

## CALL TO ORDER

The October 21, 2022, meeting of the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects was held in the fifth-floor conference room, 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chair Thiele called the meeting to order at 8:31 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; Alan Wedige

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Melissa Ficke, Kailyn Reese – Catalyst Public Affairs

Stacy Spale, Marilyn Hansen – American Society of Interior Designers (ASID)/International Interior Design Association (IIDA)

Spale and Hansen spoke with the Board and expressed the ASID's excitement to work with the Board's Interior Design Subcommittee in working to address the proposed bill language for the regulation of interior designers.

## A. CONSENT AGENDA

[September 9, 2022, meeting minutes](#)

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

## B. MEETING REPORTS

### NBEA Subcommittee Reports

A copy of the 2022-2023 committee appointments and charges was provided.

#### [Interior Design Committee](#)

The Interior Design Subcommittee met on October 4, 2022, to discuss new legislative language received from Matt Barusch, Council of Interior Design Qualification's (CIDQ) Government Affairs and Advocacy Manager, on September 28, 2022. After the committee meeting, ED Wilbeck sat in on a presentation by CIDQ at the UNL-Architecture Hall. After the presentation, he spoke briefly with Kendra Ordia, Assistant Professor-UNL College of Architecture's Interior Design Department.

ED Wilbeck provided a spreadsheet comparing the language to the existing Engineers & Architects Regulation Act (E&A Act) and AM43 (2022), along with email correspondence regarding the proposed language. He shared some of his observations related to the practice definition and pointed out that some of the CIDQ proposed revisions/additions may be more appropriately placed in other statutes, be addressed in the rules and regulations, or may not be needed at all.

During the discussion, concern was raised that the language already agreed upon in AM43 (2021) was not used, and the receipt of new language received was based only on the fact that it had been passed in another state. No consideration was given that those states' board structure is not the same as in Nebraska. In addition, there may be some misinformation regarding building jurisdictions' requirements regarding acceptable licensee/registrant seals.

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The Interior Design Subcommittee will schedule a meeting in the next couple of weeks and then schedule a meeting with ASID to review the proposed language. The related stakeholders will also be notified of the status of the discussions.

#### Continuing Education Committee

As requested and discussed at the September meeting, CO Habe provided a flowchart for the proposed Continuing Education enforcement actions. Based on the discussion, the members requested staff clarify the process in the bottom half of the chart and provide a better distinction between the relationship between the right and left boxes.

#### Other Meeting Reports – None

### C. OLD BUSINESS

#### NCEES Central Zone Call for Nominations

A copy of the NCEES Central Zone call for Zone Distinguished Service Award nominations was provided.

#### Capital Ceremony Update

ED Wilbeck updated the members on the New Licensee Capital Ceremony planning. 14 architects and 28 engineers have RSVP'ed. The ceremony is scheduled to take place in the Capitol's second-floor Rotunda on November 4, 2022, starting at 3:00 p.m.

#### NCARB MBC/MBE Summit Recap

ED Wilbeck gave a recap of the NCARB MBC/MBE Summit that occurred October 14-15, 2022, in Wilmington NC. Highlights included:

- NCARB is looking at changing the structure of the board of directors per the email that went out on October 20, 2022. Webinars covering the topic are scheduled for November. A web page had been set up to publish questions and NCARB's responses.

#### Database Replacement Update

ED Wilbeck updated the members on the status of the database replacement contract.

### D. NEW BUSINESS

#### Questions regarding COA number on technical documents

A question was received regarding the new requirements of Board Rule 6.5 related to requiring organizations to add their certificate of authorization (COA) numbers to technical drawings and plans when more than one organization is involved in a project. Specifically, are all involved organizations required to add their COA number to each sheet, or is it only the firm that did the specific work on the sheet? The members agreed with ED Wilbeck's response that only the organization under which the work was done needs to add their information.

#### Question regarding sexual harassment topics qualifying as acceptable ethics CE

The members determined topics related to workplace harassment are acceptable for meeting the continuing education ethics requirement. These topics also line up with Rule 5.4.5.

*Motion by Bostelman, second by Isom ethical issues of a licensee's professional practices include the topics listed in Rule 5.4.5. Voting Yes: Wedige, Bostelman Dvorak, Foley, Isom, Kelly, Suelter, Thiele; Voting No: None*

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### [NCEES Board of Directors Update](#)

Bostelman gave a recap of the September NCEES Board of Directors meeting. Highlights included:

- The Board met the first week of October and charges have gone out to the committees.
- Bostelman will be serving as the board liaison to the EPP Committee.
- The Board has received a complaint from a member board questioning the pass rates of the PE exam. It claims the rates are not high enough when compared to doctors with a 90% pass rate.

### [NCEES Call for Awards Nominations](#)

A copy of the NCEES call for National Service Awards was provided.

### [NCARB Update, August 2022](#)

A copy of the August 2022 NCARB *Update* was provided.

### [NCARB Fast Facts, August 2022](#)

A copy of the August 2022 NCARB *Fast Facts* was provided.

### [NCARB Regional Summit Save the Date](#)

The NCARB Regional Summit will be held on March 3-4, 2023, in Honolulu HI. The meeting will be a hybrid event, available both in person and online. A copy of the meeting agenda was provided.

NCARB provides funding for two-member board members, one public member, one board executive, one legal counsel, and one new member board member (board service beginning as of/after July 1, 2022).

### [Marketing Plan Update](#)

ED Wilbeck gave an update<sup>4</sup> on the 2023-23 Marketing Plan. Highlights included:

- The Public Information Officer position has been filled, and Josh Frerking will start on October 31<sup>st</sup>
- Staff hosted a webinar on October 6<sup>th</sup> on the continuing education (CE) requirements with over 500 participants. The webinar recording has been posted to the Board's YouTube page.
- CO Habe gave the following presentations:
  - 2022 Nebraska Planning Conference in Kearney – September 16<sup>th</sup>
  - The Associated Builders and Contractor's breakfasts in Lincoln and Omaha – September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Health & Human Services Childcare Licensing Division – October 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Nebraska Hospital Association – October 20<sup>th</sup>
- ED Wilbeck gave the following presentations:
  - Engineers Club of Lincoln lunch presentation on the most recent changes to the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act and a refresher of the current CE requirements – September 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Doane University engineering students on the licensure pathway with a focus on the FE exam – October 3<sup>rd</sup>

### [NBEA Fall 2022 Newsletter Draft](#)

A draft copy of the Fall *Nebraska Professional* was provided. Articles to be included cover the awarding of the 2022 NCEES Engineering Education Award to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, stories on board member appointments, the revised rules and regulations, NCARB and NCEES news, and accreditation of Doane

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University's BS in Engineering program. The members requested clarification that the rule changes related to CE audits allow the Board to audit a licensee for a compliance-related cause. This is in addition to the random CE audit already in place. There was also a suggestion to list the national committees and boards the members sit on to highlight the Board's involvement at the national level.

#### Board member travel and per diem requests

The following travel and per diem requests were approved:

- Jan Bostelman – September 16, 2022 – NCEES Central Zone Planning Meeting (Virtual)
- Jan Bostelman – October 14, 2022 – NCEES EPP Committee (Virtual)
- Jan Bostelman – October 17, 2022 – NCEES Board of Directors (Virtual)
- Lenora Isom – October 7, 2022 – NCARB Lineup Board of Directors (Virtual)
- Lenora Isom – October 26, 2022 – NCARB Region V Meeting (Virtual)
- Bruce Dvorak – November 14, 2022 – NCEES Education Committee (Virtual)
- Bruce Dvorak – January 5-7, 2022 – NCEES Education Committee (In Person – TBD) (Travel January 4 & 8)
- Brian Kelly – December 9-10, 2022 – NCARB ARE Committee (Scottsdale AZ) (Travel December 8 & 11)
- Jason Suelter – October 11-15, 2022 – NCEES SE Exam Committee (Greenville SC) (Travel October 10 & 16)
- Jason Suelter – October 19, 2022 – NCEES EPE Committee (Virtual)
- Jason Suelter – November 17-19, 2022 – NCEES EPE Committee (Virtual)
- Jason Suelter – November 30-December 2, 2022 – NCEES SE Exam Scoring Workshop (Virtual)
- Lenora Isom – November 11-12, 2022 – CIDQ Annual Meeting (Los Angeles CA) change funding from NCARB to NBEA

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

## E. COMPLIANCE

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

Chair Thiele rested the limitations of the executive session.

Executive session began at 10:42 p.m.

Cases 20.14, 21.11, 21.24, 21.25, 21.29, 21.31, 21.33, 21.35, 21.39, 21.40, 21.41, 22.05, 22.06, 22.07, 22.08, 22.09, 22.10, 22.11, 22.13, 22.14, 22.16, 22.17, 22.18, 22.19, 22.20, 22.21, and 22.22 were discussed in executive session.

Kelly left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Dvorak left the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

### Other Compliance Issues

Project Review 10-01, 10-02, and partner agency processes were discussed in executive session.

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

Executive Session ended at 1:19 p.m.

*Motion by Suelter, second by Isom to schedule a hearing at the February 2023 board meeting in Case 20.14. Voting Yes: Wedige, Bostelman, Foley, Isom, Suelter, Thiele; Voting No: None; Absent: Kelly, Dvorak*

*Motion by Suelter, second by Isom to dismiss Case 21.11 without prejudice due to the cancelation of the project with the right to reopen if new information is received. Voting Yes: Wedige, Bostelman, Foley, Isom, Suelter, Thiele; None; Absent: Kelly, Dvorak*

*Motion by Suelter, second by Isom to dismiss Case 21.25 with no disciplinary action based on the project being brought into compliance with the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act. Voting Yes: Wedige, Bostelman, Foley, Isom, Suelter, Thiele; Voting No: None; Absent: Kelly, Dvorak*

*Motion by Suelter, second by Isom to dismiss Case 22.11 without prejudice due to the cancellation of the project. Voting Yes: Wedige, Bostelman, Foley, Isom, Suelter, Thiele; Voting No: None; Absent: Kelly, Dvorak*

*Motion by Suelter, second by Isom to dismiss Case 22.13 based on the engagement of licensees on the project. Voting Yes: Wedige, Bostelman, Foley, Isom, Suelter, Thiele; Voting No: None; Absent: Kelly, Dvorak*

*Motion by Suelter, second by Isom to schedule a hearing at the January board meeting in Case 22.16. Voting Yes: Wedige, Bostelman, Foley, Isom, Suelter, Thiele; Voting No: None; Absent: Kelly, Dvorak*

*Motion by Suelter, second by Foley to open a case against the preparer of the initial technical documents in Case 22.17 for the unlicensed practice of architecture and engineering. Voting Yes: Wedige, Bostelman, Foley, Isom, Suelter, Thiele; Voting No: None; Absent: Kelly, Dvorak*

## **F. APPLICATIONS**

### **Administratively Approved**

#### [Licensure of Professional Engineers by NCEES MLE Designation](#)

**Approved:** E-19555 Pamela Paige Ashe-McLean, Civil; E-19523 Gbadebo Oluwafunmini Atewologun, Civil; E-19542 Kamaljit Bagha, Electrical and Computer; E-19577 Jason Andrew Bartl, Electrical and Computer; E-19518 Robert Joseph Baumer, Civil; E-19546 Brian Todd Bernard, Civil; E-19579 Jeff Thomas Brown, Mechanical; E-19516 Colin Berry Cannon, Control Systems; E-19551 Christian Alexander Canon, Civil; E-19574 Alicia Rene Clark, Mechanical; E-19573 Oualala Coulibaly, Civil; E-19580 Daniel Patrick Deery Jr, Structural; E-19563 Keith Anthony Dusang, Mechanical; E-19539 Michael Stanley Faron, Structural; E-19519 Jesse Joseph Fortune, Civil; E-19557 Matthew Stephen Goff, Civil; E-19578 Adam James Hawks, Mechanical; E-19561 Derek Michael Heckler, Civil; E-19569 Dwayne Benton Herrold, Mechanical; E-19544 Bradley Reid Hoffman, Civil; E-19571 Wyatt Morgan Howell, Electrical and Computer; E-19559 Erik Michael Johnson, Civil; E-19522 Kent Joseph Jones, Civil; E-19588 Thomas James Kalman, Civil; E-19521 Benjamin Thomas Kenny, Civil; E-19549 Dustin Allen Leduc, Civil; E-19570 Jayson Dean Love, Structural; E-19553 Brandon Michael Lundborg, Civil; E-19560 John Daniel Makar, Mechanical; E-19515 Stephen Philip Miller, Electrical and Computer; E-19550 Eric David Pannabecker, Civil; E-19562 Joshua LeRoy Peach, Electrical and Computer; E-19543 Pamela Kay Quillin, Electrical; E-19541 Brian Colin Rayner, Civil; E-19576 Sigmund Irinco Reboquo, Electrical and Computer; E-19520 Aaron Nye Richardson, Civil; E-19566 David Mark Roebuck, Civil; E-19557 Amy Diane Schauble, Civil; E-19540 Jason Thomas Schneider, Civil; E-19564 Brian Michael Shen, Structural; E-19548 Michael John Shoup, Civil; E-19517 Sean Richard Sieler, Civil; E-19524 Benjamin Aaron Skelton, Mechanical; E-19567 Luke Raymond Snyder, Civil; E-19572 David Michael Stanek, Civil; E-19552 James Joseph Sverchek, Civil; E-19575 Douglas Scott Thoma, Mechanical; E-19556 Kristian

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David Van Derzee, Electrical; E-19565 Kashane Vilasineekul, Civil; E-19547 David Gibson Walsh, Control Systems; E-19568 Joshua Jerome Wilsmann, Structural; E-19581 Dallas Hope Wodtke, Electrical and Computer; E-19545 Kirk Patrick Wolf, Civil

[Licensure of Architects by NCARB Certification](#)

**Approved:** A-5447 Michael Duane Belt, E-5451 Donald Daniel Bianco, A-5448 Cameron Lee Haddock, A-5453 Steven Robert Knutson, A-5450 Jason Gregory Mills, A-5454 Basil Dee Sherman II, A-5449 Keith Watson Thompson, A-5452 Michael Gabriel Tiedman, A-5446 William Dean Warner

[Temporary Permits – None](#)

[Engineer Intern Enrollments](#)

**Approved:** August James Flachsbart, Jacob Vincent Mangels, Luke Anthony Reinsch, Jason Matthew Winchell

[Certificates of Authorization](#)

**Approved:** CA4872 OPN Architects Inc, CA4873 LLEAD Services Inc, CA4874 Reverence Engineering, CA4875 Tipping Structural Engineers, CA4876 Encompass Inc, CA4877 Fluidyn Consulting LLC, CA4878 Eclipse Engineering PC, CA4879 Om P Nangia, CA4880 American Structurepoint Inc, CA4881 Haskell Architecture and Engineering Inc, CA4882 Munson Engineering LLC, CA4883 BDH-FEI JV LLC, CA4884 Cyclone Group PC, CA4885 Cobb Fendley & Associates Inc, CA4886 The Architectural Offices of Mayer & Associates PC, CA4887 Aravista LLC, CA4888 JSD Professional Services Inc, CA4889 Aldea Services Inc, CA4890 Slaggie Architects Inc, CA4891 Koch Hazard Architects, CA4892 DEPCOM Power Inc, CA4893 Architects Ink PC, CA4894 Mazzetti Inc

[PE Exam Approvals](#)

**Approved:** Kristopher Keith Ahrens, Mechanical; Keegan Tanner Bell, Mechanical; Matthew Kevin Eames, Civil; Braden Thomas Hadwiger, Mechanical; Dustin James Henson, Civil; Riley Curtis Johnson, Architectural; Kalen John Kasik, Civil; Joshua Michael Klinger, Mechanical; Matthew Lawrence Magee, Civil; Adam Michael Miller, Structural; Joseph Kennedy Mise, Mechanical; Mutaza Nuruddin Nalwala, Civil; Luke Anthony Reinsch, Control Systems; Carina Sonrisa Russell, Mechanical; Dylan Lee Schiltz, Civil; Cody Robert Starkey, Architectural; Matthew Quinn Stobbe, Civil; Nicholas Albert Swoboda, Civil; Jacob Andrew Wolff, Civil; Kacie Maiko Wolverton, Civil

**Licensure/Examination**

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

**Approved Initial Applications:** John Harrison Abbot, Civil; Sean Patrick Doyle, Electrical and Computer; Elena Claire Hoff, Civil; Joel Michael Jacobs, Electrical and Computer; Mary Patricia Kleinsasser, Mechanical; Dana Lynn Pendleton, Civil; Tyler Vincent Schoening, Mechanical; Joshua Everett Siel, Civil; Griffin Edward Walsh, Mechanical; Jacob David Workman, Electrical and Computer

**Approved Comity Applications:** Deborah Jane Androvich, Civil; Nathan Phillip Bissonnette, Civil; Gabriel Cajigas Sanudo, Civil; Zaheeruddin Ahmed Mohammed, Civil; Christopher David Shultz, Civil; Juan Manuel Toro, Civil; Andrew William Riad Youssef, Civil

[Licensure of Professional Engineers by Experience](#)

**Approved:** Carl Wendel Jenne, Civil; Chad Arthur TeVelde, Civil

[Licensure of Architects by Comity and Initial](#)

**Approved Initial Applications:** Beau Brian Johnson, Benjamin James Kunz

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[Licensure of Architects by Experience](#)

**Approved:** Julia Leora Mirvish

[Licensure of Professional Engineers by Reinstatement](#)

**Approved:** E-13944 Marshall Patterson Carman, Structural; E-10228 James John Goes, Structural

[Licensure of Architects by Reinstatement](#)

**Approved:** A-4700 Stanley Shih-You Pao, A-4026 John Daniel Wallis

**Special Cases**

[Licensure of Professional Engineers by Comity](#)

**Approved:** Mariam Nabih Balamon Armanious, Electrical and Computer; Magdy Zarif Aziz Barsoum, Civil; Arvind Sanatkumar Marathe, Civil

**Deferred:** Arvind Sanatkumar Marathe until three additional continuing education hours are completed.

**Other Issues/Information**

[Continuing Education Audit Review](#)

The Board opened a case against E-7895 Richard D Bussard for supplying false information regarding completing his continuing education requirement.

[Completed Application Statistics](#)

*Motion by Foley, second by Isom to accept the staff recommendations on applications with the exception of Arvind Sanatkumar Marathe. Voting Yes: Wedige, Bostelman, Foley, Isom, Suelter, Thiele; Voting No: None: Absent: Kelly, Dvorak*

*Motion by Suelter, second by Wedige to open a case against Richard Bussard (E-7895) for supplying false information regarding the completion of his continuing education. Voting Yes: Wedige, Bostelman, Foley, Isom, Suelter, Thiele; Voting No: None: Absent: Kelly, Dvorak*

*Motion by Suelter, second by Wedige to defer the application of Arvind Sanatkumar Marathe until three additional continuing education hours are completed; Voting No: Foley; Absent: Kelly, Dvorak*

**G. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Financial Reports – September**

[FY22-23 Financial Profile](#)

[Budget Status Report](#)

[Fund Summary Reports](#)

[MTD General Ledger Detail Reports](#)

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

**Other Financial Matters – None**

**H. GENERAL INFORMATION**

A schedule of upcoming meetings and events was provided. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for December 9, 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

Professional Engineers .....	8,900
Architects .....	1,947
Certificates of Authorization .....	2,353
Temporary Permits.....	16

### Examination Information/Statistics

The ARE Pass/Fail Reports for August and September 2022 were provided along with the September and October 2022 Open Eligibilities reports. The ARE Pass/Fail statistics for the 2022-Third Quarter were provided.

The 2022-Third Quarter FE and PE CBT Pass/Fail statistics were provided.

### Other Information

The FY2022-23 Marketing Plan was provided.

#### [Social Media Analytics](#)

Facebook Analytics shows ten posts between September 15 and October 12, 2022. The post regarding the rules revisions reached the most people with 94, 2 reactions, and 21 link clicks. A total of 192 individuals were reached during this time period. There were 22 new likes for a total of 544 followers.

The Website Dashboard reports the Board's website had 3,490 total visits in August and 3,260 total visits in September. Reddit had the most social media sessions, with 12 and 15, respectively.

#### [Record of Board Policies](#)

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

### ADJOURNMENT

*Chair Thiele adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m.*



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Jason Suelter, Secretary