Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects **Public Rulemaking Hearing Minutes – March 21, 2025, 8:30 a.m.**

2077 N St Ste 310, Lincoln, NE - Nebraska Environmental Trust

The Board of Engineers and Architects is holding 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 2077 N St Ste 310, 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 February 13, 2025, on the Board's website on February 14, 2025, and an email notice was sent to Nebraska-licensed architects and professional engineers on February 14, 2025.

Board Members Present: Jason Suelter, Chair; Brian Kelly, Vice-Chair; Bruce Dvorak, Secretary; Brett Foley; Brian Kelly; Lenora Nelson; 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

No members of the public were present.

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 received:

Anne DeVries

DeVries suggested modifying the definition of public works and adding wastewater treatment plants and water systems.

Lucas Billesbach

Billesbach suggested replacing the term structure with infrastructure.

NCEES

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

Kyle Kauzlarich

Kauzlarich inquired regarding proposed Rule 4.1.5 related to the licensure requirements for international individuals.

SEAON

The Structural Engineers Association of Nebraska (SEAON) inquired regarding proposed Rule 4.1.5 related to the licensure requirements for international individuals.

James Harper

Requested clarification and background on the proposed revisions to Rule 5.3.3. The proposed rule would add a time period in which a licensee has to report a possible violation. 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.

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NeSPE

The Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers (NeSPE)/Professional Engineer's Coalition 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."

Chair Suelter noted that the decision to modify, reject, or adopt 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 8:33 a.m.

Dan Thiele, Secretary