

Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects  
**Public Rulemaking Hearing Minutes – January 24, 2025, 8:30 a.m.**  
215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE

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The Board of Engineers and Architects held this hearing to consider revisions and receive public comment on proposed changes to Title 110, Nebraska Administrative Code, Rules and Regulations, Chapters 1 and 4-9.

### **Public Rulemaking Hearing Convened**

The hearing was held at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chair Suelter convened the hearing at 8:30 a.m. and noted the location of the Open Meetings Act. Notice of the hearing was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on December 16, 2024, on the Board’s website on November 25, 2024, and an email notice was sent to Nebraska-licensed architects and professional engineers on December 17, 2024.

**Board Members Present:** Jason Suelter, Chair; Brian Kelly, Vice-Chair; Bruce Dvorak, Secretary; Brett Foley; Brian Kelly; Dan Thiele

**Staff Present:** Jon Wilbeck, Executive Director (ED); Jean Lais, Administrative Programs Officer (APO); Amy Habe, Compliance Officer (CA); Lilliana Irvine, Compliance Assistant (CA); Cole Gressley, Administrative Programs Officer (APO)

### **Public Comment**

James Hedges – Requested clarification on the fifteen years of experience for someone who does not meet the education requirements. Hedges has a bachelor’s in mechanical engineering technology and a master’s in civil engineering.

### **TITLE 110, NAC, Rules and Regulations**

Legislative and clean copies of the proposed rules and regulations were provided.

### **Written Comments Received**

The following written comments were submitted before the hearing:

#### **National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES)**

NCEES suggested revising a new rule related to licensing requirements for international engineers to clarify that it applies only to those both listed on the International Registry, and licensed in a country which is a member of either the International Professional Engineers Agreement or the APEC Engineer Agreement.

#### **Megan Heyward, Architect**

Heyward’s comments related to exemptions in Chapter 10 which are not being revised at this time.

#### **Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers (NeSPE) / Professional Engineers Coalition (PEC)**

NeSPE/PEC requested clarification on how the Board intends to interpret the 24-hour period related to the number of continuing education hours that can be claimed. A response was provided indicating that the Board would revise the proposed rule to change the term “24-hour period” to “calendar day.”

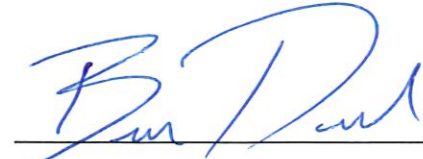
#### **James Harper**

Requested clarification and background on the proposed revisions to Rule 5.3.3. The Rule relates to adding a time period in which a licensee has to report a possible violation of the Act or Rules. A response was provided to state the change is patterned after NCEES Model Rule 240.15.A.8, with the only consequential change being the addition of the requirement to report the possible violation within 90 days.

Chair Suelter noted that the decision to adopt or reject the proposed rules and regulations would be made during the regular Board meeting, which will be held immediately after the rulemaking hearing.

**CONCLUSION**

*Chair Suelter concluded the hearing at 8:44 a.m.*



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Bruce Dvorak, Secretary