

CALL TO ORDER

Open Meeting and Public Agenda Information

The February 21, 2025, Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA) meeting was held at the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lower Level, Lancaster Hearing Room, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68508. Vice-Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:46 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; Lenora Nelson; Dan Thiele; Absent: Jim Brisnehan; Jason Suelter, Chair; 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); Lilliana Irvine, Compliance Assistant (CA); Cole Gressley, Administrative Programs Officer (APO)

Public Comment

Tim Gay, Catalyst Public Affairs, spoke to the Board regarding the 2025 Legislative session.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

[January 24, 2025, Rulemaking Hearing Minutes](#)

[January 24, 2025, Meeting Minutes](#)

[NCARB Fast Facts – January 2025](#)

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

B. MEETING REPORTS

NBEA Subcommittee Reports

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

Compliance Committee

A copy of the Guidelines for Practicing on an Expired License Penalties chart was provided. Per discussion, the Committee will revise the chart to reflect the fine is calculated per month or project, whichever is less.

Legislative Committee

Introduced Bills of Note

A list of introduced bills of potential interest to the Board with the latest statuses was provided. Tim Gay, Catalyst Public Affairs, reported that the 2025 legislative session is one-third through. March 14, 2025, is the deadline for submitting priority status on bills. ED Wilbeck reported the engineering societies testified in opposition to LB317 and LB346.

ED Wilbeck met with Senator Hardin to follow up on a previous discussion regarding possible outreach activities in Western Nebraska targeting building officials. His office is willing to assist in scheduling and getting the word out.

Appropriations Committee 2025-27 Biennium Budget Recommendations

The 2025-27 Biennium Budget recommendations from the Appropriations Committee were provided. The Committee did not recommend that any of the Board's increases be included in the appropriation, except for

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the increase in staff PSL and health insurance premiums. The recommendation also included transferring \$400,000 from the Board's Cash Fund to the General Fund as proposed by the Governor.

ED Wilbeck testified before the Committee on February 19, 2025, emphasizing the importance of having enough PSL to cover staff wages and stating the proposed increase may not be sufficient to cover projected costs. He also informed the Committee that the Board has a neutral position on the cash transfer if the Appropriations Committee recommended giving the Board the full appropriations it requested.

C. OLD BUSINESS

FY25-26 Professional Service Contracts

NEBOG Administrative Services Contract

The contract between the Board and the Board of Geologists (NEBOG) provides administrative services to NEBOG beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. Staff time spent on NEBOG is averaged over the last three calendar years. The resulting percentage is applied to the appropriate expenses for the contract period. Additionally, the cost of staff to travel to the National Association of Boards of Geology (ASBOG) annual meetings is included in the contract. The FY2025-26 contract is \$20,472, to be billed quarterly. Additional services outside the included services list will be charged at a weighted hourly rate of \$24.169 and must have signed approval from both boards before any work is started. The cost is an increase of \$2,089 over the current contract, and the weighted hourly rate is an increase of \$1.870.

NSBLA Administrative Services Contract

The contract between the Board and the State Board of Landscape Architects (NSBLA) provides administrative services to NEBOG beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. Staff time spent on NEBOG is averaged over the last three calendar years. The resulting percentage is applied to the appropriate expenses for the contract period. Additionally, the cost of staff to travel to the Council of Landscape Architecture Registration Boards (CLARB) annual meeting is included in the contract. The FY2025-26 contract is \$17,645, to be billed quarterly. Additional services outside the included services list will be charged at a weighted hourly rate of \$24.337 and must have signed approval from both boards before any work is started. The cost is an increase of \$699 over the current contract, and the weighted hourly rate is an increase of \$1.585.

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to approve the FY2025-26 administrative services contract with the NEBOG and NSBLA. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Nelson, Thiele, Bostelman, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Brisnehan, Foley, Suelter

Sean Minahan, Special Assistant Attorney General Contract

The contract between the Board and Sean Minahan, Attorney at Law, Lamson Dugan & Murray LLP, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, provides for legal representation of the Board as Special Assistant Attorney General at a varying hourly rate of \$225 for attorney fees; \$190 for associate attorney fees; and \$125 for paralegals working under Mr. Minahan's supervision. Only one-half of the necessary travel time required to conduct the work of the Board will be billed. There is no change in the hourly rates from the current contract.

Motion by Bostelman, second by Thiele, to approve the FY2025-26 Special Assistant Attorney General contract with Sean Minahan. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Nelson, Thiele, Bostelman, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Brisnehan, Foley, Suelter

Edwards Westerhold Moore Legislative Liaison Contract

The contract between the Board and Edwards Westerhold Moore, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, provides legislative liaison services with the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature on behalf of the Board. The contract amount is \$25,000, to be paid quarterly. Any and all expenditures in connection with the Board's

legislative activities are to have approval from the Board or Board Chair before the services are rendered. Additional direct costs will be billed to the Board at Edwards Westerhold Moore's cost. The contract cost is an increase of \$7,000 over the current legislative liaison contract.

Motion by Nelson, second by Dvorak, to approve the revised FY2025-26 legislative liaison contract with Edwards Westerhold Moore. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Nelson, Thiele, Bostelman, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Brisnehan, Foley, 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 Board of Directors Candidates](#)

Information available to date on the NCARB Board of Directors candidates was provided. No action was taken as additional candidates may be announced. Voting will take place at the NCARB Annual Business Meeting in June 2025.

[AXP Guidelines Updates-Member Comment Period](#)

Information on the proposed changes to the Architectural Experience Program (AXP) recommended by the NCARB Experience Committee was provided. NCARB is requesting feedback from the member boards. The comment period will close on May 30, 2025.

- **Competency Standard Alignment** – The 96 tasks that currently describe the experience areas were developed based on the 2012 Practice Analysis. With the completion of the *NCARB Competency Standard for Architects*, it is proposed that the experience area descriptions be updated.
- **Modification to the Reporting Requirement** – Proposed changes include allowing 100% of the submitted experience gained if reported within one year, and experience gained over one year of the submission date will receive 75% credit.
- **Continuing Education (CE) for HSW Recommendation** – Currently, CE reporting for AXP credit is limited to American Institute of Architects (AIA) approved courses only and requires the licensure candidate to submit an AIA transcript to report the hours. The proposed change will increase the opportunity to report CE from accrediting organizations beyond AIA. The *AXP Guidelines* will link to a webpage with instructions for submitting CE from other accrediting organizations.
- **Removing Canadian Architects as Equivalent to a US Architect in Work Setting A** – Currently, the AXP allows a supervisor or mentor to be licensed as an architect in a US or Canadian jurisdiction under experience setting A and experience opportunities that require an architect mentor. The change will treat Canadian architects like any other international architect.

Further discussion and action will occur at a future meeting.

[NCEES Mapping Science Professional Surveyor Pathway/Professional Engineer Question](#)

The NCEES Surveying and Mapping Sciences Licensure Task Force is considering developing a new *Mapping Science* pathway to Professional Surveying Licensure. The pathway would provide a non-boundary Professional Surveying License and utilize a new exam focused on non-boundary aspects of authoritative mapping. NCEES is requesting feedback on the perceived interest of professional engineers in seeking licensure as Professional Surveyors if the pathway were created. Members indicated that there may be some interest, but not a strong driving force.

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Trade Name Request

A request was received from Veteran Engineering and Technology LLC for approval from the Board to register his organization with the Secretary of State using the word *engineering* in the name. The organization provides information technology and computer systems services, including software engineering. The organization does employ a software engineer who works remotely from Nebraska.

Motion by Nelson, second by Thiele, to deny the trade name request from Veteran Engineering and Technology LLC. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Nelson, Thiele, Bostelman, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Brisnehan, Foley, Suelter

Proposed Policy 25.03 – CE Credit for Regular Duties

To clarify the Board’s intent regarding continuing education (CE) credit for performing regular duties related to a licensee’s work, to align with NCEES Model Law and historical practices, staff recommended a policy be created to state that continuing education (CE) activities included in their regular duties are not allowable CE activities. After discussion, it was determined the proposed policy was not needed, and no action was taken.

The Legislative Committee will review the current language in Rule 9.4.2.4 to develop language to restrict the number of hours a licensee may claim under the rule. Dvorak mentioned language in the NCEES Education Standard that may be helpful.

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 January 30, 2025.
- ED Wilbeck spoke at a UNL Architectural Professional Practice class on February 3, 2025, regarding the architecture licensing process.
- PIO Bennet with Thiele spoke to a group at E&A Consulting Group in Omaha on February 11, 2025, regarding the PE exam.
- The Board will have a table at the League of Nebraska Municipalities on February 24-25, 2025, the Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association on March 5-7, 2025, and the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association on March 20, 2025.
- PIO Bennett will present at the Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers (NeSPE) conference in June 2025 in David City.
- The next *Lunch & Learn* webinar will be on March 19, 2025, giving an overview of the Board and E&A Act.
- PIO Bennett is working on scheduling a day trip to visit local jurisdictions.
- New posters and banners for exhibitor spaces and presentation
- The New Licensee Ceremony has been scheduled for November 7, 2025.
- January Facebook Analytics:
 - Views: 2,600
 - Reaches: 313
 - Content Interactions: 93
 - Link Clicks: 8
 - Visits: 71
 - New Follows: 2

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Board Member Travel and Per Diem Requests

Brian Kelly Lenora Nelson	February 19, 2025	NCARB RAMP Reimbursement Training (Virtual)
Bruce Dvorak	February 26, 2025	NCEES Education Committee (Virtual)
Brett Foley	March 6, 2025	NCARB Professional Conduct Committee (Virtual)
Brett Foley	March 26, 2025	ICOR Practice Overlap Steering Committee (Virtual)
Brett Foley	April 3, 2025	NCARB Professional Conduct Committee (Virtual)
Brett Foley	April 23, 2025	ICOR Practice Overlap Steering Committee (Virtual)
Brett Foley	May 2-3, 2025 (travel May 1)	ICOR Practice Overlap Steering Committee (Washington, DC)
Jason Suelter (BOD) Dan Thiele Jan Bostelman Bruce Dvorak (Committee Chair) Jon Wilbeck	May 15-17, 2025 (travel May 14 and 18)	NCEES Central Zone Meeting (Albuquerque, NM) NCEES Funded Delegates Board Members – Per Diem Only

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

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to go into executive session for the purpose of the 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, Nelson, Bostelman, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Brisnehan, Foley, Suelter

Executive session began at 10:06 a.m.

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to close the executive session for the purpose of the 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, Nelson, Bostelman, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Brisnehan, Foley, Suelter

Executive session ended at 10:25 a.m.

The renewal for Craig Manwes (E-7343) was discussed while Special Assistant Attorney General Minehan was present. Action taken under *F. Applications*.

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to go into executive session for the purpose of the 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, Nelson, Bostelman, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Brisnehan, Foley, Suelter

Executive session began at 10:36 a.m.

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Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to close the executive session for the purpose of the 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, Nelson, Bostelman, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Brisnehan, Foley, Suelter

Executive session ended at 11:33 a.m.

C. COMPLIANCE

Cases 24.04, 24.05, 24.07, 24.12, 24.14, 24.15, 24.20, 24.21, 24.22, 24.26, 24.35, 24.37, 24.38, 24.41, 24.43, 24.44, 24.45, 24.47, 24.48, 24.49, 24.50, 24.51, 24.52, 25.02, 25.03, and Project Review 02.01 were discussed in executive session.

Other Compliance Issues

Case 24.46 and Partner-agency processes were discussed in executive session.

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to dismiss Case 24.20 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Nelson, Thiele, Bostelman, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Brisnehan, Foley, Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to dismiss Case 24.21 without prejudice. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Nelson, Bostelman, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Brisnehan, Foley, Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Dvorak, to dismiss Case 24.38 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Nelson, Bostelman, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Brisnehan, Foley, Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to dismiss Case 24.48 based on the project not being subject to the E&A Act. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Nelson, Bostelman, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Brisnehan, Foley, Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to authorize architectural and engineering remediation in Case 25.03 and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Nelson, Bostelman, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Brisnehan, Foley, Suelter

F. APPLICATIONS

Administratively Approved

Licensure of Professional Engineers by NCEES MLE Designation

E-21110 Mathew Isaac Alford, Civil; E-21131 Courtney Marie Aragon, Civil; E-21142 Jeremy Michael Baer, Civil; E-21132 Robert William Baltar, Civil; E-21163 Bryan Joseph Bourgoine, Civil; E-21135 Hurbert Lee Broughton III, Civil; E-21143 Thomas Wayne Craig, Civil; E-21162 Bradley Allen Everhart, Civil; E-21144 Alexander Charl2magne Ewing, Civil; E-2261 Cailin Wilson Farris, Mechanical; E-21164 Theodore Burrows Francis, Environmental; E-21140 Christopher Daniel Gaston, Civil; E-21165 Nickolas Gregory Gellerman, Electrical and Computer; E-21145 Paul Gregory Hawryluk, Civil; E-21133 Michael James Hreha, Civil; E-21146 Steven Michael LaCour, Electrical and Computer; E-21147 Arne Kristian Larsen, Civil; E-21148 Gary Dale Lofits, Electrical and Computer; E-21149 Michael Thomas Makris, Civil; E-21138 Jose Marti Sanchez, Electrical and Computer; E-21150 Tom Thanh Nguyen, Civil; E-21151 Blayne Joseph Parkos, Mechanical; E-21152 Troy Marshall Pitsch, Civil; E-21166 Adam England Platt, Civil; E-21136 Robert Thomas Ponto, Civil; E-21153 Jeffery Ryan Purdy, Civil; E-21154 Daniel Scott Robertson, Electrical and Computer; E-21139 Daniel Stephen Schneider, Structural; E-21155 Charles James Stark, Mechanical; E-21156 Scott Alan Statham, Civil; E-21157 David Alexaner Trulove, Mechanical; E-21137 Jordan William Unmuth, Electrical and Computer; E-21158 Emilio Mario Valerio-Hernandez, Civil; E-21134 Jamie Dean Van Zee, Civil; E-21141 James Carl White, Mechanical; E-21159 Dallas Anthony Wright, Civil; E-21160 Matthew Richard Young, Civil

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Licensure of Architects by NCARB Certification

A-5768 Bianca Sophia Doerschlag, A-5769 Thomas Virgil Economou, A-5765 Joshua Michael Hersel, A-5766 Andrew Michale Meyer, A-5770 Bradley Michael Rodenburg, A-5767 Kim Vandergrift Vierheilig

Temporary Permits

T-665 Agustin Lugja, Engineering

Engineer Intern Enrollment Certificates

Jelen Michael Crutchfield, Christina Gabriel Gunderson, Andrew Ray Hukill, Mariceal Paramo Reyes, Juan Isaac Perez, Martin Stephen Reistad

Certificates of Authorization

CA5416 SDK Engineering & Telecom; CA5417 Spies Engineering LLC, CA5418 Rock Associates Ltd, CA5419 Blum Consulting Engineering Inc, CA5420 Kyle Wilson Architect LLC, CA5421 Consor North America Inc, CA5422 Oxford Architecture PC, CA5423 WCW Engineers Inc, CA5424 Fisher Associates Engineering Inc, CA5425 C&J Technical Solutions and Services Inc, CA5426 Dis-Tran Steel LLC, CA5427 Border States Industries Inc, CA5428 TBK Architects LLC

PE Exam Applications

Daniel John Blumel, Electrical and Computer; Ryan Joseph Brockman, Control Systems; Jamie Lee Curtis, Electrical and Computer; Anna Elizabeth Diederich, Electrical and Computer; Monica Jane Fujan, Civil; Graham Robert Hedstrom, Civil; Eric Marshall Herr, Agricultural and Biological; Jack Anthony Hinsberger, Civil; Drew Alexander Krutak, Control Systems; Peyton Thomas Leute, Electrical and Computer; Trevor Cole Mensch, Electrical and Computer; Hunter Ellis Miller, Civil; Austen Brady Nichols, Mechanical; Grace Catherine Pelan, Civil; Michael Benjamin Quinn, Electrical and Computer; Ben Lawson Riecken, Civil; Marrisa Jean Schild, Civil; Larua Joan Ternus, Civil; Andrew William Wordekemper, Civil; Nathan Allen Wulf, Mechanical

Licensure/Examination

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Comity and Initial

Initial License, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Muhanad Shihab Al Samaraie, Civil; Collins Antwi Boasiako, Civil; Natalija Zita Dominguez Grigaitis, Civil; Gage Andrew Gibney, Architectural; Collin Michael Hoffman, Control Systems; Gabriel Christian Najera, Civil; Robert David Neely, Civil; Jason Daniel Sloniker, Civil; Luis Manuel Torres-Abreu, Electrical and Computer; Mark Nicholas Wagner, Mechanical; Marie Elizabeth Wagner-Loos, Civil; Jace Lane Walther, Agricultural and Biological

Comity License, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Thien Bao Duong, Civil; Chad Alan Meyers, Mechanical; Kevin Mark Petross, Civil; Dave Able Sims, Electrical and Computer; Seth Lee Soto, Civil

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Experience - *None*

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Reinstatement

Staff Recommendation to Approve: E-9905 David Lynn Rasmussen, Civil

Licensure of Architects by Comity and Initial - *None*

Licensure of Architects by Experience - *None*

Licensure of Architects by Reinstatement

Staff Recommendation to Approve: A-4541 Brian Paul Akert

Special Cases

PE Exam Applications

Approved: Subash Pyakurel – The Board accepted his Algebra CLEP test as general education, removing the deficiency in full.

Renewal Disclosures

Rejected: E-7343 Craig Manawes

Continuing Education Waiver Request

Approved: John Leahy (E-8335) – The continuing education waiver was granted for 2023-2024.

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 Nelson, to accept the staff recommendations on the applications, approve the application for Pyahurel, and grant the CE waiver request for Leahy for the 2023-24 period. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Nelson, Bostelman, Thiele, Kelly, Voting No: None; Absent: Brisnehan, Foley, Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Dvorak, to reject the renewal for Craig Manawes, E-7343. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Nelson, Bostelman, Thiele, Kelly; Voting No: None; Absent: Brisnehan, Foley, Suelter

G. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Reports – January

FY2024-25 Financial Profile

Budget Status

Fund Summary

MTD General Ledger Detail

Motion by Nelson, second by Dvorak, to approve the financial reports as presented. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Dvorak, Nelson, Thiele, Kelly, Voting No: None; Absent: Brisnehan, Foley, 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 March 21, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at 2077 N St Ste 310, Lincoln, Nebraska Environmental Trust.

Licensure and Certificate Trends

Numbers as of February 12, 2025

Professional Engineers.....	9,100
Architects	1,876
Certificates of Authorization.....	2,415
Temporary Permits	14

Examination Information/Statistics

The February 2025 ARE Open Eligibility report and the Pass/Fail reports for January 2025 were provided.

Other Information

The FY2024-25 Marketing Plan was provided.

The Facebook Analytics for January 2025 were provided.

The January Website Analytics reports were provided.

<i>Visits</i>	<i>New Users</i>
3,600	2,800

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

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.



Secretary