

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

Open Minutes

State Board of Professional Engineers

Date: November 18, 2021
Convened: 10:04 am
Adjourned: 11:17 am
Location: WebEx

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

Member(s) Absent: Christy Crites, Member
Philip Kunz, Public Member

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

Guests Present: Ryan Roth, ISPE

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 Board announcements/comments to share.

Mr. Schlichting requested the Board consider granting Emeritus status to John Whitt and Richard Ray when their term on the Board expires, in order to enable them to participate on future NCEES committees or subcommittees, should they wish to do so.

Motion was made, seconded (Schlichting/Berg) and passed to grant Emeritus member status to John Whitt and Richard Ray when their term on the Board expires. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

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**II. Guest Announcements,
comments**

Mr. Roth reminded the Board about the upcoming first Friday webinar event.

**III. Licensing Manager
Report**

- A. Rules Update
Mr. Lazell shared he had no update for the pending rule packet at this time and hopes to provide an update by the next meeting.
- B. CTS Update
Mr. Lazell shared an update regarding the discontinuation of using CTS for NCEES exams as of November 1, 2021. He also shared the new exam registration process for NCEES exams for exam candidates.
- C. NCEES MBA Committee
Mr. Lazell stated that the committee has met several times since September and broke into sub-committees to review a set number of NCEES position statements and make recommendation if the statement is still relevant or if changes may be warranted.
- D. Renewal Update
Mr. Lazell notified the Board that the PE profession is now in renewal and as a result of the Director's signed Variance, the renewal deadline has been extended through February 28, 2022. He reminded the Board that DPR has recently implemented a new renewal process through the online services portal on the DPR website.
- E. DPR Staff Change
Mr. Lazell shared that Cheryl Sakris in the Director's office has left the department and the current point of contact is Diane Casas.

IV. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the September 29, 2021 meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Berg/Schlichting) 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 November 4, 2021 meeting.

Architect: Opened 1, Closed 0, Referred 0

SE: Opened 1, Closed 1, Referred 0

PE: Opened 2 Closed 2, Referred 2

LS: Opened 0, Closed 2, Referred 1

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 18

SE - 2

PE – 9

LS – 7

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect – 34

LS – 7

PE – 22

SE – 10

VII. New Business

A. Election of Officers

Mr. Lazell shared the Statutory Board officer term and duty requirements.

Call for nominations for Board Chair.

Mr. Berg nominated Mr. Yockey to be re-appointed for Chair.

Mr. Yockey accepted the nomination. Motion was made, seconded (Schlichting/Jamison) to close the nominations for Chair.

Motion Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board with the exception of Mr. Yockey abstaining.

Mr. Yockey was re-elected as Board Chair for 2022.

Call for nominations for Board Vice-Chair.

Mr. Yockey nominated Mr. Berg to be re-appointed for Vice-Chair. Mr. Berg accepted the nomination. Motion was made,

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seconded (Jamison/Ray) to close the nominations for Vice-Chair.

Motion Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board with the exception of Mr. Berg abstaining.

Mr. Berg was re-elected as Board Vice-Chair for 2022.

**B. 2022 NCEES
Central/Southern Zone
Joint Interim Meeting**

Mr. Lazell informed the Board he received notice from NCEES regarding the Joint Interim Zone Meeting, stating the meeting is scheduled for April 21-23, 2022 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

He asked for the names of the Board members who will volunteer to be the delegates for the PE Board and also reminded them of the possibility of not being approved for out-of-state travel due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns.

The Board discussed and selected the below as PE Board delegates:

Duane Yockey
Brian Berg
James Schlichting

Motion to go into Closed Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Whitt/Ray) and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 10:46 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 September 29, 2021 meeting.

B. Application Review/discussion

The Members discussed two items.

Motion to go into Open Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Ray/Whitt) and passed to go into Open Session at 11:13 am. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

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**Motion to accept
Recommendations:**

Motion was made, seconded (Berg/Whitt) 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/Schlichting) 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 meeting scheduled is on January 20, 2022.

X. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 am.