

Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects
Board Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2025, 8:45 a.m.
2077 N St Ste 310 – Lincoln NE 68508

CALL TO ORDER

The March 21, 2025, Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA) meeting was held at 2077 N St Ste 310, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chair Suelter called the meeting to order at 8:45 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; Brett Foley; Lenora Nelson; Dan Thiele; Absent: Jan Bostelman; Jim Brisnehan

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)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion by Kelly, second by Foley, to elect Dvorak as Chair, Nelson as Vice-Chair, and Thiele as Secretary. Voting Yes: Dvorak, Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Brisnehan

New officer terms are effective immediately.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

[February 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes](#)

[NCARB Update – January 2025](#)

[NCARB Fast Facts – February 2025](#)

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

B. MEETING REPORTS

NBEA Subcommittee Reports

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

[Compliance Committee - Guidelines for Practicing on Expired License Penalties](#)

Per previous discussions and at the request of the members, an updated chart showing the action to be taken when someone is found practicing on an expired license was provided. After discussion, the following were added to the guidelines:

- Ethics course completed within 60 days to scenarios where first instance of unlicensed practice is discovered longer than 12 months after license expired, and
- Add imposition of costs to all scenarios where settlement agreement is proposed.

Motion by Kelly, second by Nelson, to adopt chart revisions and authorize staff to offer consent agreements accordingly. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Brisnehan

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 on the 2025 legislative session.

C. OLD BUSINESS

Trade Name Request Denial Appeal

An appeal was received from *Veteran Engineering and Technology LLC* on the denial of the organization's request to use engineering in its name. The Board upheld its action taken on February 21, 2025 and took no action.

Update on Licensee Database Replacement Project w/NCARB

ED Wilbeck updated the members on the progress of the database replacement project. He provided screenshots from the system showing how the application relationships are being set up.

Rules Promulgation Adoption

The members discussed the written comments received.

Proposed Rule 4.1.5 grew out of a mutual recognition agreement (MRA) that NCEES and the Engineering Council-UK signed last year. The Board is a member of NCEES.

These rules are intended to set up the license requirements for those engineers who meet the requirements set out in the proposed rule and who seek licensure in Nebraska. The rule is intended to be plainly interpreted. Additionally, the MRA should also help US-licensed professional engineers get licensed in foreign countries.

Anyone granted a license would still have to meet any other requirement Nebraska has in place, including establishing their lawful presence in the United States in accordance with N.R.S. §4-108.

The Board's position is there is no need to include an explicit reference to lawful presence in the new proposed section because N.R.S. §4-108 is already law and would apply to that proposed Rule Section as it would to any rule regarding any public benefit a state agency provides. A professional engineering license is most certainly a public benefit and has applied to every license and credential the Board has issued since N.R.S. §4-108 was enacted in 2009. Including a reference to that section would be redundant.

Motion by Nelson, second by Thiele, to adopt the rules revisions as proposed. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Brisnehan

D. NEW BUSINESS

Possible Operational Planning Topics

ED Wilbeck provided a list of possible topics for the 2025 Operational Planning meeting, which typically takes place in May. He will work with the Chair Dvorak to set a date and finalize the agenda. The following additional topics were suggested:

- Tracking interior design practice
- Creating abstracts with outcomes for presentation/speaker requests

Trade Name Request

The *Nebraska Women in Architecture* organization requested to use architecture in its trade name. The organization is a social and networking group that has existed for nearly two decades, focusing on empowering

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women in architecture. The organization does not and will not engage in the practice of architecture or any related professional services that require licensure.

Motion by Nelson, second by Kelly, to approve the trade name request of Nebraska Women in Architecture. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Brisnehan

Emeritus Board Member Renewals

Emeritus board member terms were renewed for past board members Lori Krejci, Daniel Linzell, Roger Helgoth, Thomas Laging, Michael Konzett, Mark Champion, Jennifer Klein, Randall Peters, and David Johnson. Alan Wedge was designated as an Emeritus member.

Motion by Nelson, second by Kelly, to renew emeritus board member terms for Krejci, Linzell, Helgoth, Laging, Konzett, Champion, Klein, Peters, and Johnson and to designate Wedge as an emeritus member. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Brisnehan

Outreach & Marketing Update

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

- The latest edition of *The Nebraska Professional* was released on February 27, 2025
- PIO Bennett, CO Habe, and CA Irvine attended the League of Nebraska Municipalities Midwinter Conference as exhibitors on March 5-7, 2025, in Kearney
- PIO Bennett attended the Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association Conference as an exhibitor on March 5-7, 2025, in Kearney
- ED Wilbeck presented to a UNL College of Engineering Pro Practice Class on March 11, 2025, on the Board, licensure, sealing work, complaints, and the code of conduct
- The latest *Lunch and Learn* webinar, scheduled for March 26, 2025, will cover an overview of the Board.
- The remediation brochure has been updated to include information regarding the final letter from the remediation professional.
- February Facebook Analytics
 - Views – 3,200
 - Reaches – 321
 - Content Interactions – 79
 - Link Clicks – 21
 - Visits – 117
 - New Follows - 7

Board Member Travel and Per Diem Requests

Brian Kelly	March 25, 2025	NCARB Executive Committee Call (Virtual)
Jason Suelter	April 10-12, 2025 (travel: Apr 9 and 13)	NCEES Northeast Zone Meeting (Cambridge, MA)
Jason Suelter	April 24-26, 2025 (travel: Apr 23 and 27)	NCEES Southern Zone Meeting (Little Rock, AR)

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Lenora Nelson	Apr 8, 2025	NCARB Leadership Roundtable (Virtual)
Jason Suelter	Feb 27, 2025	NCEES SE Workgroup (Virtual)
Jason Suelter	March 5-9, 2025	NCEES PE Structural Committee (Greenville, SC)
Jason Suelter	May 18-19, 2025 (travel: May 20)	NCEES BOD Meeting (Santa FE, NM)

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

[NCEES Central Zone Award Nomination for Jan Bostelman](#)

The Board approved nominating Bostelman for the NCEES Central Zone Award.

Motion by JS , second by DT , to nominate Bostelman for the NCEES Central Zone Award. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Brisnehan

[Discussion with the State Treasurer regarding the Interior Design Registry](#)

ED Wilbeck provided a copy of the correspondence between himself and the Treasurer's office regarding the Interior Design Registry.

E. COMPLIANCE

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

Executive session started at 10:01 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: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Brisnehan

Executive session ended at 11:23 a.m.

Cases 24.04, 24.05, 24.07, 24.12, 24.14, 24.15, 24.22, 24.26, 24.35, 24.37, 24.41, 24.43, 24.44, 24.45, 24.47, 24.49, 24.50, 24.51, 24.52, 25.02, 25.03, 25.04, and 25.05 were discussed in executive session.

Other Compliance Issues

Partner-agency processes were discussed in executive session.

Motion by Thiele, second by Kelly, to dismiss Case 24.15 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation and cancel the hearing disciplinary action. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Brisnehan

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to dismiss Case 24.45 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Dvorak; Voting No: None

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Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to authorize architectural and engineering remediation in Case 25.04 and request a response within 30 days and a written plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Brisnehan

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to authorize architectural and engineering remediation in Case 25.05 and request a response within 30 days and a written plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Brisnehan

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to open a case against the designer in Case 25.05 for the unlicensed practice of architecture. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Brisnehan

F. APPLICATIONS

Administratively Approved

Licensure of Professional Engineers by NCEES MLE Designation

E-21198 Saady Amin, Civil; E-21191 John Edward Caliri Jr, Fire Protection; E-21174 Aerik Carlton, Civil; E-21175 Larry Michael Coker Jr, Electrical and Computer; E-21192 Shannon Nicole Crownover, Civil; E-21206 Sean Michael Dornbier, Electrical and Computer; E-21199 Thomas Layne Draper, Civil; E-21200 Gregory Squire Dunn, Structural; E-21201 Charles Raphael Feuerborn, Fire Protection; E-21202 Aaron Mitchel Fiegel, Electrical and Computer; E-21203 Ian Paul Flemmings, Electrical and Computer; E-21213 Jacob Connor Fulks, Civil; E-21204 Kevin Patrick Gallagher, Mechanical; E-21209 Darin Ray Galloway, Civil; E-21193 Christopher Giannotti, Civil; E-21221 Dylan Jeffrey Gideon, Civil; E-21214 Sally Ann Goldman, Civil; E-21194 Eric Eugene Gowdy, Structural; E-21222 Phillip John Harter, Civil; E-21223 Brian James Jacobs, Electrical and Computer; E-21224 Ryan Christopher James, Civil; E-21225 Rex Keith Klentzman, Civil; E-21210 Kraig Earl Klund, Civil; E-21197 Ricky Lao, Control Systems; E-21219 Danielle Caryn Leikach, Fire Protection; E-21189 Jilian Stevens Maestri, Civil; E-21188 Kyle Steven McDonough, Civil; E-21215 John Donald McNamara, Civil; E-21226 Anthony Ernesto Merlino, Civil; E-21190 Peter August Munoz, Environmental; E-21227 Carlos Alberto Negron, Civil; E-21211 John Frederick Paddock, Electrical and Computer; E-21167 Brian Quoc-Tri Phan, Control Systems; E-21230 Mary Elizabeth Ray, Civil; E-21212 Austin Thomas Schiele, Civil; E-21216 Daniel DeSpain Barlow Seely, Civil; E-21218 Mykin Elise Severson, Civil; E-21220 Christopher Michael Scheaffer, Civil; E-21217 Austin Davis Spencer, Mechanical; E-21205 Robert Andrew Sterling, Mechanical; E-21208 Thomas Jerzy Szewczyk, Structural; E-21229 Peter Theodore Walker, Mechanical; E-21195 Christopher James Wall, Civil; E-21168 Jason Edward Williams, Civil; E-21228 Steven John Wohlschied, Civil; E-21207 Jesse Jared Wolfe, Civil; E-21196 Joseph Alfred Zorack Jr, Civil

Licensure of Architects by NCARB Certification

A-5772 Shawn Morgan Anderson, A-5774 Richard Brian Carter, A-5776 Thomas Neal Kanipe, A-5777 Michael E Koch, A-5775 Jean Ellen Larson, A-5778 Galen Frank Meyers III, A-5773 Heather Lynn Moldenhauer, A-5771 Dalyn Marie Novak

Temporary Permits - None

Engineer Intern Enrollment Certificates

Clayton Robert Goodwin, Matthew Joseph Grosey, Michael Joseph Lukaszewicz, Daniel James McNeally, Nolen James Miller, Drue Gabriel Pecquet, Cameron Hewitt Port, Brandt Yannone Walla

Certificates of Authorization

CA5429 Engineering Consultants Inc PA, CA5430 DiDonato Associates Engineering and Architecture PC, CA5431 Strategic Design LLC, CA5432 CIMCO Refrigeration Inc, CA5433 Cooper Carry Inc, CA5434 Baker Ingram & Associates Inc, CA5435 Structural Design Group LLC, CA5436 Golden Woods LLC, CA5437 Herzig Engineering LLC,

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CA5438 Mullins Mechanical & Welding LLC, CA5439 Robinson Mills + Williams, CA5440 RMD Kwikform North America Inc, CA5441 PVE Consulting Engineers LLC, CA5442 Diamond Z Engineering Inc

[PE Exam Applications](#)

Brendon Chace Bunker, Environmental; Brady Lance Darrough, Control Systems, Tyler Matthew Gerdes, Civil; Abigail Grace Kigin, Civil; Andrew John Nelson, Mechanical; Matthew Bradley Poppen, Control Systems; Tyler David Richling, Electrical and Computer; Johsua Daniel Sabata, Electrical and Computer; Ryker John Van Brocklin, Civil; Shane Michael Weatherly, Civil; Tory Alexander Weeder, Mechanical; Benjamin Jearlid Weyeneth, Mechanical; Chi Zhang, Civil

Licensure/Examination

[Licensure of Professional Engineers by Comity and Initial](#)

Initial License, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Samuel Spieler Hueser, Mechanical; Garrett Keith Lane, Civil; Michale Frederick Lau, Civil; David Able Sims, Civil; Andrew Evan Stirek, Civil; Michael James Van Hove, Civil; Taylor Grant Wendt, Civil; Jace Devyn Wieseler, Mechanical; Mostafa Zahrooni, Civil

Comity License, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Zachary James Baker, Civil; Oumalkhaire Said Barkad, Mechanical; Anthony Thomas Felthous, Civil; Olga Oka, Mechanical

[Licensure of Professional Engineers by Experience](#)

Staff Recommendation to Approve: Wilast Amornrattanapong, Civil; Andrew Ross Gower, Civil; Davasia Joseph, Electrical and Computer; Joshua Aaron Root, Civil; David John Waldron, Electrical;

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

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

[Licensure of Architects by Experience](#)

Staff Recommendation to Approve: Sylvia Ann Frank

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

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

Other Issues/Information

[Completed Application Statistics](#)

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

G. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Reports – February

[FY2024-25 Financial Profile](#)

[Budget Status](#)

[Fund Summary](#)

[MTD General Ledger Detail](#)

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to accept the financial reports as presented. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Brisnehan; Not Present for Vote: 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 April 18, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall S, Lower Level, Lancaster Hearing Room, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Operational Planning – May 29th 9:00a – Tentative – Thiele GeoTech -

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Licensure and Certificate Trends

Numbers as of March 13, 2025

Professional Engineers	9,218
Architects.....	1,901
Certificates of Authorization	2,462
Temporary Permits.....	14

Examination Information/Statistics

The March 2025 ARE Open Eligibilities, the February 2025 ARE exam results, and the 2024 Q3 Pass/Fail statistics were provided.

Other Information

The FY2024-25 Marketing Plan was provided.

The Facebook Analytics for February 2025 were provided.

The February Website Analytics reports were provided.

<i>Visits</i>	<i>New Users</i>
3,400.....	2,600

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dvorak adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Dan Thiele, Secretary