

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYORS LICENSING BOARD

Open Minutes

Illinois Land Surveyors Licensing Board

Date: July 29, 2022
Convened: 9:32 am
Adjourned: 10:47 am
Location: WebEx

Members Present: Gale E. Hake, Chair
Kim Lyons, Vice-Chair
James W. Abbitt Jr., Member
Michael Filipski, Member
John G. Huff, Public Member
C. Brian Lounsbury, Member
Carol Sweet-Johnson, Member

Member(s) Absent: None.

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

Guests Present: Ryan Roth, IPLSA
Kim Robinson, IPLSA

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 9:32 am.
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**I. Board Member
Announcements,
comments**

Mr. Hake welcomed everyone and asked if there were any Board announcements or comments.

No board announcements.

**II. Guest Announcements,
comments**

Ms. Robinson said IPLSA has no items to present but looks forward to the discussion of the proposed Rules.

**III. Licensing Manager
Report**

A. Board Member Update Mr. Lazell shared that he has not received any updates from the Director's office regarding replacements for the current vacancies on the Board.

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B. NCEES MBA Committee Mr. Lazell shared that he was selected to participate on the MBA Committee again for the next year and looks forward to serving again.

IV. Review of Open Minutes The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 27, 2022, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Lounsbury/Huff) to accept the minutes of the meeting as written. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

V. Ongoing Business *No business presented.*

VI. Report from Subcommittees

A. Complaint Review Committee/subcommittee Mr. Hake reported on the July 21, 2022, meeting.

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

Architect: Opened 9, Closed 2, Referred to prosecutions 4
SE: Opened 2, Closed 2, Referred to prosecutions 0
PE: Opened 4 Closed 3, Referred to prosecutions 0
LS: Opened 3, Closed 0, Referred to prosecutions 0

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 29
SE - 7
PE – 22
LS – 7

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect – 32
LS – 5
PE – 19
SE – 5

B. Jurisdictional Exam Sub-Committee Mr. Hake reported that the committee recently received an updated summary from Dr. Rodgers which indicated that new questions were drafted based on responses from the survey.

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The committee members stated they were confused why this was done as it was thought that the members of the exam review committee would be evaluating the responses to the survey and revise the exam questions, content, resources, etc., during the committee meetings.

The committee members also shared a desire to have the first meeting virtually to allow all the members to participate.

VII. New Business

A. NCEES Annual Meeting – Discussion of Motions

Mr. Hake stated that he reviewed the proposed motions on the consent agenda for the NCEES Annual Meeting and was generally ok with the motions as presented and said he the board could vote in line with how the NCEES BOD recommended.

Ms. Sweet-Johnson shared that she looked through them and did not see any that would pose an issue to land surveying.

Mr. Hake inquired about Education Motion 2 regarding acceptance of “ETAC” degrees for the PE profession.

Mr. Lazell said for the PE profession, an ETAC/ABET BS degree is not accepted for meeting the requirement; however, the candidate may request the Board to review the individual courses as a non-approved program and discount any engineering technology courses in their review.

Mr. Hake said he would confer with Ms. Lyons as well as the PE and SE Board delegates when preparing to vote on the motions on behalf of the PLS Board.

B. Discussion of Proposed Rule Amendments

Mr. Lazell shared with the Board that the proposed Rule amendments were published in the Illinois Register by the Illinois Secretary of State on July 1, 2022, for the 45-day public comment period.

The Board discussed the proposed changes.

Mr. Filipski shared comments on his review of the proposed amendments.

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Ms. Sweet-Johnson mentioned that she believes there were additional programs that were approved by the Board to be listed in the approved program list.

Mr. Roth stated that the IPLSA Government Affairs Committee is currently reviewing the proposal and will submit formal comments to DPR before the deadline.

Mr. Hake thanked the members for the discussion.

Motion to move into Closed Session: Motion was made, seconded (Huff/Lounsbury) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 10:34 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 May 27, 2022, meeting and the consensus was that the minutes appeared accurate as written.

Moved back into Open Session: Board Chair adjourned the Closed Session and moved the meeting back into Open Session at 10:40 am.

IX. Motions:

Review of closed minutes: Motion was made, seconded (Huff/Lounsbury) to approve the closed meeting minutes as written. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

Keep closed minutes closed: Motion was made, seconded (Abbitt/Filipski) 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 to be on September 30, 2022.

XI. Adjournment Mr. Hake adjourned the meeting at 10:45 am.