

CALL TO ORDER

The April 19, 2024, meeting of the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects was held in the fifth-floor conference room, 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chair Suelter 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: Jason Suelter, Chair; Brian Kelly, Vice-Chair; Bruce Dvorak, Secretary; Jan Bostelman; Lenora Nelson; Dan Thiele; Alan Wedige; Absent: Brett Foley

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA

[March 15, 2024, Meeting Minutes](#)

[NCARB Update – February 2024](#)

[NCARB Fast Facts – March 2024](#)

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alyssa Hendrix spoke with the Board regarding two projects.

B. MEETING REPORTS

NBEA Subcommittee Reports – *None*

A copy of the FY2023-24 committee appointments and charges was provided.

Other Meeting Reports – *None*

C. OLD BUSINESS

[Database Replacement Project w/NCARB](#)

ED Wilbeck updated the members on the progress of the database replacement project.

[NCEES/United Kingdom Engineering Council \(UK EngC\) Mutual Recognition Agreement](#)

A copy of the draft mutual recognition agreement between NCEES and the UK EngC was provided along with other related information. The NCEES Board of Directors approved the final draft in February 2024, and by the UK EngC Board of Directors in March 2024. Further discussion will take place at the Zone meetings. No action was taken.

[NBEA Operational Planning Meeting Info & Suggested Topics](#)

The 2024 Operational Planning Meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. at the Thiele Geotech Training Center, 13460 Chandler Rd Omaha. A proposed agenda was provided with suggested topics to include:

- 2025-27 Biennial Budget Input
- Marketing/Outreach

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- Compliance Issues - include organizations practicing without or on an expired certificate of authorization, discussion on what constitutes multiple or repetitive violations in Rule 1.19.4, and NCEES and NCARB guidelines for pulling an individual's Model Law Engineering (MLE) or certificate and how to handle them at the Board level.
- Legislative Issues
- Consultant Selection Process
- Reviewing the Continuing Education (CE) Audit flow chart to reflect the CE audits being conducted after the renewal period.

D. NEW BUSINESS

Trade Name Request

Techtron Engineering Services LLC requested that the organization be allowed to use the term engineering in its Nebraska trade name. The organization is an environmental testing company that deals with hazardous material conditions. It currently employs at least one professional engineer licensed in Minnesota.

Motion by Bostelman, second by Dvorak, to deny the request from Techtron Engineering Services LLC to use the term engineering in the organization's trade name with the Nebraska Secretary of State. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Dvorak, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Wedige, Suelter; Voting No: None; Absent: Foley

Policy P08.06 License Discipline without Exam Results – Deletion

The policy addressed license applicants who were unable to provide verification of passing the structural exam and disallowing such applicants from submitting the Affidavit of Specific Discipline to verify their experience in structural engineering. The policy was promulgated into Board Rule 4.1.1.2.1, effective March 16, 2024.

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to approve the deletion of Policy P08.06. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Dvorak, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Wedige, Suelter; Voting No: None; Absent: Foley

NCARB 2024 Annual Business Meeting Delegate Selection

Vice-Chair Kelly, Foley, and Wedige were selected as the funded member delegates to the NCARB 2024 Annual Business Meeting, June 13-15, 2024, in Chicago, IL. ED Wilbeck was also approved as the funded member board executive. Special Assistant Attorney General Minahan was approved as the funded legal council representative. NCARB will fund Nelson as a member of the board of directors.

Motion by Kelly, second by Dvorak to approve Vice-Chair Kelly, Foley, and Wedige as the funded member delegates, ED Wilbeck as the funded member board executive, and Special Assistant Attorney General Minahan were approved as the legal council representative to the 2024 NCARB Annual Business Meeting, June 13-15, 2024. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Dvorak, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Wedige, Suelter; Voting No: None; Absent: Foley

Outreach/Marketing Plan Update

PIO Bennett provided an update on the Marketing Plan and Outreach. Highlights included:

- The latest edition of *The Nebraska Professional* was released on March 21st.
- ED Wilbeck presented to a UNL Civil Engineering class on March 26th regarding the E&A Act and licensing requirements.
- The Board's *Lunch and Learn* webinar was held on March 27th. The topics included who the board is, the E&A Act, and when licensees are required on a project. There were approximately 700 attendees. In response to the post-webinar survey, an ethics session was the most requested topic for a future webinar.

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- ED Wilbeck presented to a Doane Engineering freshmen class on April 9th.

Board Member Travel and Per Diem Requests

The following per diem and travel requests were approved.

- Jan Bostelman – April 10, 2024 – NCEES Central Zone Planning Meeting (Virtual)
Jason Suelter
- Brian Kelly – April 11, 2024 – NCARB Credentials Committee Meeting (Virtual)
- Brian Kelly – April 16, 2024 – NCARB Region 5 Pre-Board of Directors Meeting (Virtual)
Lenora Nelson
- Lenora Nelson – April 12, 2024 – NCARB Board of Directors Meeting (Virtual)
- Lenora Nelson – April 24, 2024 – NCARB Lineup Board Meeting (Asheville NC) (Per Diem only)
Travel Day: April 23
- Lenora Nelson – April 29, 2024 – NCARB Workforce Readiness Committee (Virtual)
- Bruce Dvorak – June 4, 2024 – NCEES Education Award Jury (Virtual)
- Lenora Nelson – June 13-15, 2024 – NCARB Annual Business Meeting (Chicago IL) (Per Diem only)
Brett Foley
Travel Days: June 12 and 16
Brian Kelly
Alan Wedige
- Jon Wilbeck – June 13-15, 2024 – NCARB Annual Business Meeting (Chicago IL) (NCARB Funded)
Sean Minahan
Travel Days: June 12 and 16
- Jan Bostelman – August 14-17, 2024 – NCEES Annual Meeting (Chicago IL) (Per Diem only)
Jason Suelter
Travel Days: August 13 and 18
Dan Thiele
Bruce Dvorak
- Jon Wilbeck – August 14-17, 2024 – NCEES Annual Meeting (Chicago IL) (NCEES funded)
Travel Days: August 13 and 18
- Amy Habe – August 16-17, 2024 – NCEES Law Enforcement Workshop (Chicago IL) (NCEES funded)

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

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

Executive Session began at 9:41 a.m.

E. COMPLIANCE

Cases 23.15, 23.27, 23.28, 24.01, 24.02, 24.04, 24.05, 24.07, 24.08, 24.09, 24.10, 24.11, 24.12, 24.13, 24.14, and 24.1 were discussed in executive session.

Dvorak left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Other Compliance Issues

Project Review 04-01 and partner agency processes were discussed in executive session.

F. APPLICATIONS

A continuing education waiver request and architect reinstatement application were discussed during executive session.

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

Executive session ended at 11:24 a.m.

Motion by Thiele, second by Kelly, to close Case 24.01 based on satisfying all terms of the settlement agreement. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Wedige, Suelter; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Foley

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to accept the settlement agreement in Case 24.09 and authorize the chair to execute and waive the balance of costs. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Wedige, Suelter; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Foley

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to dismiss Case 24.10 based on the project no longer being subject to the Engineers and Architects Act. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Wedige, Suelter; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Foley

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to dismiss Case 24.11 based on the project not being subject to the Engineers and Architects Act. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Wedige, Suelter; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Foley

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to authorize architectural and engineering remediation in Case 24.12 and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 60 days. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Wedige, Suelter; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Foley

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to open a case against the designer in Case 24.12 for the unlicensed practice of architecture and engineering. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Wedige, Suelter; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Foley

Motion by Thiele, second by Kelly, to authorize architectural and engineering remediation in Case 24.13 and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 60 days. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Wedige, Suelter; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Foley

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to authorize architectural and engineering remediation in Case 24.14 and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 60 days. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Wedige, Suelter; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Foley

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to authorize architectural and engineering remediation in Case 24.15 and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 60 days. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Wedige, Suelter; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Foley

Motion by Thiele, second by Kelly, to open a case against the designer in Case 24.15 for the unlicensed practice of architecture and engineering. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Wedige, Suelter; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Foley

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Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to approve the 2021-2022 renewal and grant a waiver of 15 continuing education hours for 2023-24 due to a medical hardship. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Wedige, Suelter; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Foley

F. APPLICATIONS

Licensure of Architects by Reinstatement

Approved: A-3466 David Quade

Motion by Thiele, second by Kelly, to approve the architect reinstatement application of David Quade. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Wedige, Suelter; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Foley

Administratively Approved

Licensure of Professional Engineers by NCEES MLE Designation

E-20556 Natalie Nichole Anderson, Chemical; E-20553 Matthew Austin Anguiano, Electrical and Computer; E-20541 Floyd Tyler Baker, Electrical and Computer; E-20549 Anthony John Boes, Civil; E-20571 Tryton Hugh Bower, Electrical and Computer; E-20591 Kevin Coy Clark, Civil; E-20546 Eric Alan Cowey, Civil; E-20572 Cole Michael Donahue, Electrical and Computer; E-20582 David Roosevelt Dougherty, Civil; E-20520 Conrad William Felice, Civil; E-20557 Jason Terence Fox, Mechanical; E-20554 Brent Michael Gannon, Civil; E-20534 Nicholas Adam Gardner, Civil; E-20575 Damian Francis Greble, Civil; E-20587 Peter Andrew Greifenberg, Control Systems; E-20568 Mark William Griffin, Mechanical; E-20518 Clinton James Gross, Civil; E-20584 Jason Christopher Grossi, Mechanical; E-20535 Marc Tyler Hess, Electrical and Computer; E-20583 Andrew Jeremy Houchin, Civil; E-20580 Alexandr Ignatenco, Civil; E-20560 Micah Matthew Jacobson, Civil; E-20589 Gregory Clair Johnson, Chemical; E-20579 Jonathan Michael Kelly, Electrical and Computer; E-20519 Blair Collin Kinser, Civil; E-20543 John Robert Koenig, Mechanical; E-20548 Thomas Michael Lehner, Mechanical; E-20517 David Harding Lovvorn, Structural; E-20570 Gabrielle Marie Martens, E-20570; E-20552 Kevin Dean McDonald, Mechanical; E-20569 Ryan James McPherson, Civil; E-20567 Toni Homayon Mehraban, Environmental; E-20544 John Martin Montano, Electrical; E-20536 Matthew David Monteith, Civil; E-20559 Patrick Michael Moran, Mechanical; E-20577 Christopher Ryan Moseley, Fire Protection; E-20585 Adam Michael Pace, Civil; E-20558 Jason Daniel Perry, Structural; E-20540 Ricardo Enrique Pino, Electrical and Computer; E-20545 Tomislav Puljic, Civil; E-20586 Kerry Daniel Rauschendorfer, Civil; E-20574 Joseph Edward Reardon, Mechanical; E-20537 Carly Kay Rocco, Civil; E-20551 Christopher Robert Romansky, Civil; E-20588 Nathaniel William Runyan, Civil; E-20590 James Dale Sabinas, Mechanical; E-20564 Michael Henry Schroeder, Civil; E-20555 Lucas Ryan Shupak, Mechanical; E-20550 Matthew Decker Simmons, Mechanical; E-20565 Kaylyn Anne Slage, Civil; E-20547 Jeffrey David Smith, Mechanical; E-20578 Seth Aaron Sorensen, Civil; E-20542 Dunley Michael Stults, Civil; E-20576 John Edward Sturm Jr, Electrical and Computer; E-20561 Andrew Mel Sullivan, Civil; E-20562 Dallas Daniel Thola, Electrical and Computer; E-20573 Grant Holland Walters, Civil; E-20566 Kali Ann Wang, Mechanical; E-20581 Nathaniel Kenneth Westhoff, Civil; E-20563 Jeffrey Wayne Williams, Civil; E-20516 Christopher Daniel Wilson, Civil

Licensure of Architects by NCARB Certification

A-5646 Craig Steven Blume, A-5644 David Brian Devore, A-5647 David Francis Dick, A-5645 Peter Louis Hauerstein, A-5649 Chad Hayden Holtzinger, A-5641 Leah Kaye Loostrom, A-5642 Kevin Earl Nelson, A-5648 Stephen John Rebor, A-5648, A-5643 Andrew Richard Roehl

Temporary Permits

T-656 John Lawrence Wattu, Engineering; T-657 Mayurkumar Kishor Shah, Engineering

Engineer Intern Enrollment Certificates

Arafat Alam, Leah Azalia Boudreau, Luke Joseph Burbach, Tyler Ryan Day, Griffin James Rozek, Luke Daniel Walkenhorst, Peyton Charles Weiss

Certificates of Authorization

CA5241 David Evans and Associates Inc, CA5242 Bassenian Lagoni, CA5243 Infrastructure Associates Inc, CA5244 Butler Design Group Inc, CA5245 American Rail Engineers Corporation, CA5246 Infinite Code LLC, CA5247 Iconic Consulting Group, CA5248 Trylon USA Inc, CA5249 Apex Structural LLC, CA5250 Chastain & Associates LLC, CA5251 Wi-Skies LLC, CA5252 Bridgers & Paxton Consulting Engineers Inc

PE Exam Applications

William Francisco Calderon, Environmental; Brett Roger Cooper, Fire Protection; Dylan Joseph Fichtner, Mechanical; Antony Mohsen Kamal Masoud Kodsy, Structural; Trevor Michael Kuper, Civil; Garrett Anthony Quinn, Electrical and Computer; Rodrigo Andres Quintero Paez, Civil; Surya Subedi, Civil; William Thomas Walker, Civil; Cody Reinhardt Zarn, Structural

Licensure/Examination

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Comity and Initial

Initial License, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Kristopher Keith Ahrens, Mechanical; Wessam Mousa Alyassen, Civil; Jacob Alexander Delone, Civil; Troy Keith Nelson, Civil; John Ira Remus III, Civil; Connor Michael Sergren, Civil; Andrew Allen Wilshusen, Civil; Neil Steven Wolford, Civil; Hannah Jane Zumbrennen, Mechanical

Comity License, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Ozer Dereli, Civil; Cristian Wilmer Encalada Aravalo, Electrical and Computer; Yaser Nasirifar, Mechanical; Steven Daniel Peterman; Sam Salissen, Mechanical

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Experience

Staff Recommendation to Approve: Britton Welch Gentry, Civil

Licensure of Architects by Comity and Initial – None

Licensure of Architects by Experience – None

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Reinstatement

Staff Recommendation to Approve: E-14057 Eric David Fielder, Civil; E-13428 Kevin Timothy Lee, Electrical; E-17598 Alivia June Plankis, Civil

Licensure of Architects by Reinstatement

Staff Recommendation to Approve: A-4588 Parker Jackson Platt

Special Cases

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Comity

Defer to Board: John Arnold Copland, Civil

Staff Recommendation to Approve: Sunil Ghanshyam Thakkar, Civil

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 Kelly, to accept the staff recommendations. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Wedige, Suelter; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Foley

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to approve the comity application for John Arnold Copland. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Wedige, Suelter; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Foley

G. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Reports – March 2024

[FY2023-24 Financial Profile](#)

[Budget Status](#)

[Fund Summary](#)

[MTD General Ledger Detail](#)

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

Other Financial Matters – None

H. GENERAL INFORMATION

A schedule of upcoming meetings and national events was provided. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in the fifth-floor conference room, 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln. Operational Planning is scheduled for May 24, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. at the Thiele Geotech Training Center, 13460 Chandler Rd Omaha.

Licensure and Certificate Trends

Numbers as of April 11, 2024

Professional Engineers	9,117
Architects	1,914
Certificates of Authorization	2,471
Temporary Permits.....	16

Examination Information/Statistics

The April ARE Open Eligibility report, the February and March ARE Pass/Fail reports, and the ARE 2024 Q1 statistics were provided. The 2024 Q1 FE and PE Pass Rate reports were provided.

Other Information

The FY23-24 Marketing Plan was provided.

The Facebook Analytics for March was provided. There was a total of 52 visits with 414 reaches. There were three new likes for a total of 604. There were eleven posts with the post related to ED Wilbeck presenting at UNL, receiving 167 reaches and 25 engagements. The Website Analytics report for March was provided. There were 3,200 total visits and 2,600 new users during the month. The Board’s approved policies as of February 16, 2023, were provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Suelter adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Bruce Dvorak, Secretary