

CALL TO ORDER

The October 20, 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; Bruce Dvorak; Brett Foley; Dan Thiele; Absent: Jan Bostelman; Lenora Nelson; Allan Wedige

Thiele was appointed Secretary for this meeting in Wedige's absence.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melissa Ficke – Catalyst Public Affairs

Sara Kay – American Institute of Architects – Nebraska, Executive Director

A. CONSENT AGENDA

[September 15, 2023, Meeting Minutes](#)

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

B. MEETING REPORTS

NBEA Subcommittee Reports

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

[Interior Design Committee](#)

Catalyst Public Affairs provided a recap of the LR221 hearing regarding the regulation of interior designers. The hearing was held before the Government, Military, Veterans Affairs (GMVA) Committee on September 22, 2023. Several interior designers testified about their work experience in Nebraska versus other jurisdictions. Matt Barusch, Director of Government Affairs and Advocacy for the Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ) testified on their behalf. ED Wilbeck testified on behalf of the Board, reviewing the technical difficulties the Board has with LB471, and clarified that the exemption matrix in Title 110 is established through the negotiated rule-making process as required by statute. The Board cannot make arbitrary determinations as it sees fit. The process involves representatives from stakeholder groups, including, but not limited to, engineers, architects, professional societies, general contractors, insurance companies, real estate developers, and others.

ED Wilbeck provided an overview of the work of the Interorganizational Council on Regulation's (ICOR) Practice Overlap Task Force. The final report will be given to the ICOR leadership in January 2024.

Other Meeting Reports – None

C. OLD BUSINESS

[Database Replacement Project w/NCARB](#)

ED Wilbeck updated the members on the progress of the database replacement. Renewals for the landscape architects are scheduled to go live on October 23, 2023. Work continues on implementing the applications.

[Notice of Rulemaking Hearing, December 1, 2023](#)

A copy of the hearing notice to be published no later than October 27, 2023, was provided. The hearing is to receive feedback on the proposed rules revisions approved by the Board at the September 14, 2023, meeting.

[2024 Mid-Biennium Budget Request; Draft Submission](#)

ED Wilbeck provided a draft copy of the Mid-Biennium Budget Request. The request is needed to receive legislative approval to add an additional staff position starting with the 2024-25 fiscal year. The request is being made due to the increased volume of license/exam applications and compliance-related issues and outreach.

Motion by Suelter, second by Thiele, to approve the 2024 Mid-Biennium Budget Request as presented and discussed. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Dvorak, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Nelson, Wedige

D. NEW BUSINESS

[Trade Name Request](#)

A request was received from Payment Solutions Architects to allow the usage of architects in the organization's business name. The organization is a payment software consultant. The request was discussed in executive session.

[NCARB *Fast Facts*, September 2023](#)

A copy of the September 2023 NCARB *Fast Facts* was provided.

[NCARB *Update*, August 2023](#)

A copy of the August 2023 NCARB *Update* was provided.

[NCARB Region V Workgroup Conference Call; Monday, October 30](#)

Information was provided regarding the upcoming NCARB Region V Workgroup conference call, which will include, but is not limited to, regional realignment.

[NCEES 2024 Call for 2024 National Service Award Nominations](#)

A copy of the call for the 2024 National Service Award Nominations was provided. Nominations must be received no later than January 31, 2024. The members voted to nominate Vice-Chair Suelter for the Distinguished Exam Service Award for his work on the structural exam committee and his leadership in the computer-based testing transition.

Motion by Thiele, second by Dvorak, to nominate Vice-Chair Suelter for the NCEES Distinguished Exam Service Award. Voting Yes: Foley, Thiele, Dvorak, Kelly; Voting No: None; Abstained: Suelter; Absent: Bostelman, Nelson, Wedige

[Marketing/Outreach](#)

[Marketing Plan Update](#)

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

- The latest NBEA Blog was published on Friday, September 27th. The next blog entry is scheduled for Monday, October 30th.
- RSVPs for the Capital Ceremony on November 3rd are due October 20th. The speakers and the photographer have been confirmed. – 50 licensees have RSVP

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- Staff hosted the latest *Lunch & Learn* webinar on October 4th, covering renewals and the CE audits. Over 500 attended.
- ED Wilbeck will be giving a presentation to the engineering students at Doane University on October 26th.
- ED Wilbeck participated as the Board representative during the ABET accreditation visit to UNL.

Board member travel and per diem requests

The following travel and per diem requests were approved:

- Brian Kelly – August 10, 2023 – NCARB Credentials Committee Meeting (Virtual)
- Brian Kelly, Lenora Nelson, Alan Wedige – August 22, 2023 – NCARB Council Hour (Virtual)
- Brian Kelly – August 31, 2023 – NCARB Credentials Committee Meeting (Virtual)
- Brian Kelly, Lenora Nelson, Alan Wedige – September 26, 2023 – NBEA Interior Design Committee Meeting (Virtual)
- Brian Kelly – September 27, 2023 – NCARB Pre-Board of Directors Meeting (Virtual)
- Brian Kelly – September 28, 2023 – NCARB Board of Directors Meeting (Virtual)
- Jason Suelter – October 12-14, 2023 – NCEES SE Committee – (Greenville NC)
Travel Days: October 11 and 15
- Brian Kelly – October 16, 2023 – NCARB Credentials Follow-up with W/President & Staff (Virtual)
- Brian Kelly – October 19, 2023 – NCARB Credentials Committee Meeting (Virtual)
- Jan Bostelman, Dan Thiele, Jason Suelter, Bruce Dvorak – October 25, 2023 – NCEES State of the Council (Virtual)
- Brian Kelly – October 23, 2023 – NCARB Additional Pathways to Initial Licensure Guidance (Virtual)
- Jan Bostelman, Jason Suelter – October 26-27, 2023 – NCEES EPP Committee Meeting (Virtual)
- Brian Kelly – October 30, 2023 – NCARB Region 5 Regional Realignment Workgroup (Virtual)
- Brian Kelly – December 7-9, 2023 – Committee Summit/Futures Symposium (Washington DC)
Travel Days: December 6 and 10

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

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, 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 reputation of those involved. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Dvorak, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Nelson, Wedige

Executive Session began at 10:00 a.m.

Trade Name Reconsideration Request

A request was received from Miller & Martin PLLC, legal counsel for Engineered Floors, for the Board to reconsider its decision to deny the organization the authorization to use *engineered* in the organization's business name. Discussed in executive session – Action deferred.

E. COMPLIANCE

Cases 20.14, 22.09, 22.21, 22.25, 23.15, 23.23, and 23.27 were discussed in executive session.

Other Compliance Issues

A continuing education waiver request and license disclosure were discussed in executive session along with Project Review 01 and 02, and partner agency processes.

Motion by Suelter, 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: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Dvorak, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Nelson, Wedige

Executive session ended at 11:20 a.m.

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to dismiss Case 20.14 based on fulfilling all the terms of the settlement agreement. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Dvorak, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Nelson, Wedige

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to schedule a hearing in Case 22.09 for January 2024. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Dvorak, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Nelson, Wedige

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to dismiss Case 22.21 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Dvorak, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Nelson, Wedige

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to schedule a hearing in Case 23.23 for January 2024 and send the proposed settlement agreement, in lieu of the disciplinary hearing. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Dvorak, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Nelson, Wedige

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to authorize architectural and engineering remediation in Case 23.27 and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 60 days. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Dvorak, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Nelson, Wedige

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to waive 20 hours of continuing education hours for the 2022-23 period and lift the restriction on virtual hours under Rule 9.3.1 in the continuing education waiver request. The ethics hour is still required. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Dvorak, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Nelson, Wedige

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to renew the license in the license renewal disclosure and note the disclosure on the licensee's file in the license disclosure. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Dvorak, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Nelson, Wedige

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to deny the request of Payment Solutions Architects to allow the use of architects in the organization's name. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Dvorak, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Nelson, Wedige

F. APPLICATIONS

Administratively Approved

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

Approved: E-20233 Anthony Francis Adamo, Civil; E-20224 Casey Lee Adams, Mechanical; E-20225 Brandon Paul Aman, Civil; E-20250 Matthew Merrill Arnold, Chemical; E-20191 Thomas Bruce Axley Jr, Mechanical; E-20236 Colin Lowrance Bailey, Civil; E-2013 Payne Davis Ball, Civil; E-20251 Brenton Charles Baumer, Electrical; E-20221 Tyler Kristofer Bernius, Civil; E-20223 Bradley Keith Brimhall, Civil; E-20216 Katharine Olivia Cannia, Architectural; E-20249 Andrew Ray Coleman, Civil; E-20214 Derek Steven Cone, Civil; E-20252 Davia Ann

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Gernand, Mechanical; E-20229 Evan Watkins Graves, Mechanical; E-20219 Timothy Webster Gunnels, Mechanical; E-20226 Cole Charles Janisch, Structural; E-20240 Michael William Killian, Mechanical; E-20239 Joshua Halleck Koch, Mechanical; E-20232 Matthew Ryan Kromke, Civil; E-20190 Joelle Elizabeth Lattimer, Civil; E-20228 Nicholas James Long, Chemical; E-20245 Clayton Monroe Lucas, Electrical and Computer; E-20220 Luis Alberto Madrigal, Mechanical; E-20188 Ryan Medalla Magalang, Electrical and Computer; E-20185 Tyler James Marshall, Civil; E-20237 Matthew William Massa, Mechanical; E-20183 Charles Robert McCallum, Civil; E-20215 Rodger Timothy McManus, Electrical and Computer; E-20248 Justin Henri Meillier, Civil; E-20212 Nicholas Richard Moore, Structural; E-20184 Antonia Renae Nelson, Electrical and Computer; E-20222 Andria Joan Odrowski, Electrical; E-20231 Adedamola Ibikunle Oluwakemi Oyesanya, Civil; E-20218 Richard Joseph Pantel, Civil; E-20189 Esra Hasabas Persellin, Civil; E-20235 Angela Jean Robinson, Electrical and Computer; E-20244 Tomas Gerald Rodacker, Electrical; E-20234 Leslie McColl Saunders Jr, Mechanical; E-20243 Neil Louis Schlimgen, Mechanical; E-20246 Jeremy Thomas Schultz, Civil; E-20187 Armir Taraj, Civil; E-20253 Craig Allen Trietweiler, Mechanical; E-20227 Brock Allen Trotter, Chemical; E-20238 Charles Edward Venditti, Chemical; E-20242 Adam Robert Webb, Mechanical; E-20247 John Steven Windish, Civil; E-20230 Blake Aaron Woodward, Mechanical; E-20217 Eric Lee Wright, Mechanical; E-20186 Casey Andrew Wyatt, Civil; E-20241 Ruiman Yang, Civil

Licensure of Architects by NCARB Certification

Approved: A-5572 Patrick Dennis Burke, A-5575 Brandon Royce Diamond, A-5576 Melanie Rose Friedman, A-5578 Michael Edward Jerabeck, A-5573 Steven James Kovalik, A-5574 John Louis Warasila, A-5571 TJ Joseph Nowland Winger

Temporary Permits – *None*

Engineer Intern Enrollment Certificates

Approved: Emmanuel Oluwadamilare Akintunde, Braeden Robert Beck, Daniel Uriel Cano Pargas, Turner Craig Hill, Elijah Christian Salinas

Certificates of Authorization

Approved: CA5146 DesignArc Group LLC, CA5147 RISE Structural Associates Incorporated, CA5148 Signature Companies LLC, CA5149 Concrete Industries Inc, CA5150 REYN Engineering Inc, CA5151 Weatherproofing Technologies Inc, CA5152 KW Renewable Engineering Inc, CA5153 Thunderbird Consulting Group Inc, CA5154 Icové Ingram Group LLC, CA5155 K&A Engineering Consulting PC, CA5156 Horizon Drafting Engineering Services LLC, CA5157 JSI Engineering LLC, CA5158 Erdman Company, CA5159 LTS Drafting & Engineering, CA5160 Vareberg Engineering Ltd, CA5161 Kinectrics AES Inc, CA5162 E2 Engineers LLC, CA5163 Denham-Blythe Company Inc, CA5164 PV Letters LLC, CA5165 Pappageorge Haymes Partners, CA5166 Domain By Jackson Dawson

PE Exam Applications

Approved: Emmanuel Oluwadamilare Akintunde, Civil; Ross Martin Brown, Mechanical; Samuel Patrick Deisz, Mechanical; Payton Mackenzie Eyler, Chemical; Andrew James Hansen, Civil; Joshua David Jackson, Civil; Robert Magallon III, Civil; Mary Katherine Mulhall, Mechanical; Mary Katherine Mulhall, Fire Protection; Keifer Shawn Smith, Civil; Steven Matthew Stella, Mechanical; Nathan Mitchell Van Loon, Mechanical; Nathan Mitchell Van Loon, Electrical and Computer; Mark Nicholas Wagner, Mechanical; Brock Yannone Walla, Civil; Taylor Grant Wendt, Civil; Jace Devyn Wieseler, Mechanical

Licensure/Examination

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Comity and Initial

Approved Initial Applications: Richard Thomas Branton, Civil; Meredith Lynn Butler, Civil; Jonathan Christian Carle, Electrical and Computer; Jacob Xavier Glair, Electrical and Computer; McKinley Rae Harm, Civil; Andrew Christopher Heithoff, Civil; Trevor David Steinkruger, Mechanical; David Glenn Turner Jr, Mechanical

Approved Comity Applications: Juan Du, Mechanical; Khaled Pordel, Civil; Eric Lawrence Thompson, Civil

[Licensure of Professional Engineers by Experience](#)

Approved: Katherine Virginia Broman-Ballas, Mechanical; Cleve Edward Dryden, Civil; Carianne Adams Finch, Environmental; John Michael Gade, Civil; Ryan Reed Hales, Civil; Donald Elliott Spencer, Mechanical; Steve Jay Troyer, Civil

[Licensure of Architects by Comity and Initial – None](#)

[Licensure of Architects by Experience](#)

Approved: Derek Eugene Young

[Licensure of Professional Engineers by Reinstatement – None](#)

[Licensure of Architects by Reinstatement – None](#)

Special Cases

[Licensure of Professional Engineers by Comity](#)

Approved: Rahul Kandepaneni, Mechanical

Other Issues/Information

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

Motion by Thiele, second by Suelter, to accept the staff recommendations on applications except for Kandepaneni. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Dvorak, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Nelson, Wedige

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to remove the education deficiency for Kandepaneni based on his fluency in multiple languages. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Dvorak, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Nelson, Wedige

G. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Reports – September 2023

[FY23-24 Financial Profile](#)

[Budget Status](#)

[Fund Summary](#)

[MTD General Ledger Detail](#)

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

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 1, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., in the fifth-floor conference room, 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln.

Licensure and Certificate Trends

Numbers as of October 12, 2023

Professional Engineers	9,201
Architects.....	1,963
Certificates of Authorization	2,481
Temporary Permits.....	17

Examination Information/Statistics

The October ARE Open Eligibilities report was provided along with August and September ARE Pass/Fail reports and 2023 Q3 Pass/Fail statistics.

The 2023 Q3 FE and PE Pass/Fail reports were provided.

Other Information

[FY23-24 Marketing Plan](#)

The FY2023-24 Marketing Plan was provided.

[Facebook Analytics](#)

The Facebook analytics for September show 208 people were reached with 90 visits.

[September Blog Analytics](#)

The September Blog was sent to 10,752 recipients with 6,908 opens and 2,319 clicks.

[Website Dashboard Report](#)

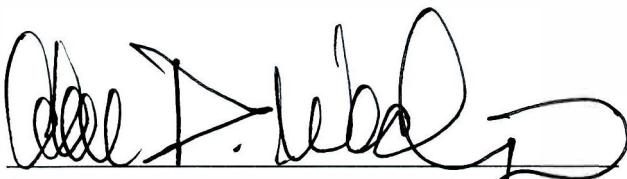
The Website Dashboard report shows the Board’s website had 4,028 total visits in September. Reddit had the most social media sessions, with 17.

[Record of Board Policies](#)

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

ADJOURNMENT

| Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 11:55 p.m.


Secretary
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