

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

Open Minutes

State Board of Professional Engineers

Date: January 20, 2022
Convened: 10:02 am
Adjourned: 11:44 am
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
Sean Middleton, Member
Richard M. Ray, Member
Richard Rivera, Member
James P. Schlichting, Member

Member(s) Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager
Haley Lowrance, IDFPD General Counsel
Eduardo Fernandez, IDFPD Prosecuting Attorney

Guests Present: Ryan Roth, ISPE
Kim Robinson, ISPE
Mike Drewyor, NCEES Central Zone Vice-President

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:02 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 Mr. Rivera would introduce himself as he is a new Board member.

Mr. Rivera shared that he is a civil engineer, a U of I alumni and received his PE license in Illinois around 17 years ago and owns an engineering firm that operates in the Chicago area and is excited to be part of the Board.

The Board welcomed Mr. Rivera to the Board.

Mr. Yockey asked if there were any Board announcements or comments to share. No comments provided.

**II. Guest Announcements,
comments**

Mr. Roth commented that ISPE's next "first Friday" event is coming up on February 4th.

Mr. Drewyor shared the current offerings that NCEES can provide, noting the examinations, Record and Education evaluation programs as well as support with potential threats to licensure from legislators and the Model Law and Rules.

**III. Licensing Manager
Report**

A. 2021 Year-in-Review
Report

Mr. Lazell shared a report on the 2021 statistics for the profession.

B. Rules Update

Mr. Lazell stated he had no update for the pending rule packet at this time and hopes to provide an update by the next meeting.

C. License renewal reminder

Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the renewal window is open and will expire on February 28, 2022.

D. Notice from the IL SE
Board

Mr. Lazell shared with the Board a draft of a few items that the SE Board is currently reviewing to possible add to their Rules.

The main items were acceptance/allowance of "carry-over" CE hours, acceptance of micro-hours and a cap of CE hours gained within 24 hours.

It was noted that upon review of the findings, most states surrounding Illinois allow for some aspect of "carry-over" hours for continuing education. Additionally, it was shared that some states do have a cap of CE hours that can be gained within a 24-hour period, but the maximum number varied.

The Board discussed the items and had no issue with the SE Board adopting those into their Rules. Mr. Yockey asked that this topic be added to the March agenda for discussion of including this in the PE Rules.

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E. NCEES Dues

Mr. Lazell shared that he received the 2022 NCEES Dues invoices and submitted them to the accounting unit to review & approve and send to the comptroller's office for payment.

IV. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the November 18, 2021, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Berg/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 - Crites, Kunz and Rivera abstained.

V. Ongoing Business

A. 2022 NCEES Central Zone Interim Meeting

Mr. Lazell mentioned that he submitted an OOS travel approval request to allow him to attend the meeting and would notify the Board if he is granted permission.

VI. Report from Subcommittees

No subcommittee reports given.

VII. New Business

No new business brought before the Board.

Motion to go into Closed Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Schlichting/Jamison) and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:15 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 November 18, 2021, meeting.

B. Application Review/discussion

The Members discussed two items.

Motion to go into Open Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Schlichting/Jamison) and passed to go into Open Session at 11:37 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/Jamison) 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/Ray) 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 March 24, 2022.

X. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 am.