

Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects  
**Board Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2023, 8:30 a.m.**  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Large Conference Room, 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE

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## CALL TO ORDER

The September 15, 2023, meeting of the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects was held in the fifth-floor conference room, 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chair Kelly 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:** Brian Kelly, Chair; Jason Suelter, Vice-Chair; Alan Wedige, Secretary; Jan Bostelman; Bruce Dvorak; Lenora Isom; Dan Thiele; Absent: Brett Foley; Lenora Isom

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Melissa Ficke – Catalyst Public Affairs – spoke to the Board during the Interior Design Committee report

## A. CONSENT AGENDA

[August 4, 2023, Meeting Minutes](#)

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

Isom entered the meeting at 8:32 a.m.

## B. MEETING REPORTS

### NBEA Subcommittee Reports

A copy of the FY 2023-24 committee appointments and charges was provided.

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

ED Wilbeck met with Senator Brewer and Dick Clark, legal counsel for the Government, Military Affairs, and Veterans (GMVA) Committee, on August 11, 2023, to discuss LR221. The interim study is focused on determining the least restrictive regulation for interior designers and the provisions in LB471. Discussion included the history of the Board's involvement in the original bill introduced in 2020 through the discussion the Board has had with the interior designers to date. A hearing related to LR221 has been scheduled for September 22, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. Wilbeck has been invited to testify on the Board's behalf.

#### [Rules Committee](#)

A copy of the Rules revisions, as discussed at the August meeting, was provided. The members voted to move forward with the rules promulgation process.

*Motion by Thiele, second by Suelter, to approve draft rule revisions and to hold a public hearing. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Isom, Suelter, Thiele, Wedige, Bostelman; Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Foley*

**Other Meeting Reports – None**

## C. OLD BUSINESS

### [Database Replacement Project w/NCARB](#)

ED Wilbeck gave an update on the database replacement project. Testing of the landscape architect renewals runs through September 15, 2023. Work continues on the license applications and the remaining items related to landscape architects.

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### NCEES 2023 Annual Meeting Recap

ED Wilbeck provided a recap of the NCEES 2023 Annual Meeting held in Boston MA, August 15-18, 2023. A summary of the resolutions' voting results was provided.

### Board of Directors

President: Laura Sievers  
President-Elect: Andrew Zoutewelle  
Treasurer: Karl Tonander  
Southern Zone Vice President: James Kelly  
Northeast Zone Vice President: Samuel Wilson  
Central Zone Vice President: Jan Bostelman  
Western Zone Vice President: Mohammad Qureshi

## D. NEW BUSINESS

### Trade Name Request

A request was received from Aoka Engineering LLC for authorization to use the word *Engineering* in the organization's name with the Secretary of State. The organization provides third-party plan reviews and inspections for local jurisdictions. The organization does not plan to perform any work in Nebraska, but has hired a remote worker residing in Nebraska. The Secretary of State filing is for the sole purpose of paying his unemployment and withholding taxes in the state.

*Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to deny the request for use of Engineering in the organization's name with the Secretary of State. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Isom, Suelter, Thiele, Wedige, Bostelman; Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Foley*

### NCARB Fast Facts, July 2023, August 2023

Copies of the July and August 2023 NCARB *Fast Facts* were provided.

### NCARB Update, June/July 2023

A copy of the June/July 2023 NCARB *Update* was provided.

### Marketing/Outreach

#### Marketing Plan Update

PIO Frerking provided an update on the activities related to the FY2023-24 Marketing Plan. Highlights included:

- PIO Frerking conducted four-day trips in August, visiting 68 villages and second-class cities.
- Work continues on the video productions
- Press releases were sent to 120+ local newspapers with the public as the target audience – the article ran in Norfolk and NeSPE requested the article to publish in it's newsletter.
- Invitations to this year's Capital Ceremony will be sent out after the September meeting. There will be approximately 125 licensees invited.
- The first *The Professional* blog was published
- The next *Lunch & Learn* webinar is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>, covering the renewal and CE audit processes. Invites to the webinar were sent out on September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The next *The Professional* blog is scheduled to be published on September 22<sup>nd</sup>
- The *What is the Board?* video is scheduled to be completed in September
- The *Renewals & Audits* video is scheduled to be completed in October

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- The October *The Professional* blog is scheduled to be published on October 27<sup>th</sup>
- The 2023 Capital Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the second-floor rotunda

#### Spring & Summer Webinar Feedback

Statistics from the Spring and Summer *Lunch & Learn* webinars were provided. 90% indicated noon was the optimal time for attending the webinars, and 97% responded they received notification regarding the webinars by email invitation.

Responses to the question related to statutes, rules, or other topics that may be of interest (98 responses received) fifteen indicated ethics as a topic. Forty-eight indicated they did not have anything in particular they may be interested in. Other topics selected included building code officials when a licensee is required, audits and renewals, and the role of coordinating professionals.

#### August Blog Analytics

Statistics related to the August *The Professional* blog were provided. The blog was sent to 10,878 recipients with a 98.1% successful delivery. There were 9,713 recipients who opened the blog. The article regarding the *Lunch & Learn* webinars received the most clicks, with 181.

#### Compliance Maps

Updated compliance maps were provided showing the location of 2023 compliance cases to date, and since 2017.

#### Capitol Ceremony Update

PIO Frerking provided updates to the Capital Ceremony for new licensees to be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the State Capital Building. Updated signs have been sent to the print shop. After the September meeting, approximately 120-125 licensees will be invited.

#### Board member travel and per diem requests

The following travel and per diem requests were approved:

- Jan Bostelman – September 25, 2023 – NCEES Education Committee Meeting (Virtual)
- Lenora Isom – September 19, 2023 – NCARB Region V Meeting (Virtual)
- Lenora Isom – October 20-21, 2023 – NCARB Workforce Readiness Work Group (Scottsdale AZ)

Travel Days: October 19 and 22

- Brian Kelly – July 18, 2023 – NCARB Credentials Meeting-Chair Training (Virtual)
- Brian Kelly – September 19, 2023 – NCARB Region V Meeting (Virtual)
- Brian Kelly – September 14, 2023 – NCARB Credentials Committee Meeting (Virtual)
- Brian Kelly – September 28, 2023 – NCARB Board of Directors Presentation (Virtual)
- Jason Suelter – September 8, 2023 – NCEES SE Exam Development Meeting (Virtual)
- Jason Suelter – September 14, 2023 – NCEES EPP Committee Meeting (Virtual)
- Jason Suelter – September 20-21, 2023 – NCEES SE Cut Score Meeting (Greenville SC)

Travel Days: September 19 and 22

- Alan Wedige – September 19, 2023 – NCARB Region V Meeting (Virtual)

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

*Motion by Thiele, second by Isom, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussion of compliance investigations and partner-agency processes, not a matter of public information to prevent needless injury to the*

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*reputation of those involved. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Isom, Suelter, Thiele, Wedige, Bostelman; Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Foley*

Executive session began at 9:35 a.m.

## **E. COMPLIANCE**

Cases 20.14, 21.24, 21.40, 22.09, 22.21, 22.25, 23.09, 23.13, 23.14, 23.15, 23.16, 23.18, 23.19, 23.20, 23.23, 23.24, and 23.26 were discussed in executive session.

### **Other Compliance Issues**

License disclosures, project reviews, and partner agency processes were discussed in executive session.

Isom left the meeting at 12:12 pm

*Motion by Wedige, second by Thiele, to close the executive session for the purpose of 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: Dvorak, Suelter, Thiele, Wedige, Bostelman; Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Foley, Isom*

Executive session ended at 12:13 p.m.

*Motion by Wedige, second by Thiele, to cancel the hearing and dismiss Case 21.24 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Suelter, Thiele, Wedige, Bostelman; Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Foley, Isom*

*Motion by Wedige, second by Thiele, to dismiss Case 21.40 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of architectural remediation and the involvement of licensees on the project with the right to reopen. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Suelter, Thiele, Wedige, Bostelman; Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Foley, Isom*

*Motion by Wedige, second by Bostelman, to dismiss Case 23.09 and monitor the terms of the settlement agreement. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Suelter, Thiele, Wedige, Bostelman; Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Foley, Isom*

*Motion by Wedige, second by Thiele, to dismiss Case 23.13 without disciplinary action based on the engagement of licensees on the project with the right to reopen. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Suelter, Thiele, Wedige, Bostelman; Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Foley, Isom*

*Motion by Wedige, second by Thiele, to dismiss Case 23.14 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Suelter, Thiele, Wedige, Bostelman; Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Foley, Isom*

*Motion by Wedige, second by Thiele, to dismiss Case 23.16 based on the successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Suelter, Thiele, Wedige, Bostelman; Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Foley, Isom*

*Motion by Wedige, second by Bostelman, to dismiss Case 23.18 based on the successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Suelter, Thiele, Wedige, Bostelman; Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Foley, Isom*

*Motion by Wedige, second by Thiele, to dismiss Case 23.19 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Suelter, Thiele, Wedige, Bostelman; Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Foley, Isom*

*Motion by Wedige, second by Thiele, to dismiss Case 23.20 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Suelter, Thiele, Wedige, Bostelman; Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Foley, Isom*



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*Motion by Wedige, second by Dvorak, to renew the license and dismiss Case 23.21 based on satisfying the terms of the settlement agreement. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Suelter, Thiele, Wedige, Bostelman; Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Foley, Isom*

*Motion by Wedige, second by Thiele, to dismiss Case 23.24. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Suelter, Thiele, Wedige, Bostelman; Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Foley, Isom*

*Motion by Wedige, second by Thiele, to dismiss Case 23.26 without disciplinary action after issuing a letter of caution. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Suelter, Thiele, Wedige, Bostelman; Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Foley, Isom*

## **F. APPLICATIONS**

### **Administratively Approved**

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

**Approved:** E-20175 Christopher Michael Abela, Structural; E-20172 Tyler Christopher Allen, Civil; E-20116 Scott Michael Barney, Civil; E-20158 Chaim Eliahu Bernstein, Electrical and Computer; E-20164 Darren Thomas Bevard, Mechanical; E-2018 Lucas Kyle Bever, Civil; E-20161 Paul Joseph Chikoski, Electrical and Computer; E-20166 Nathan Dwayne Clifton, Civil; E-20113 David Mead Dixon, Civil; E-20155 Ernest Adrian Fennell, Electrical and Computer; E-20167 Brandon Joseph Gonzalez, Civil; E-20154 Brett Thomas Hanrahan, Civil; E-20112 Reed Lawrence Jackson, Mechanical; E-20157 Ian Nicholas Jesse, Structural; E-20110 Trevor Alexander Jones, Civil; E-20173 Michael Edward Kalinski, Civil; E-20151 Austin Thomas Kirsch, Structural; E-20160 Kevin Paul Lasky, Civil; E-20181 Tod Francis Mattson, Electrical and Computer; E-20150 Clarence Fernando McAllister, Electrical and Computer; E-20159 David Sean Merrell, Structural; C-20163 Christopher John Milani, Civil; E-20171 David Samuel Morgan, Civil; E-20178 Adam Robert Mueller, Electrical and Computer; E-20162 David Anthony Murie, Civil; E-20177 Lee Gavin Neuharth, Mechanical; E-20156 Marcus Alan Perry, Architectural; E-20117 Benjamin Edward Prewitt, Structural; E-20174 Austin Duke Ray, Civil; E-20179 Patrick Dennis Reynolds, Structural; E-20168 Benjamin Michael Rosenzweig, Mechanical; E-20169 Elisabeth Eileen Ryon, Civil; E-20176 Thomas Charles Schiefer, Environmental; E-20115 Shahrokh Shahfar, Mechanical; E-20153 Steven Lucas Stack, Structural; E-20165 Mark Alan Stallbaumer, Electrical and Computer; E-20111 Tammy Cooley Storey, Mechanical; E-20114 Hannah Christine Tawfik, Civil; E-20182 Chad Hansen Vogt, Structural

#### [Licensure of Architects by NCARB Certification](#)

**Approved:** A-5568 Brian Ray Bailey, A-5567 Timothy Robert Barnhill, A-5565 Aaron Kenneth Becker, A-5560 Edward Robert Eichten, A-5561 Paul Michael Eland, A-5566 Corey Allan Englund, A-5564 Tobias Dereck Heddinghaus, A-5569 Enrique Juan Macia, A-5570 Thomas John Olson

#### [Temporary Permits](#)

**Approved:** T-655 Cecil Olimuthu, Engineering

#### [Engineer Intern Enrollment Certificates](#)

**Approved:** Noah Lauris Berkenwald, Jonathan Richard Camenzind, Alonso Antonio, Dubon, Grant Robert Goodrich, Isaac Ramsey Hansen, Erick Lynn Jones, Khalil Thomas Khalil, Abed-nego Kyungu Kime, Jefferson Tin Mai, Rebecca Magdalena Podariu, Chaddwick Earl Joseph Ziemann

#### [Certificates of Authorization](#)

**Approved:** CA5123 Skydancing Consultants Associates Inc, CA5124 Sirius Structures LLC, CA5125 Gregory P Luth & Associates Inc, CA5126 Morris Engineering Group Inc, CA5127 Western Wood Structures Inc, CA5128 Tecnimount USA Inc, CA5129 Independent Forensic Investigations Corporation, CA5130 The Consulting Engineering Group LLC, CA5131 Hanbury Evans Wright Viattas + Company, CA5132 ALJ-Lindsey LLC, CA5133 Industrial Design Group LLC, CA5134 JTA Engineering LLC, CA5135 META Storage Solutions Inc, CA5136 The

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Aspen Utility Company LLC, CA5137 YH and Company, CA5138 Manhard Consulting Ltd, CA5139 Hubbard Merrell Engineering Corporation, CA5140 Prospiant Inc, CA5141 Streamline Architects LLC, CA5142 Logue Engineering & Consulting LLC, CA5143 FOUNDarchitects LLC, CA5144 Joe Kreski AIA LLC, CA5145 Joseph David Associates

#### PE Exam Applications

**Approved:** Caleb Coleman Craven, Civil; Benjamin Jensen Hector, Civil; Jared Larson Hemphill, Civil; Alexander Vaughn Holliger, Chemical; Abed-nego Kyungu Kime, Civil; David Andrew Lamoureux, Naval Architecture & Marine; Adam Michael Metzger, Mechanical; Sussan Moussavi, Civil; Kyle Matthew Otto, Civil; Dana Lynn Pendleton, Naval Architecture & Marine; Brenton Dean Regier, Mechanical; John Ira Remus III, Civil; Joel Austin Smith, Civil; Eric Ryan Suing, Civil; Natalija Zita Ward Grigaitis, Civil; Colin Kent Wiersema, Civil; Anthony Thomas Zach, Civil; Chaddwick Earl Joseph Ziemann, Civil

#### Licensure/Examination

##### Licensure of Professional Engineers by Comity and Initial

**Approved Initial Applications:** Ali Meerali Jasim Al-Zamily, Mechanical; Keegan Tanner Bell, Mechanical; Naisargi Nitinkumar Dave, Civil; Michael Bradley Friest, Mechanical; Stephen Michael Gnagy, Civil; Mitchell Taylor Gocke; Jennifer Marie Hames, Mechanical; Andrew Jon Holthaus, Mechanical; Jacob Eugene Pales, Mechanical; Nathan Avery Schmidt, Civil

**Approved Comity Applications:** Joseph Nikhil Anthony, Mechanical; Luis Berroteran, Civil; Jenny Liu Chen, Civil; Xing Lan, Civil; Steven Leonard Locke, Civil; Theresa Camille Mordaunt, Structural

##### Licensure of Professional Engineers by Experience

**Approved:** Jerold Albert Bishop, Civil; William Anthony Butler, Environmental; Shameem Ahmed Dewan, Civil

##### Licensure of Architects by Comity and Initial – *None*

##### Licensure of Architects by Experience – *None*

##### Licensure of Professional Engineers by Reinstatement

**Approved:** E-15545 Jessica Rose Revell, Civil; E-12350 Robert Jerome Frost, Civil

##### Licensure of Architects by Reinstatement

**Approved:** A-4639 Jeffrey Alan Renterghem

#### Special Cases

##### Engineer Intern Enrollment

**Approved:** Dipendra Shrestha

##### Licensure of Professional Engineers by Comity

**Approved:** Mark Hamre Kuhlman, Electrical and Computer

#### Other Issues/Information

##### Completed Application Statistics

Charts and statistics regarding the number of applications, certificates of authorization, and other application types were provided.

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

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*Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to approve and license Mark Hamre Kuhlman as an Electrical and Computer Engineer. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Suelter, Thiele, Wedige, Bostelman; Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Foley, Isom*

## **G. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **Financial Reports – August 2023**

[FY23-24 Financial Profile](#)

[Budget Status](#)

[Fund Summary](#)

[MTD General Ledger Detail](#)

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

**Other Financial Matters – None**

## **H. GENERAL INFORMATION**

A schedule of upcoming meetings and events was provided. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., in the fifth-floor conference room, 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska.

### **Licensure and Certificate Trends**

*Numbers as of September 6, 2023*

Professional Engineers .....	9,106
Architects.....	1,952
Certificates of Authorization .....	2,482
Temporary Permits .....	20

### **Examination Information/Statistics**

The August and September 2023 Open Eligibilities reports were provided along with the July 2023 ARE Pass/Fail Report

### **Other Information**

[FY23-24 Marketing Plan](#)

The FY2023-24 Marketing Plan was provided.

[Facebook Analytics](#)

The Facebook Analytics for August shows 205 people were reached, with 92 visits.

[Website Dashboard Report](#)

The Website Dashboard reports show the Board's website had 3,229 total visits in July and 4,036 in August. Facebook had the most social media sessions, with 4 in July and 27 in August.

[Record of Board Policies](#)

The Board's approved policies as of February 16, 2023, were provided.

## ADJOURNMENT

*Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. Kelly", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary