

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 19, 2020
Convened: 10:03 am
Adjourned: 12:13 pm
Location: WebEx

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

Member(s) Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager
Chau Nguyen, IDFP General Counsel
Eduardo Fernandez, IDFP Prosecuting Attorney
Roy Cepero, IDFP Investigator

Guests Present: Ryan Roth, ISPE
Bud Hurley, NSPE

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:03 am.
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**A. Announcements,
Correspondence,
Guest comments**

Mr. Schlichting thanked everyone for attending and asked if there were any announcements to share.

Mr. Roth shared about the next ISPE "First Friday" event happening soon.

Mr. Hurley inquired about the pending Rules amendments for the educational requirement that the education sub-committee had previously worked on.

Mr. Lazell shared that the draft Rules are currently on hold until the Governor's office is ready to receive any new Rule packets for review.

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Mr. Lazell also shared that the NCEES Board President Assembly meeting is scheduled to be held virtually in 2021 and that the NCEES Central Zone meeting is currently scheduled to be held in-person with no more than two members from each board being in attendance, but that at this time, it is highly suspect that the Governor's Office would approve out-of-state travel due to safety precautions due to COVID-19.

Additionally, Mr. Lazell reminded the members about the required Board trainings for Ethics and SHPT that must be completed annually.

II. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the September 23, 2020 meeting.

Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Yockey) and passed to accept the open minutes of the meeting as written.

Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

III. Old Business

No old business was brought before the Board.

IV. Report from Subcommittees

A. Rules Subcommittee

Mr. Ray reported that the sub-committee members reviewed the current language in Section 1380.300 and recommended that no changes are currently necessary at this time.

Mr. Lazell thanked the committee for their review and recommendation.

B. Complaint Review Committee/subcommittee

Mr. Schlichting reported on the Sept 23, 2020 meeting. Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the January meetings for each profession:

Architect: Opened 5, Closed 0, Referred 3

PE: Opened 3 Closed 0, Referred 1

LS: Opened 2, Closed 2, Referred 0

SE: Opened 1, Closed 3, Referred 0

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PDF: Opened 0, Closed 0, Referred 0

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 20

PE – 24

LS – 7

SE - 11

PDF – 0

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect – 12

PE – 9

LS – 10

SE – 6

V. New Business

A. Election of Officers

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

Call for nominations for Board Chair.

Mr. Ray nominated Mr. Yockey to be appointed for Chair. Mr. Yockey accepted the nomination. Motion was made, seconded (Ray/Whitt) to close the nominations for Chair.

Mr. Yockey was elected as Board Chair for 2021.

Call for nominations for Board Vice-Chair.

Mr. Yockey nominated Mr. Berg to be appointed for Vice-Chair. Mr. Berg accepted the nomination.

Mr. Ray nominated Mr. Jamison to be appointed for Vice-Chair. Mr. Jamison accepted the nomination.

Motion was made, seconded (Middleton/Whitt) to close the nominations for Vice-Chair.

By member vote of 6 to 3* in favor of Mr. Berg, Mr. Berg was elected as Board Vice-Chair for 2021.

*The 10th member had audio issues which prohibited a vote to be tallied.

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- Motion to go into Closed Session:** Motion was made, seconded (Ray/Crites) and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 10:38 am.
- VI. 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 23, 2020 meeting.
- B. Application Review
- Motion to go into Open Session:** Motion was made, seconded (Yockey/Berg) and passed to go into Open Session at 10:59 am.
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.
- 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 (Yockey/Ray) and passed to keep the closed minutes closed.
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.
- VII. Signatures** A. Action Sheets
- VIII. Adjournment** Motion was made, seconded (Crites/Ray) and passed to adjourn. Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.