

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
ILLINOIS STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING BOARD MINUTES

Open Minutes

Structural Engineering Board

Date: January 23, 2019
Convened: 9:11 am
Adjourned: 2:53 pm
Location: Springfield Office

Members Present: David R. Bibbs, Chair
Steven E. Bishop, Vice-Chair
Salvatore Di Bernardo, Member
David L. Greifzu, Member
Gladson Varghese, Public Member

Member(s) Absent: David J. Carroll, Member None.
Tony F. Shkurti, Member

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

Guests Present: Ryan Roth, ISPE & IPLSA

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 9:11 am.
The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**I. Announcements,
Correspondence,
Guest comments**

Mr. Bibbs thanked everyone for attending. He asked Mr. Roth if he had any questions or comments to share.

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.
- Legislative director – John Webb, retired on December 31, 2018.
- 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, 2020. He said that more information will be provided once official information is available.

Mr. Lazell also stated that the department has been notified that a coalition was convened involving several of the association/society for Illinois Design Professions to review the proposed Practice Act draft from American Society of Landscape Architects – IL (ASLA-IL)

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to determine what aspects of the draft the other respective associations/societies would not be opposed to being implemented. The Board reviewed the Minutes of the September 26, 2018 meeting.

II. Review of Open Minutes

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

III. Old Business

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

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

IV. Report from Subcommittees

A. Complaint Review Committee/Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Bishop reported from the January 11, 2019 meeting. He stated that 5 complaints were reviewed.

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

Mr. Greifzu shared that C. Brian Lounsbury from the Land Surveyor Board is now the Chair and Gale Hake from the Professional Engineer Board is the new Vice-Chair for the Complaint Review Committee for 2019.

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V. New Business

A. Election of Officers

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

Call for nominations for Board Chair. Mr. Greifzu nominated Mr. Bibbs for another term as Chair. Mr. Bibbs accepted the nomination. Motion was made, seconded (Di Bernardo/Bishop) to close the nominations for Chair.

Mr. Bibbs was unanimously re-elected as Board Chair for 2019.

Call for nominations for Board Vice-Chair. Mr. Bibbs nominated Mr. Bishop for another term as Vice-Chair. Mr. Bishop accepted the nomination. Motion was made, seconded (Greifzu/Varghese) to close the nominations for Vice-Chair.

Mr. Bishop was unanimously re-elected as Board Vice-Chair for 2019.

B. Delegate selection for NCEES Zone Meeting

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

The Illinois Structural Engineer Delegates will be:

- David Bibbs
- Steve Bishop
- Kyle Lazell will be attending as the Member Board Administrator
- Chau Nguyen will be attending as an associate Board Member

C. Discussion of PE/SE experience & CE requirements

The Board discussed the differences and similarities between structural & professional engineering and what the SE & PE Acts state are acceptable for experience and continuing education. Mr. Di Bernardo & Mr. Greifzu shared their thoughts on the issues surrounding what a "bridge" engineer is and how this this could be applicable for professional engineering as "bridge" engineer can mean several things depending on the project or Firm. For example, it could mean project manager for a bridge project – overseeing all aspects of the bridge project, not just the structural aspects.

Mr. Lazell stated that there are two separate Acts being discussed and each have separate scopes of practice pertaining to each profession.

Regarding the experience requirement; as an example - if an applicant is working on a project that encompasses both structural and professional aspects, the structural aspects are acceptable for the structural license and the non-structural aspects are acceptable for the professional engineer license. If the project is one year in length and the structural aspect was three months, then that is what can be listed on the VE-SEG form for structural experience. Nine months of that project could be listed on the VE-PNG form for

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professional experience.

Regarding the Continuing Education requirement; as a rule of thumb, if you believe a course/program is applicable to your profession and you can substantiate how it is viable for your profession, most likely the department will accept it.

Motion to go into Closed Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Bishop/Varghese) and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:59 am.

VI. Closed Session:

Roll Call:

David R. Bibbs, Chair

Steven E. Bishop, Vice-Chair

Salvatore Di Bernardo, Member

David L. Greifzu, Member

Gladson Varghese, Public Member

The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

A. Review of Closed Minutes

The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the September 26, 2018 meeting.

B. Application Review

The Board reviewed and made recommendations for 29 applications for enrollment as an SEI or licensure by examination, endorsement and restoration.

Motion to go into Open Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Bishop/Di Bernardo) and passed to go into Open Session at 2:51 pm.

Recommendations:

Motion was made, seconded (Greifzu/Di Bernardo) and passed to accept the recommendations made in Closed Session.

VII. Signatures

A. Action Sheets

The Board signed action sheets: 19-0130 through 19-0159

B. Travel Vouchers

VIII. Adjournment

Motion was made, seconded (Bishop/Di Bernardo) and passed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm.