

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

Open Minutes

State Board of Professional Engineers

Date: May 26, 2022
Convened: 10:01 am
Adjourned: 11:01 am
Location: WebEx

Members Present: L. Duane Yockey, Chair
Brian Berg Jr, Vice-Chair
Christy Crites, Member
Gale Jamison, Member
Sean Middleton, Member
Richard Rivera, Member
James P. Schlichting, Member

Member(s) Absent: Kevin Burke III, Member
Philip Kunz, Public Member
Richard M. Ray, Member

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

Guests Present: Ryan Roth, 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.

A. **Board Member Announcements, comments** Mr. Yockey thanked everyone for attending and asked if any of the members had any announcements or comments.
No comments provided.

II. Guest Announcements, comments Mr. Roth reminded the Board that ISPE's next "first Friday" event is coming up. He also shared that ISPE has a new website up and running.

III. Licensing Manager Report

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- 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 Structural 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. FY23 Board & CRC Schedule Mr. Lazell shared that he sent the members the tentative schedule for the FY23 Board & CRC meeting schedules.
- D. 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 March 24, 2022, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Crites) to approve the open minutes of the meeting as amended. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

V. Ongoing Business *No ongoing business discussed.*

VI. Report from Subcommittees

A. Complaint Review Committee/subcommittee

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

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

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

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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. Yockey shared a report on the Zone meeting which was held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He mentioned that the NCEES Zone meeting reports should be posted after the conclusion of the Western Zone meeting and that NCEES is holding State of the Council webinars in June and July to review the proposed Motions and share information on other items for discussion at the Annual meeting in August.

Mr. Berg also commented 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.

Motion to move into Closed Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Schlichting/Jamison) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 10:25 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 March 24, 2022, meeting and the consensus was that the minutes appeared accurate as written.

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B. Application Review/discussion

The Board reviewed two applications at this meeting.

The Board reviewed and recommended to deny the waiver requests for Action Sheets 22-0431 and 22-0432.

Moved back into Open Session:

Moved back into Open Session at 10:55 am.

IX. Motions:

Accept recommendations:

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

Approve closed minutes:

Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Crites) 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 (Berg/Crites) 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 scheduled is on July 28, 2022.

XI. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 am.