Open Minutes

State Board of Professional Engineers

Date: January 24, 2019
Convened: 10:02 am
Adjourned: 1:21 pm

Location: Springfield Office

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

Member(s) Absent: Richard M. Ray, Chair
Gale Jamison, Member
Philip Kunz, Public Member

Staff Present: Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager
Chau Nguyen, IDFPR General Counsel

Guests Present: Bud Hurley, NSPE
Kim Robinson, ISPE
Katy Winnett, ISPE
Ryan Roth, ISPE

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am.
The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

I. Announcements,
   Correspondence,
   Guest comments

Mr. Schlichting welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

Mr. Lazell shared that due to the change in administration in the Governor’s office, there were several personnel changes:
- Bryan Schneider, Department Secretary, resigned.
- Jessica Baer, Division Director is now also Acting Secretary.
- Jill Kreoger in the Director’s office retired December 31, 2018.
- Cheryl Sakris will be assuming Jill’s duties temporarily.

He also shared the basic information currently known regarding the new Sexual Harassment CE law passed for all professions regulated by IDFPR. This takes effect for renewals beginning January 1,
II. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the September 25, 2018 meeting.

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

A. Foreign EAC/ABET Programs

Foreign EAC/ABET Program update.
As requested by the Board, Mr. Lazell stated that he received information from ABET regarding the current number of foreign programs that are EAC/ABET accredited.

Mr. Nguyen shared that the draft administrative rules are currently in queue for review by the deputy general counsel.

B. Act/Rules Update

He also shared that the Statute draft for the Sunset has been submitted.

IV. Report from Subcommittees

A. Complaint Review Committee/Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Yockey reported from the January 11, 2019 meeting.

Statistics based on recommendations from what would have been shared at the November 8, 2018 meeting – had it not been cancelled:

Architects: Opened 10, Closed 3, Referred 3
PE: Opened 7, Closed 1, Referred 7
LS: Opened 0, Closed 0, Referred 0
SE: Opened 3, Closed 2, Referred 2
PDF: Opened 0, Closed 0, Referred 0

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 26
PE – 22
LS – 12
SE - 12
PDF – 1

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect – 11
PE – 8
LS – 5
SE – 6
PDF – 7

He also shared that C. Brian Lounsbury from the Land Surveyor Board is now the Chair and Gale Jamison from the Professional Engineer Board is the new Vice-Chair for the Complaint Review Committee for 2019.
V. New Business

A. Election of Officers

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

Call for nominations for Board Chair. Mr. Whitt nominated Mr. Schlichting for Chair. Mr. Schlichting accepted the nomination. Motion was made, seconded (Yockey/Berg) to close the nominations for Chair.

Mr. Schlichting was elected as Board Chair for 2019.

Call for nominations for Board Vice-Chair. Mr. Yockey nominated Mr. Whitt, who declined as he previously served. Mr. Whitt nominated Mr. Yockey for Vice-Chair. Mr. Yockey accepted the nomination. Motion was made, seconded (Whitt/Schlichting) to close the nominations for Vice-Chair.

Mr. Yockey was elected as Board Vice-Chair for 2019.

B. Delegates for NCEES Zone Meeting

The NCEES Zone meeting scheduled for May 2-4 was discussed. A request for delegates was made.

The Illinois Professional Engineer Delegates will be:
- James Schlichting
- Duane Yockey
- Brian Berg

Motion to go into Closed Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Whitt/Burke) and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:03 am.

VI. Closed Session:

Roll Call:
James P. Schlichting, Vice-Chair
Brian Berg Jr, Member
Kevin Burke III, Member
Christy Crites, Member
Sean Middleton, Member
John M. Whitt, Member
L. Duane Yockey, Member

A. Review of Closed Minutes
The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the September 25, 2018 meeting.

B. Application Review
The Board reviewed and made recommendations for 27 applications for licensure by examination, restoration, and endorsement.
Motion to go into Open Session: Motion was made, seconded (Burke/Middleton) and passed to go into Open Session at 1:15 pm.

Recommendations: Motion was made, seconded (Berg/Yockey) and passed to accept the recommendations made in Closed Session.

VII. Signatures
A. Action Sheets
The Board signed action sheets: 19-0160 through 19-0187

B. Travel Vouchers

VIII. Adjournment
Motion was made, seconded (Berg/Burke) and passed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:21 pm.