

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

Open Minutes

Structural Engineering Board

Date: November 15, 2023
Convened: 10:04 am
Adjourned: 12:03 pm
Location: Springfield/Chicago/WEBEX

Members Present: Chad Hodel, Chair
Christine Freisinger, Vice-Chair
Salvatore Di Bernardo, Member
Dan Lutz, Member

Member(s) Absent: David J. Carroll, Member

Staff Present: Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager
Ron Almiron, IDFPR General Counsel
Oscar Pina, IDFPR Prosecuting Attorney
Camile Lindsay, IDFPR Director
Roy Cepero, IDFPR Investigator
Ann Erickson, IDFPR General Counsel

Guests Present: John McLean, SEA/OI
Ryan Doerrler, SE licensee

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:04 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.

No announcements or comments given.

II. Guest Announcements, comments

Ms. Lindsay introduced herself and said she looks forward to working with the Board to ensure public safety and promote the licensing of the profession.

III. Licensing Manager Report

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A. HB 4162
Mr. Lazell shared that a bill was introduced in the House that would modify the Open Meetings Act to allow members of the Board to participate virtually in the proceedings of Board meetings. It did not make it out of committee during veto session; however, there is hope that it will be brought back in the Spring session.

B. Rules update
Mr. Lazell shared that the draft Rules packet is being reviewed by Mr. Almiron and upon completion, it will be shared with SEAOL for their comment on the proposed changes.

IV. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the open minutes of the September 27, 2023, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Di Bernardo/Lutz) to approve the open minutes of the meeting as presented. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

V. Ongoing Business

A. Continued discussion of approved coursework

The committee will continue working on compiling list of approved courses and have a report at the next meeting.

VI. Report from Subcommittees

A. Complaint Review Committee/Subcommittee

Mr. Hodel shared the Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the September 2023 meetings for each profession:

Architect: Opened 0, Closed 13, Referred to prosecutions 0
SE: Opened 2, Closed 0, Referred to prosecutions 0
PE: Opened 8, Closed 3, Referred to prosecutions 0
LS: Opened 1, Closed 1, Referred to prosecutions 0

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 21
SE – 11
PE – 27
LS – 8

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect - 26
Land Surveyor - 4

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VII. New Business

A. Election of Officers

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

Call for nominations for Board Chair.

Mr. Di Bernardo nominated Mr. Hodel to be appointed for Chair. Mr. Hodel accepted the nomination. Motion was made, seconded (Lutz/Di Bernardo) to close the nominations for Chair. The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Mr. Hodel was re-elected as Board Chair for 2024.

Call for nominations for Board Vice-Chair.

Mr. Di Bernardo nominated Ms. Freisinger to be appointed for Vice-Chair. Ms. Freisinger accepted the nomination. Motion was made, seconded (Lutz/Hodel) to close the nominations for Vice-Chair. The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Ms. Freisinger was re-elected as Board Vice-Chair for 2024.

B. NCEES Zone Meeting – delegate selection

Mr. Lazell shared that the NCEES Central Zone meeting will be held April 25-27 in Des Moines, IA. Three delegates of the Board are eligible to attend.

The Board discussed and Chad Hodel will be the delegate for the Board. Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that if less than three members can attend, he would inquire with DPR staff on available to attend.

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**Motion to move into
Closed Session:**

Motion was made, seconded (Freisinger/Lutz) to move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:18 pm. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

VIII. Closed Session:

A. Review of Closed Minutes

The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the September 27, 2023, meeting.

B. Application Review/discussion

The Board reviewed one application 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 11:40 am.

IX. Motions:

Accept recommendations:

Motion was made, seconded (Freisinger/Di Bernardo) to accept the recommendations made in closed session. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Review closed minutes and
keep closed minutes closed:

Motion was made, seconded (Di Bernardo/Freisinger) to approve the September 27, 2023, closed minutes as presented and keep them closed. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

X. Reminders & Signatures

A. Reminders

Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the professional engineer license renewal window will be remain open through November 30, 2023, and that the next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2024.

B. Action Sheets

No Action Sheets signed.

XI. Adjournment

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:03 pm.