

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

Open Minutes

Structural Engineering Board

Date: March 27, 2019
Convened: 9:03 am
Adjourned: 2:53 pm
Location: Chicago Office

Members Present: David R. Bibbs, Chair
Steven E. Bishop, Vice-Chair
David J. Carroll, Member
Salvatore Di Bernardo, Member
David L. Greifzu, Member
Tony F. Shkurti, Member

Member(s) Absent: Gladson Varghese, Public Member

Staff Present: Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager
Chau Nguyen, IDFPR General Counsel
Eduardo Fernandez, IDFPR Prosecuting Attorney
Priscilla Chapman, IDFPR General Counsel
Richard Schultz, IDFPR General Counsel

Guests Present: Stephanie Crain, SEAIO
Christine Freisinger, SEAIO
Jan Block, SEAIO
David Nickell, SEAIO

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 9:03 am.
The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

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

Mr. Bibbs thanked everyone for attending. He asked for guest comments or announcements.

Mr. Lazell shared that he received the dues invoices for NCEES for the next fiscal year and submitted it for processing.

He also reminded the Board Members to complete and return the annual statement of economic interest form and the supplemental interest email.

Mr. Nguyen informed the Board that Robert Dixon is the new IDFPR Legislative Director.

Mr. Nickell shared that the SEAIO has compiled a draft letter and submitted to the Department for comment and discussion regarding experience for the SE and PE licenses.

The Board discussed the issue regarding the current interpretation of the experience requirements in both the SE Practice Act and the PE Practice Act.

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Mr. Lazell stated that the Department is required to adhere to the language that is specified in the scope of practice for the respective profession.

II. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the January 23, 2019 meeting.

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

III. Old Business

A. NCEES Exam admin.
Services update

Mr. Lazell informed the Board that he received information from NCEES regarding the availability to utilize their services in place of Continental Testing Services. He indicated that further department research and discussions would need to take place in order for the Department to move forward.

B. Legislative Update
Act/Rules

Mr. Nguyen shared that the sunset Statute draft has been submitted but has not yet been filed. He also shared information regarding SB 1899 for the Landscape Architecture.

Mr. Blok stated that SEAIO did not oppose the current sunset Statute draft for SB 1899 because the landscape architect association made specific modifications to the draft as requested by SEAIO and other design associations. He further said that SEAIO will not be endorsing the bill nor will they be opposing it.

**IV. Report from
Subcommittees**

A. Complaint Review
Committee/Subcommittee
Reports

Mr. Di Bernardo reported from the March 21, 2019 meeting.

Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the January 11, 2019 meeting:

Architect: Opened 7, Closed 1, Referred 3
PE: Opened 12 Closed 2, Referred 3
LS: Opened 2, Closed 0, Referred 1
SE: Opened 3, Closed 0, Referred 0
PDF: Opened 0, Closed 0, Referred 0

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 29
PE – 29
LS – 13
SE - 15
PDF – 1

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Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect – 10

PE – 21

LS – 6

SE – 7

PDF – 0

PDF – 7

V. New Business

A. Report from NCEES Board Presidents' Meeting

Mr. Bibbs reported on the BPA.

The BPA is held every two years. He stated that 59 out of 70 jurisdictions were represented at the meeting.

NCEES staff presented reports on the various programs that NCEES offers.

Topics discussed included:

-De-coupling of experience and examinations

-Computer Based Testing (CBT) examinations

-Continuation of Paper & Pencil PE exams to CBT changeover

-Continued Professional Competency (CPC) recording program

-Engineers without Borders

B. NCEES Record acceptance for the experience

Mr. Lazell inquired if the Board would accept the experience section of the NCEES Record as being substantially equivalent to the VE-SEG form for Endorsement applicants.

The Board discussed the experience requirements and determined that, in theory, the experience section of the NCEES Record would be adequate to determine if the applicant has the necessary experience to be licensed by Endorsement. Mr. Lazell stated that the Board can request additional information or clarification of experience via the VE-SEG form.

C. Delegate selection for NCEES Annual Meeting

The NCEES Annual meeting scheduled for August 14-17th was discussed. Mr. Lazell requested the names for the funded delegates.

The Illinois Structural Engineer Delegates will be:

- Steve Bishop

- David Greifzu

- Kyle Lazell will be attending as the Member Board Administrator

- Chau Nguyen will be attending as an associate Board Member

- Roy Cepero (investigator) will be attending as an associate Board Member

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D. NCEES EPP Committee Report

Mr. Bishop shared that the EPP Committee met and reviewed the applicant instructions and he shared several comments on it. Additionally, he said that the committee reviewed the Group 1 (prepared by NCEES) and Group 2 (prepared by state associations) PE examinations. The terms "Group 1" and "Group 2" will be phased out upon completion of the CBT exam conversion.

Motion to go into Closed Session:

VI. Closed Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Bishop/Di Bernardo) and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:44 am.

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 January 23, 2019 meeting.

B. Application Review

The Board reviewed and made recommendations for 11 applications for enrollment as an SEI or licensure by examination, endorsement and restoration.

Motion was made, seconded (Greifzu/Carroll) and passed to go into Open Session at 2:48 pm.

Motion to go into Open Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Bishop/Carroll) and passed to accept the recommendations made in Closed Session.

Recommendations:

A. Action Sheets

The Board signed action sheets: 19-0419 through 0430

B. Travel Vouchers

VII. Signatures

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

VIII. Adjournment