

CALL TO ORDER

The December 6, 2024, meeting of the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA) was held at 215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 400, Lincoln, Nebraska. Vice-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: Present: Brian Kelly, Vice-Chair; Bruce Dvorak, Secretary; Jan Bostelman; Jim Brisnehan; Brett Foley; Lenora Nelson; Dan Thiele. Absent: Jason Suelter, Chair

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

Public Comment

Dustin Cole, Chief Industries – Was available to answer any questions regarding a certificate of authorization application for Chief Industries.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

[October 25, 2024, Meeting Minutes](#)

[NCARB Update – October 2024](#)

[NCARB Fast Facts –October 2024](#)

[NCEES Fall 2025 Exam Changes](#)

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

B. MEETING REPORTS

NBEA Subcommittee Reports

A copy of the FY2024-25 committee appointments and charges was provided.

[Legislative Committee](#)

[New Senator Guide from Catalyst Public Affairs](#)

Catalyst Public Affairs provided a guide on the newly elected senators. Chris Jones from Catalyst Public Affairs provided a summary of the November elections and information regarding the upcoming 2025 legislative session. There will be twenty-nine new senators. The average experience of all senators will be two or less years.

Requests for committee chair positions are starting to be submitted. Senator Hansen, current chair of the Health and Human Services (HHS) committee, has put in to be the chair of the executive committee. Senator Rippe has requested to be chair of the HHS committee. Senator Brewer, chair of the Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs (GMVA) committee, has termed out. It is anticipated that Vice-Chair Sanders will become the chair. Senator Clements plans on returning as the chair of the Appropriations Committee.

A new legislative rule was passed that limits senators to introducing twenty bills per session. The Governor recently held a press conference outlining his priorities for the upcoming legislative session. They include gender protection in girls' sports and property tax relief. The Governor's 2025-27 biennium budget proposal will be introduced by January 15, 2025.

ED Wilbeck informed the members there is model legislative language discussed by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) that, if introduced and enacted, may require agencies to submit data to the governor's office regarding application turnaround times. The Governor would then designate a required turnaround time, and if the agency did not complete it within the designated time frame, the agency would forfeit the application fee. ED Wilbeck will continue to monitor this issue.

C. OLD BUSINESS

Final Text of Proposed Rules Changes

A copy of the final text of the proposed rules changes was provided. Changes include but are not limited to:

- A definition for Public Works added
- Clarification that a degree from an ETAC/ABET-accredited engineering technology program does not meet Nebraska's education requirement for comity licensure even if the application has a Model Law Engineer (MLE) or Model Law Structural Engineer (MLSE) designation on their NCEES council record.
- Separation of US-based comity licensure and foreign comity licensure requirements.
- Adding that a licensee who has knowledge or reason to believe that any person or organization has violated the rules or laws applying to architectural or engineering practice is to report such within 90 days to the Board.
- Promulgating Board Policy 24.03 related to sealing large specifications involving multiple licensees
- Adding the validity of a certificate of authorization
- Adding the maximum continuing education hours that can be granted in a 24-hour period
- Clarifying the requirements for submitting continuing education audit documents

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to approve the final text of the rules revisions as presented. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

Feedback re: NCEES Member Update & ICOR Presentation on Overlapping Practice

Feedback related to the ICOR Webinar on the status of the Overlapping Practice Task Force was provided. ED Wilbeck inquired whether the task force's intention was to develop draft model language for each of the professions included in the study that could then be used by each national organization to develop its own model language for use by its member boards. Foley, who sits on the oversight committee, stated the challenge is in making any suggested model language operational within existing language and determining what is acceptable overlapping practice. Foley added an additional challenge is how to get each jurisdiction to integrate into its statutes and rules, and the committee is running into bureaucratic issues with national organizations.

NCEES Call for 2025 Service Awards

A copy of NCEES' call for 2025 service award nominations was provided. Nominations are due by January 31, 2025. Vice-chair Kelly recommended ED Wilbeck be nominated for the Meritorious Service Award for his involvement at the national level. Staff was charged with preparing and submitting the nomination by the deadline.

Motion by Nelson, second by Thiele, to have staff investigate which service award Wilbeck would qualify for and nominate him for such. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

Update on Licensee Database Replacement Project w/NCARB

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

D. NEW BUSINESS

NCARB BOD Brief, September 2024

A copy of the September 2024 NCARB Board of Directors' Brief was provided. The brief included information on the *Pathways to Practice* initiative, specifically the *NCARB Competency Standard for Architects*, which will be used to review initial competency assessment concepts from the Licensure Process Research & Development Task Force. The Pathways aims to update and expand licensure access to individuals of all backgrounds by creating a more flexible licensure model, including expanded options for individuals who do not hold an NAAB-accredited degree.

Service Award for Wedige

The Board discussed ordering a service recognition plaque from Cornhusker State Industries to be presented to former Board member Alan Wedige.

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to approve presenting Wedige with a service recognition plaque from Cornhusker State Industries. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

2025-26 Board Officer Elections

2025-26 board officer elections will take place in March 2025. Traditionally, officers have moved up in the positions with a new secretary being elected. Vice-Chair Kelly offered to serve in that office again for 2024-25. However, Kelly stated he did not want to serve as chair again in 2025-26 since he served as such in 2023-24. As a result, one scenario suggested was that Dvorak be nominated as Chair, and elections held for new vice chair and secretary. The members were asked to consider serving during 2025-26.

Outreach & Marketing Update

PIO Bennett updated the members on the FY2024-25 Marketing Plan and Outreach. Highlights included:

- The latest edition of *The Nebraska Professional* was released on November 25, 2024
- A *Lunch and Learn* webinar was held on November 20, 2024, covering license renewals, continuing education requirements, and audits. There were approximately 690 attendees
- PIO Bennett is scheduled to present at the Engineers Club of Omaha on December 10, 2024
- Several organizations have been contacted regarding presentations at 2025 conferences

Board Member Travel and Per Diem Requests

The following travel and per diem requests were approved:

- Brett Foley – January 8, 2025 – ICOR Practice Overlap Steering Committee (Virtual)
- Brett Foley – January 9, 2025 – NCARB PCC Committee (Virtual)
- Bruce Dvorak – January 27, 2025 – NCEES Education Committee Meeting (Virtual)
- James Brisnehan, Brian Kelly, Lenora Nelson – January 14, 2025 – NCARB Region V Pre-BOD Meeting (Virtual)
- Lenora Nelson – January 27, 2025 – NCARB Leadership Roundtable (Virtual)

- Lenora Nelson – February 12, 2025 – NCARB Leadership Roundtable (Virtual)
- Brian Kelly – February 18, 2025 – NCARB Regional Leadership Meeting (Virtual)

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

Motion by Dvorak, second by Thiele, to go into executive session for the purpose of the discussion of compliance investigations, attorney/client privileged information, CE medical waiver request, and partner-agency processes, not a matter of public information to prevent needless injury to the reputation of those involved. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

Executive session started at 9:36 a.m.

E. COMPLIANCE

Attorney/client privileged information was discussed in executive session along with active investigations/Cases 24.04, 24.05, 24.07, 24.12, 24.13, 24.14, 24.15, 24.20, 24.21, 24.22, 24.26, 24.27, 24.30, 24.31, 24.32, 24.35, 24.36, 24.37, 24.38, 24.39, 24.40, 24.41, 24.43, 24.44, 24.45, 24.46, Project Review 01, 02, 03, 04, and 05.

Other Compliance Issues

Partner-agency processes were discussed in executive session along with a medical continuing education waiver request.

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to close executive session for the purpose of the discussion of compliance investigations, attorney/client privileged information, CE medical waiver request, and partner-agency processes, not a matter of public information to prevent needless injury to the reputation of those involved. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

Executive session ended at 12:55 p.m.

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to open a new case against the respondent in Case 24.07 for practicing on a revoked license without removing the licensee seal, signature, and date. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Dvorak, to open a case against the remediation architect/engineer in Case 24.14 for offering to practice on revoked licenses. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

Motion by Dvorak, second by Foley, to dismiss Case 24.27 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to dismiss Case 24.30 without disciplinary action after sending a letter of caution. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to accept the settlement agreement in Case 24.31 and authorize the Vice-Chair to execute. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to authorize the removal of item 9B and revise item 9E to include an automatic continuing education audit in 2026 in the proposed settlement agreement in Case 24.32. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to dismiss Case 24.39 without disciplinary action after sending a letter of caution. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to dismiss Case 24.40 without disciplinary action after sending a letter of warning. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to authorize architecture and engineering remediation in Case 24.43 and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to authorize architecture and engineering remediation in Case 24.44 and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to authorize architecture and engineering remediation in Case 24.45 and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to open a case against the project owner in Project Review 12-01 and authorize architectural and engineering remediation, and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to open a case against the project owner in Project Review 12-02 and authorize architectural remediation, and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Brisnehan, to open a case against the project owner in Project Review 12-03 and authorize architectural and engineering remediation, and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Dvorak, to open a case against the project owner in Project Review 12-04 and authorize architectural and engineering remediation, and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Dvorak, to waive 15 hours of continuing education for the 2023-24 period for Paul Rizzo (E-10926). Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

F. APPLICATIONS

Administratively Approved

Licensure of Professional Engineers by NCEES MLE Designation

E-21022 James Lee Baxter III, Civil; E-21000 Brennan Joseph Birchler, Mechanical; E-20958 Ryan Cory Boatright, Mechanical; E-21024 Jeremy Michael Boese, Mechanical; E-20989 Mickayla Jude Brohman, Civil; E-20985 Paul Joseph Bullock, Civil; E-20963 Jennie Eunjong Calliot, Electrical and Computer; E-20988 Kymberly Muriel Chodomel, Civil; E-20952 David Emory Cooper, Civil; E-21014 Wesley Alan Daoust, Mechanical; E-21010 Michael Glenn Eilers, Civil; E-21026 William Berry Elliott Jr, Civil; E-21012 Bryson Kendall Ewing, Civil; E—21028 Brandon Ryan Field, Civil; E-20982 John Craig Forman, Civil; E-21003 Jacob Francisco Garzini, Civil; E-21004 Hugh Christopher Giggelman, Mechanical; E-21016 Michael Gully, Mechanical; E-21008 Erik Jon Haden, Civil; E-20996 Garret David Lofstrom Heath, Civil; E-20991 Morgan Joseph Hespe, Electrical and Computer; E-21011 Tyler Dehmann Holcomb, Mechanical; E-20962 William Robert Huston, Civil; E-21020 Ronald Dwain Isackson Jr, Civil; E-21029 Dean Stuart Kenyon, Mechanical; E-21007 Karl Stanley Kinchler, Mechanical; E-21005 Andrew James King, Structural; E-20992 James Franklin Knapwurst, Electrical and Computer; E-21025 Reynold Albert Kraft, Civil; E-21009 Aaron Charles Kuhn, Electrical and Computer; E-20983 Jason Harold Lange, Mechanical; E-20965 Kevin

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Michael Lantry, Mechanical; E-21018 Trevor Matthew Leach, Civil; E-21015 Jason Andrew Lockwood, Mechanical; E-20953 Tyler Joseph Luttenegger, Mechanical; E-20993 Zachary Lee Mailahn, Mechanical; E-20951 Lubaba Masangu, Electrical and Computer; E-21019 Trevor Kyel McFadden, Electrical and Computer; E-21023 Kevin Douglas McLaughlin, Electrical and Computer; E-20987 Ana Adora Messmer, Civil; E-20990 Seth Patrick Nelsen, Mechanical; E-20960 Arthur Joseph Norwak, Structural; E-20994 Steven Michael Nuttle, Mechanical; E-20986 Jeffrey Wayne Pitzer, Civil; E-20955 Mark Anthony Quebedeaux, Mechanical; E-20954 Michael Craig Richardson, Control Systems; E-20997 Ethan Michael Rus, Civil; E-20984 Paul Eugene Scheibmeir, Mechanical; E-21027 Jameson Scott Shull, Electrical and Computer; E-20995 Matthew Robert Sickorez, Electrical and Computer; E-20957 Kevin Michael Standlee, Electrical and Computer; E-20999 Joseph Karl Stith, Civil; E-20961 Eric Wilhelm Struben, Civil; E-20964 Mark Walter Taylor, Civil; E-20959 Robby Lee Vogel, Civil; E-21017 Steward Jacob Weinland, Mechanical; E-21021 Troy Michael Westergaard, Mechanical; E-20956 Anthony Eden Wiston III, Electrical and Computer; E-21001 Matthew James Wolf, Mechanical; E-21002 Ka-Kit Samuel Wong, Mechanical; E-21006 May Yen, Mechanical; E-20998 Lindsay Bose Zanders, Electrical and Computer; E-21013 Charles Robert Zarembinski, Electrical and Computer

Licensure of Architects by NCARB Certification

A-5743 Sandipan Aditya, A-5737 Natasha MacDougall Bailey, A-5740 Aaron Todd Daily, A-5735 Stanley Joseph Landwehr, A-5741 William Vernon Latham, A-5746 Stanley Hoyman Lew, A-5744 David Charles Machicao, CA5733 Kenneth Lawrence Malette, A-5732 Krista Marie Mathews, A-5742 Ryan Guido Meeks, A-5738 Kallie Jo Ogi, A-5739 Carlos Albert Perez-Rubio, A-5734 Richard Lee Root Jr, A-5736 Darlene Lynn Rutkowski-Hanks, A-5745 Jonathan Francis Tasset

Temporary Permits

T-662 David Francis Stacy, Engineering; T-663 Rachel Elizabeth Kirk, Engineering

Engineer Intern Enrollment Certificates

Audrey Michaela Anderson, Samone Rachelle Hinsley, James Christian Kettelhake, James Mark Pietsch, Liwen Xia

Certificates of Authorization

CA5359 1x2 Architecture LLC, CA5360 Clermont Innovative Design LLC, CA5361 Performance Based Fire Protection Engineering PLLC, CA5362 Hunger Skateparks, CA5363 Medical Engineering & Development Institute Incorporated, CA5364 Meliora Engineering PLLC, CA5365 Lloyd Consulting Group LLC, CA5366 Archistruct LCC, CA5367 Brockway Mechanical & Roofing Company Inc, CA5368 Calliott Consulting LLC, CA5369 Verdantas LLC, CA5370 Resource Consulting Engineers LLC, CA5371 Riley Consulting LLC, CA5372 Bishop Engineering, CA5373 KDW Salas O'Brien LLC, CA5374 The Flatwater Group Inc; CA5375 Quebedeaux Engineering Services LLC, CA5376 Conterra Engineering LLC, CA5377 Structural Support Services LLC, CA5378 Tusco Inc, CA5379 John J Gth Associates Inc, CA5380 Vista Specialty Engineering LLC, CA5781 LBE Inc, CA5782 Historical Concepts LLC, CA5383 Souder Miller & Associates Inc; CA5384 Korte Design Inc

PE Exam Applications

Nabil Barbar Askar, Civil; Justin Cole Broekemeier, Civil; Wacey Lee Carson, Mechanical; Caidell Wynn Davis, Civil; Nolan Donald Devries, Electrical and Computer; Paul Vincent Gargarella III, Civil; Tanner Dean Grieve, Control Systems; Jakob Ray Krause, Civil; Garrett Keith Lane, Civil; Ryan Matthew Leeper, Civil; Troy James Nissen, Civil; Alycia Elizabeth Noble, Mechanical; Robert James Shindel III, Control Systems

Licensure/Examination

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Comity and Initial

Initial License, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Eric Raymond Bird, Civil; Matthew Joseph Capoun, Electrical and Computer; Daniel James Fell, Civil; Dylan Fichtner, Mechanical; Vincent Domenick Fucinaro, Metallurgical and Materials; Christopher Douglas Furman, Civil; Alexander Vaughn Holliger, Chemical; Nicholas Brandon Jensen, Mechanical; Noah Tate Miller, Electrical and Computer; Bryce Bennett Puck, Chemical

Comity License, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Stephen Michael Scurlock, Civil

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Experience

Staff Recommendation to Approve: Roy Martial Carubba, Civil; Daniel John Dworshak, Electrical; Corey Benton Metzger, Mechanical; Andrew Scott Nimon, Electrical; Robert Louis Piriak, Structural; James Steven Tate, Civil

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Reinstatement – *None*

Licensure of Architects by Comity and Initial

Initial License, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Phillip Jason Smith, Adam James Wiese

Comity License – *None*

Licensure of Architects by Experience – *None*

Licensure of Architects by Reinstatement

Staff Recommendation to Approve: A-3053 Paul Ervin Sterner

Special Cases

Engineer Intern Enrollment

Staff Recommendation to Approve: Abbas Mohammed

PE Exam Application

Staff Recommendation to Approve: Abbas Mohammed

Disclosures

Certificate of Authorization Applications

Approved: Keen Project Solutions LLC – after receipt of *in arrears* fees; Chief Industries Inc – after receipt of *in arrears* fees

License Renewals

Staff Recommendation to Approve Renewal: E-14592 Ildefonso Gonzalez-Artigas, E-14176 Richard Plump

Organizations

CA2768 Plump Engineering Inc – Note in file and take no action

CA2991 DOTec Corporation – Note in file and take no action

Other Issues/Information

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

Motion by Bostelman, second by Nelson, to accept the staff recommendations on the applications and disclosures. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter

G. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Reports – October, November (through 11/25)

[FY2024-25 Financial Profile](#)

[Budget Status](#)

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[MTD General Ledger Detail](#)

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

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 January 24, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. at 215 Centennial Mall South, Fifth Floor Conference Room, Lincoln. A hearing on the proposed rules revision will be held on the same day prior to the board meeting.

Licensure and Certificate Trends

Numbers as of November 26, 2024

Professional Engineers.....	9,604
Architects.....	2,030
Certificates of Authorization	2,513
Temporary Permits.....	16

Examination Information/Statistics

The November ARE Open Eligibility report and the Pass/Fail reports for October were provided.

Other Information

The FY2024-25 Marketing Plan was provided.

The Facebook Analytics for October were provided. There were 98 visits with 303 reaches. Twenty-four posts were made, with the post introducing Board Member Bostelman receiving 155 reaches and 10 reactions. The post introducing Board Member Dvorak received 137 reaches and 6 reactions.

The October website Analytics report was provided. There were 3,700 visits, with 3,000 new users.

The Board's approved policies as of October 25, 2024, were provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Thiele to adjourn the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Bruce Dvorak, Secretary