

CALL TO ORDER

The May 13, 2022, meeting of the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects was held in the 5th floor conference room, 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chair Thiel called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and noted the location of the Open Meetings Act. Notice of the Meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call: Dan Thiele, Chair; Brian Kelly, Vice-Chair; Jason Suelter, Secretary; Jan Bostelman; Bruce Dvorak; Brett Foley; Lenora Isom; Dave Johnson

Staff Present: Jon Wilbeck, Executive Director (ED); Amy Habe, Compliance Officer (CO); Jean Lais, Administrative Programs Officer (APO)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Gay, Melissa Ficke – Catalyst Public Affairs

A. CONSENT AGENDA

[April 8, 2022, meeting minutes](#)

Motion by Kelly, second by Isom to approve the consent agenda. Voting Yes: Foley, Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Suelter, Bostelman, Dvorak, Thiele; Voting No: None

B. MEETING REPORTS

NBEA Subcommittee Reports

[2021/2022 Committee appointments and charges](#)

The following committees were formed and charges given for FY2022-23:

- Legislative Committee – Bostelman (Chair), Thiele, Isom
 - Prepare talking points, public hearing testimony, and other statements as needed related to potential bills and other matters directly impacting the Board in FY 2022-23.
- Continuing Education Committee – Dvorak (Chair), Suelter, Foley, Habe
 - Review and analyze board rules and renewal procedures related to continuing education (CE); and
 - If needed, develop new procedures and rules related to enhanced enforcement of continuing education rules.
- Interior Design Committee – Isom (Chair), Kelly, Johnson
 - Monitor new developments related to interior design regulation; and
 - If needed, reach out to representatives of interior design professional organizations and other primary stakeholders to discuss efforts to regulate the practice of interior design.
- Executive Committee – Thiele, Kelly, Suelter
 - Meet with ED in May or June 2022 to review and discuss performance; consider adjustments in ED salary for upcoming fiscal year, recommend salary adjustment to Board at June 2022 meeting.
 - Meet to review and discuss ED performance in November 2022

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Tim Gay and Melissa Ficke from Catalyst Public Affairs provided an end of the session report on the 2022 Legislative session. Highlights included:

- The possibility of LB250 (voluntary interior designers' registration) being re-introduced in some form in the future.
- Recap of the action taken on the floor on LB709 (including the merging of LB263 into the bill). There were nine amendments introduced related to the bill, with votes occurring on six. There was a motion from the floor to move the bill back to committee. Time ran out on the floor resulting in the bill not moving forward. Gay believes this will re-introduced during the 2023 session and recommended meeting with the Platte Institute during the interim.
- There will be at least 14 new senators due to term limits, senators not seeking re-election and deaths.
- Catalyst and the Board will want to watch who is appointed to open chair positions. Senator Arch has expressed an interest in running for speaker.
- LR364 Regulatory Sandbox Interim Study will be limited to insurtech, but will want to keep an eye on outcomes as this could be expanded into areas regulated by the Board.

Discussion was held on the Board's interest in possibly removing the Board approval requirement for the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) exam which would require a statutory change. Based on discussion at the Operational Planning Meeting, the subject will be looked at by the Legislative Committee with further Board discussion at the September Board meeting. Gay recommended making a decision no later than that meeting to allow time to find a sponsor and get the proposed language to the bill writers if the Board decides to move forward.

C. OLD BUSINESS

[Database Update](#)

ED Wilbeck updated the members on the progress of the database conversion.

[NCEES 2022 Central Zone Meeting Recap & Presentations by Committees with Motion\(s\)](#)

A copy of proposed committee motions as discussed at the NCEES Zone Meeting in Oklahoma City in August 2022 were provided.

Discussion was held on Motion 3 from the Committee on Finances regarding the proposal to increase examination fees and establish fees for the computer-based (CBT) PE Structural exam. The members agreed with the committee's recommendation to keep the fee of the FE lower than actual costs to encourage candidates to sit for the exam.

The PE Structural exam is most likely moving to additional sessions to accommodate appointment time lengths for the CBT format. The members believed it is important to keep the costs in line with current costs as they do not want the cost to become a deterrent to sitting for the exam.

Further discussion on the proposed motions will take place once the final motions have been publicized.

D. NEW BUSINESS

[Interorganizational Council on Regulation \(ICOR\) Overlapping Practice Webinar, May 26](#)

Information on the upcoming ICOR Overlapping Practice Webinar to be held on May 26, 2022, was provided.

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NCARB March 2022 Update

A copy of the NCARB March 2022 *Update* was provided. Articles included a message from CEO Armstrong, organizational development, outreach, and department updates.

NCARB March 2022 Fast Facts

A copy of the NCARB March *Fast Facts* was provided. Articles included information related to the ARE conversion to PSI, upcoming NCARB webinars, advocacy and external engagement, information on the NCARB Annual Business Meeting, and upcoming events.

NCEES April 2022 Licensure Exchange

A copy of the NCEES April 2022 *Licensure Exchange* was provided. Articles included NCEES' promotion of surveying at the *DiscoverE Future City Competition*, enforcement information, upcoming *State of the Council* webinars, an article from CEO Cox, recap from NCEES President Robertson on NCEES FY2021-22, outreach, and upcoming events.

Marketing Plan Update

ED Wilbeck updated the members on the FY2021-22 Marketing Plan.

Board member travel and per diem requests

The following per diem and travel requests were approved:

- Bostelman – June 8, 2022 – NCEES State of the Council (virtual)
- Bostelman – July 13, 2022 – NCEES State of the Council (virtual)
- Dvorak – June 8, 2022 – NCEES State of the Council (virtual)
- Dvorak – July 13, 2022 – NCEES State of the Council (virtual)
- Isom – May 26, 2022 – ICOR Overlapping Practice Webinar (virtual)
- Kelly – May 25, 2022 – NBEA Executive Committee Meeting (virtual)
- Suelter – May 25, 2022 – NBEA Executive Committee Meeting (virtual)
- Suelter – May 26, 2022 – ICOR Overlapping Practice Webinar (virtual)
- Suelter – June 8, 2022 – NCEES State of the Council (virtual)
- Suelter – July 13, 2022 – NCEES State of the Council (virtual)
- Thiele – May 25, 2022 – NBEA Executive Committee Meeting (virtual)
- Thiele – June 8, 2022 – NCEES State of the Council (virtual)
- Thiele – July 13, 2022 – NCEES State of the Council (virtual)

Motion by Isom, second by Bostelman to approve the per diem and travel requests. Voting Yes: Foley, Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Suelter, Bostelman, Dvorak, Thiele; Voting No: None

F. APPLICATIONS

Administratively Approved

Licensure of Professional Engineers by NCEES MLE Designation

Approved: E-19304 Colin Joseph Anderson, Mechanical; E-19315 Geoffrey James Bacci II, Mechanical; E-19327 Chad Anthony Bacon, Mechanical; E-19281 Timothy Dustin Burton, Mechanical; E-19039 Daniel Thomas Butler, Civil; E-19302 Daniel James Carlson, Mechanical; E-19314 Matthew Richard Case, Mechanical; E-19290 Stephen Kipkoech Cheruiyot, Electrical and Computer; E-19303 Brandon Thomas Compton, Structural; E-19293 Matthew Scott Daniels, Civil; E-19305 Levi Theodore Dermeyer, Architectural; E-19308 Katelyn Louise Drapeau, Civil; E-19325 Lane Alan Ehlert, Mechanical; E-19297 Tyler James Eldridge, Civil; E-19296 Audry James Ferguson Jr, Civil; E-19298 Thomas Daniel Firstbrook, Electrical and Computer; E-19323 Parker Franklin Foster, Electrical and

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Computer; E-19312 Anthony Phillip Gianpetro, Mechanical; E-19313 Christopher Alan Hewitt, Structural; E-19321 Emily Anne Hovda, Civil; E-19272 Jay Steven Hruby, Electrical; E-19311 Deron Gerard Huck, Civil; E-19294 Robert Denny Jagadich, Civil; E-19322 Martin John Janowak, Electrical; E-19328 Matthew Reed Lail, Civil; E-19318 Keith Charles Madigan, Civil; E-19295 Brandon Scott McCrary, Civil; E-19301 Michael Reed Mitchell, Civil; E-19326 Matthew Jesse Moore, Civil; E-19324 Peter Halbrook Nevels, Civil; E-19317 Erich William Oswald, Civil; E-19310 Shawn Geoffrey Parks, Civil; E-19319 Gregory Damian Peterson, Mechanical; E-19307 Ronald Dexter Rice, Civil; E-19300 Alberto Roman, Mechanical; E-19299 Dustin Edward Scheller, Mechanical; E-19316 Mark Lee Schoppe, Electrical; E-19274 John Patrick Senftner, Civil; E-19306 Joshua Alan Shaver, Mechanical; E-19273 Andrew Derek Smith, Civil; E-19292 Eugene Ross Stewart, Electrical and Computer; E-19291 Brian Paul Tallman, Mechanical; E-19320 Trevor Scott Wagenmaker, Civil

[Licensure of Architects by NCARB Certification](#)

Approved: A-5410 Michael Edward Andracssek, A-5413 Todd Allen Cooper, A-5412 Ray William Holliday III, A-5409 Mark Allen Thiessen, A-5408 Roy Allen Williams

[Temporary Permits](#)

Approved: T-642 Oded Doran, Engineering

[Engineer Intern Enrollments](#)

Approved: Rhea Sanchez De Ocampo, Margarita Anita Fuentes, Jarod Eugene Nekl, Jedmin Troy Stonacek, Joana Gabriela Torres

[Certificates of Authorization](#)

Approved: CA4782 Line 29 Architecture PC, CA4783 TerraTherm Inc, CA4784 S Gordin Structural Design & Engineering Services Inc, CA4785 Structural Design Inc, CA4786 Tekton Forensics LLC, CA4787 AM Structures Inc, CA4788 ADB Companies LLC, CA4789 Keystone Consultants LLC, CA4790 EDI-Doejs Inc, CA4791 Blair Remy Corporation PC, CA4792 DWG Inc Consulting Engineers, CA4793 Insinger Engineering LLC, CA4794 Technip Energies USA Inc, CA4795 Tessier's Inc, CA4796 MD Architects PC, CA4797 BBIX Limited Liability Company, CA4798 Solien & Larson Engineering Inc, CA4799 Other Office Architects LLC, CA4800 Shremshock Engineering Inc, CA4801 Fry Technical Services Inc, CA4802 Global Design Solutions Inc, CA4803 River Design Group Inc, CA4804 Hometown Engineering Services Inc, CA4805 iEng LLC, CA4806 ECM2 Engineering Management Consultants, CA4807 Andrew Conzett Architecture LLC

[PE Exam Approvals](#)

Approved: Aubrey Joy Alt, Civil; Zachary John Bell, Mechanical; Eric Thomas Boal, Civil; Jack Henry Dempsey, Electrical and Computer; Jared Lawrence Dykstra, Industrial and Systems; Tyrell Isamu Galloway, Electrical and Computer; Ethan Thomas Hall, Civil; Joel Michael Jacobs, Electrical and Computer; Gage Nathaniel Parsons, Civil; Hillary Justine Stoll, Environmental; Griffin Edward Walsh, Mechanical; Neil Steven Wolford, Civil

Licensure/Examination

[Licensure of Professional Engineers by Comity and Initial](#)

Approved Initial Applications: Tucker Lee Cox, Civil; Lucas Campos De Castro, Civil; Elliott Otis French, Civil; Kyle Levi Gandee, Mechanical; Timothy Micah Menter, Electrical and Computer; Ryan Gable Randall, Mechanical; James Woodrow Rittenberger, Chemical; Patrick Herbert Vorthmann, Mechanical

Approved Comity Applications: Brent Paul Ballweg, Civil; Tamara Kim Felts-Tady, Mechanical; Larry Deen Halweg, Civil; Frank Jeffrey Raley, Civil

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Experience

Approved: Mohamed Gamal Abdel-Maksoud, Civil; Gary David Garbacik, Civil

Licensure of Architects by Comity and Initial

Approved Initial Applications: Maryanna Concepcion Heilman

Licensure of Architects by Experience – *None*

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Reinstatement

Approved: E-13943 Kyle James Eyre, Civil; E-11909 David Laddie Hulinsky, Electrical; E-17814 John Jerome Mankowski, Electrical and Computer

Licensure of Architects by Reinstatement – *None*

Special Cases

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Comity and Initial

Approved Comity Applications: Prateek Sangal, Civil

Approved Initial Applications: Jacob Hershel Phillips, Mechanical

PE Exam Approvals

Approved: Antony Mohsen Kamal Masoud Kodszy, Civil

Other Issues

Education Evaluation Request Reconsideration

Granted: Mostafa Zahrooni

Completed Application Statistics

Charts and statistics regarding the number of applications, certificates of authorization, and other applications by type were provided.

Motion by Isom, second by Bostelman to accept the staff recommendations on applications. Voting Yes: Foley, Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Suelter, Bostelman, Dvorak, Thiele; Voting No: None

G. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Reports, April 2022

FY 2021-22 Financial Profile

Budget Status Report

Fund Summary Report

MTD General Ledger Detail Report

Motion by Bostelman, second by Foley to approve the financial reports as presented. Voting Yes: Foley, Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Suelter, Bostelman, Dvorak, Thiele; Voting No: None

H. GENERAL INFORMATION

A schedule of upcoming meetings and events was provided. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., in the fifth-floor conference room, 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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Licensure and Certificate Trends

Numbers as of May 4, 2022

Professional Engineers	8,586
Architects.....	1,882
Certificates of Authorization	2,318
Temporary Permits.....	14

Examination Information/Results

The March ARE Pass/Fail Report was provided along with the 2022 Q1 Pass/Fail Statistics.

The 2022 Q1 FE and PE CBT Registration and Pass Rate History reports were provided.

Other Information

The FY2021-22 Marketing Plan was provided.

The Facebook Analytics show there were nine posts made between April 11 and May 4, 2022. The post related to the opening for a Public Information Officer reached the most people with 621 and 47 link clicks. A total of 1,001 individuals were reached. There were two new likes with 484 total followers.

The Website Dashboard reports for the Board's website had 3,385 total visitors in March and 2,955 in April. Facebook continues to generate the most traffic from social media with 24 sessions in March and 26 in April.

The Board's policies as of July 9, 2021, were provided.

E. COMPLIANCE

Motion by Suelter, second by Kelly to go into executive session for the discussion of compliance investigations and partner-agency processes, not a matter of public information to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of those involved. Voting Yes: Foley, Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Suelter, Bostelman, Dvorak, Thiele; Voting No: None

Executive session began at 9:53 a.m.

Cases 20.14, 21.11, 21.12, 21.24, 21.25, 21.29, 21.31, 21.33, 21.35, 21.38, 21.39, 21.40, 21.41, 22.01, 22.02, 22.04, and 22.05 were discussed in executive session.

Chair Thiele left the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Other Compliance Issues

Project Reviews 05-01 and 05-02 were discussed in executive session.

Partner Agency Process processes were reviewed in executive session.

Motion by Suelter, second by Foley to close executive session for the discussion of compliance investigations and partner-agency processes, not a matter of public information to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of those involved. Voting Yes: Foley, Isom, Johnson, Suelter, Bostelman, Dvorak, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Thiele

Executive session ended at 12:00 p.m.

Motion by Suelter, second by Foley to dismiss Case 21.12 with no disciplinary action based on successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Foley, Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Suelter, Bostelman, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Thiele

Motion by Suelter, second by Dvorak to open a case against the property owner in Project Review 05-01 for the unlicensed practice of architecture and engineering, authorize architectural and engineering remediation, and

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request a response within 30 days and a written remediation plan within 60 days. Voting Yes: Foley, Isom, Johnson, Suelter, Bostelman, Dvorak, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Thiele

Motion by Suelter, second by Dvorak to open a case against the property owner in Project Review 05-02 for the unlicensed practice of architecture and engineering, authorize architectural and engineering remediation, and request a response within 30 days and a written remediation plan within 60 days. Voting Yes: Foley, Isom, Johnson, Suelter, Bostelman, Dvorak, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Thiele

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Suelter', is written over a horizontal line.

Jason Suelter, Secretary