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ILLINOIS STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING BOARD MINUTES

**Open Minutes**

Structural Engineering Board

Date: January 25, 2023

Convened: 9:05 am

Adjourned: 11:58 am

Location: WebEx

Members Present: Chad Hodel, Chair  
David J. Carroll, Vice-Chair  
Salvatore Di Bernardo, Member  
Christine Freisinger, Member

Member(s) Absent: None.

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

Guests Present: Stephanie Crain, SEAIO  
Joe Lowrance, SEAIO  
Matt Wagner, SEOIA  
Brian Malone, SEAIO  
Timothy Frei, applicant

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.  
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**I. Board Member Announcements, comments**

Mr. Hodel welcomed everyone for attending and asked if any member had an announcement or comment to share.

Mr. Hodel thanked the members for the efforts in ensuring the proposed rules were presented and adopted by JCAR earlier this month.

**II. Guest Announcements, comments**

Ms. Crain stated she was excited to see so many SEAIO members in attendance at the meeting and also shared that SEAIO is working on a few upcoming programs.

Mr. Lowrance inquired about the Illinois' board involvement with the NCEES PE Structural exam transition to computer

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based format.

Mr. Hodel shared information including his lengthy tenure on the SE exam review committee with NCEES.  
Mr. Lazell also provided information.

### **III. Licensing Manager Report**

#### **A. Rules Update**

Mr. Lazell shared that the proposed Rules packet was adopted on January 6, 2023, and mentioned that information regarding the changes were sent to all active licensees via email as part of the January issue of the DesignTimes quarterly newsletter. He also noted the changes are listed on the profession page of the DPR website.

#### **B. 2022 Year-in-review**

Mr. Lazell shared statistics with the number of applications received, licenses issued and the current number of active licensees.

#### **C. NCEES MBA meeting**

Mr. Lazell shared that the MBA committee met prior to the MBA council meeting and commented that he enjoyed his time at the new NCEES building.

### **IV. Review of Open Minutes**

The Board reviewed the open minutes of the November 16, 2022, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Di Bernardo/Carroll) to approve the open minutes of the meeting as written. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

### **V. Ongoing Business**

*No business discussed.*

### **VI. Report from Subcommittees**

#### **A. Complaint Review Committee/subcommittee**

Mr. Hodel reported on the January 12, 2023, meeting.

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

Architect: Opened 12, Closed 7, Referred to prosecutions 0  
SE: Opened 4, Closed 1, Referred to prosecutions 0  
PE: Opened 6 Closed 3, Referred to prosecutions 1  
LS: Opened 3, Closed 1, Referred to prosecutions 2

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 37  
SE - 10  
PE – 29  
LS – 8

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect – 35  
LS – 7  
PE – 18  
SE – 6

B. Act/Rules subcommittee

Mr. Hodel shared that Mr. Lazell sent the members a draft of changes to consider pertaining to the SE exam transition and said the committee plans to provide a report at the next meeting.

**VII. New Business**

A. Discussion of approved courses and application process.

Mr. Lazell shared an overview of the process for reviewing applications based on the new rule changes. He started he added the aspect of approved courses/programs for discussion at the request of Ms. Freisinger during a recent application review.

The Board briefly discussed this topic and recommended to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

**Motion to move into Closed Session:**

Motion was made, seconded (Freisinger/Carroll) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 10:58 am. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

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**VIII. Closed Session:**

A. Review of Closed Minutes

The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the November 16, 2022, meeting.

B. Application Review/discussion

The Board reviewed 2 applications pursuant to Sections 1480.140, 1480.170 and 1480.185 of the Rules for the Administration of the Illinois Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989.

**Moved back into Open Session:**

Board Chair adjourned the Closed Session and moved the meeting back into Open Session at 11:54 am.

**IX. Motions:**

Accept recommendations:

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

Review closed minutes:

Motion was made, seconded (Carroll/Di Bernardo) to approve the November 16, 2022, closed minutes as presented. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

Keep closed minutes closed:

Motion was made, seconded (Carroll/Di Bernardo) to keep the closed minutes closed. Motion passed with a quorum of members via roll call.

**X. Reminders & Signatures**

A. Reminder

Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2023.

B. Action Sheets

On behalf of the Board, the Board Chair will sign Action Sheet 23-0135.

**XI. Adjournment**

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:58 am.