

- A. General Counsel Change Mr. Lazell shared that Haley Lowrance left IDFPR in April and has been replaced with Munaza Aman who will also serve as the GC for the Professional Engineer Board.
- B. Rules Update Mr. Lazell shared that the proposed Rule amendment packet has been submitted to the Governor's office for review and approval to be submitted to the Illinois Secretary of State for first notice (45-day public comment period) for review and comment on the proposed changes.
- C. HB4715 Mr. Lazell shared that the Bill to revise portions of the Interior Design Act passed in the House and Senate and is now awaiting signature by the Governor.
- D. FY23 Board & CRC Schedule Mr. Lazell shared that he sent the members the tentative schedule for the FY23 Board & CRC meeting schedules.
- E. Board Member Update Mr. Lazell provide the Board with a summary of each member's current term status on the Board and advised about reappointments and replacements needed.

IV. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the January 19, 2022, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Bishop/Di Bernardo) to approved the open minutes of the meeting as written. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

V. Ongoing Business

None presented before the Board.

VI. Report from Subcommittees

A. Complaint Review Committee/subcommittee

Mr. Carroll reported on the May 19, 2022, meeting.

Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the March 2022 meetings for each profession:

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Architect: Opened 5, Closed 1, Referred to prosecutions 2
SE: Opened 2, Closed 0, Referred to prosecutions 0
PE: Opened 8 Closed 1, Referred to prosecutions 0
LS: Opened 2, Closed 3, Referred to prosecutions 0

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 26

SE - 7

PE – 21

LS – 4

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect – 36

LS – 6

PE – 20

SE – 8

VII. New Business

A. NCEES Zone Meeting – Report

Mr. Hodel provided a report on the Zone meeting held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He mentioned that the NCEES Zone meeting reports should be posted after the conclusion of the Western Zone meeting but did comment that NCEES is forecasting a 4-million-dollar deficit over the next two years if they continue to burn through their reserves as they have been recently and mentioned that an exam fee increase will likely occur. Another main item discussed in the Engineering Forum was auditing of CE hours.

Mr. Di Bernardo also mentioned some items discussed at the MBA forum dealt with NCEES Record updates, improvement of mobility between states, updates to the Model Law and Model Rules, and discussion of requiring CE before licensure, S.E. exam updates.

B. NCEES Annual Meeting – Delegate Selection

Mr. Lazell shared information about the NCEES Annual Business Meeting and asked for the names of the NCEES funded Board delegates.

The Illinois board delegates will be:

- David Carroll, *NCEES funding*
- Steve Bishop, *NCEES funding*
- Roy Cepero, *NCEES funding*

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C. Discussion of Section
1480.120 of the Rules

Mr. Lazell shared with the Board a discrepancy that was discovered as part of discussion with a license candidate after receiving the Boards' recommendation. It was discovered that the Rule does not clearly specify the intended ABET accreditation commission – the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) – and simply says an engineering degree accredited by ABET.

After sharing this issue with Mr. Hodel, Mr. Lazell added language to the draft Rule amendment packet to clarify that the ABET degree must be EAC accredited.

The Board thanked Mr. Lazell for the information and for the quick action to correct the issue.

Motion to move into Closed Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Bishop/Freisinger) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 10:49 am. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

VIII. Closed Session:

A. Review of Closed Minutes

The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the January 19, 2022, meeting and the consensus was that the minutes appeared accurate as written.

B. Application Review/discussion

The Board reviewed one endorsement application at this meeting.

The Board reviewed and recommended to deny the waiver request for Action Sheet 22-0441.

Moved back into Open Session:

Moved back into Open Session at 11:12 am.

IX. Motions:

Accept recommendations:

Motion was made, seconded (Freisinger/Carroll) to accept the recommendations made in Closed Session. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

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Approve closed minutes: Motion was made, seconded (Bishop/Di Bernardo) to approve the closed minutes as written. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

Keep closed minutes closed: Motion was made, seconded (Carroll/Di Bernardo) to keep the closed minutes closed. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

X. Reminders

Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2022.

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made, seconded (Di Bernardo/Bishop) to adjourn. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 am.