

Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects
Board Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2025, 8:45 a.m.
215 Centennial Mall South – Lincoln NE 68508

CALL TO ORDER

The April 18, 2025, Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA) meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chair Dvorak 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: Bruce Dvorak, Chair; Dan Thiele, Secretary; Jan Bostelman; Jim Brisnehan; Brett Foley; Brian Kelly; Jason Suelter; Absent: Lenora Nelson, Vice-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); Cole Gressley, Administrative Programs Officer (APO)

Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

[March 21, 2025, Rules Hearing Minutes](#)

[March 21, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

[NCARB Update, March 2025](#)

[NCARB Fast Facts, March 2025](#)

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

B. MEETING REPORTS

NBEA Subcommittee Reports

[FY2024-25 Board Committees](#)

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

[Legislative Committee – Introduced Legislation](#)

A list of introduced bills of potential interest to the Board, with their latest statuses, was provided. Catalyst Public Affairs provided a summary of bills of interest.

C. OLD BUSINESS

Vice-Chair Nelson entered the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

[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 Chair Dvorak to set a date and finalize the agenda. After discussion, the meeting location was changed to the Thiele Geotech Training Center, 13460 Chandler Rd, Omaha.

[Update on Licensee Database Replacement Project w/NCARB](#)

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

D. NEW BUSINESS

OPPD Society of Engineers Satisfying “Professional Society” Criteria of Rule 9.3.1 Inquiry

An inquiry from the Omaha Public Power District’s (OPPD) Society of Engineers was received as to whether the Society satisfies the “professional society” criteria of Title 110, Nebraska Administrative Code, Rule 9.3.1. The members determined the society is a government agency for the purposes of Rule 9.3.1.

Integrity Solutions Engineering and Analytics Inc Trade Name Exception Request

A request to use the term *engineering* in the trade name of *Integrity Solutions Engineering and Analytics Inc* (ISEA) was received. The organization provides cybersecurity, network, and software engineering services. It provides advanced technical solutions in support of national security and critical infrastructure protection. Services include cybersecurity architecture and risk management, secure network design and analysis, software-based automation, and mission-critical systems support. It does not employ any professional engineers.

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to deny the trade name exception request for Integrity Solutions Engineering and Analytics Inc. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None

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 March 27, 2025
- ED Wilbeck is meeting with the Department of Energy and Environment on April 30, 2025
- PIO Bennet will be presenting at the Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers’ summer annual meeting on June 5, 2025, in David City
- CO Habe and CA Irvine will be presenting at the Nebraska Association of County Officials’ County Board Workshop on June 5, 2025, in Kearney
- A compliance outreach trip is scheduled for April 21-23, 2025, to visit Burt, Colfax, Cuming, Dodge, Douglas, Platte, Stanton, Thurston, Washington, and Wayne counties
- The latest Lunch & Learn webinar, covering the E&A Act and an overview of the Board, was held on March 26, 2025. There were approximately 585 attendees.
- The next Lunch & Learn webinar is scheduled for May 5 and 12, 2025. It will be directed toward first and second-class city, county, and building officials in legislative districts 40, 42, 43, 44, 47, and 48. The topic will cover the E&A Act and when design professionals are required on a project.
- March Facebook Analytics:
 - Views: 4,000
 - Reaches: 593
 - Content Interactions: 89
 - Link Clicks: 39
 - Visits: 118
 - New Follows: 8

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Board Member Travel and Per Diem Requests

Jim Brisnehan, Brian Kelly Lenora Nelson	April 7, 2025	NCARB Board of Directors Candidates Q&A Session (Virtual)
Jan Bostelman	April 9, 2025	NCEES Committee on Examinations for Professional Engineers, Electrical PE Exam Cut Score Determination (Virtual)
Jan Bostelman	April 15, 2025	NCEES Committee on Examinations for Professional Engineers, Electrical PE Exam Cut Score Determination (Virtual)
Jim Brisnehan, Brian Kelly Lenora Nelson	April 17, 2025	NCARB Post-BOD Regional V Meeting (Virtual)
Brian Kelly	April 28, 2025	NCARB Region V Leadership Meeting (Virtual)
Jason Suelter	May 1, 2025	NCEES Structural PAKS Spec Development Mtg (Virtual)
Date Change: June 19-22, 2025		NCARB Annual Business Meeting (Scottsdale, AZ)

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

NCEES Central Zone Secretary-Treasurer Candidates

Two candidates are running for NCEES Central Zone Secretary-Treasurer: Colleen Scholl (WI) and Deveron Sanders (MI). The Board gave the voting delegate their discretion when voting for a candidate, considering any additional information that may be received at the meeting.

Motion by Nelson, second by Kelly, to authorize the voting delegate to use their discretion when voting for a candidate and consider any additional information that may be received. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter, Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None

Delegate Selection for NCEES Annual Meeting

The 2025 NCEES Annual Meeting will be held in New Orleans, LA, from August 19-22, 2025. NCEES will fund the member board administrator, qualified first-time attendees, three board member delegates, and one law enforcement program attendee.

ED Wilbeck was recommended for funding as the member board administrator; CO Habe was recommended as the law enforcement delegate; Members Thiele, Kelly, and Foley, were recommended funded board member delegates. Suelter will be funded as a member of the NCEES Board of Directors, and Chair Dvorak will be funded as a committee chair.

Suelter and Chair Dvorak were approved for per diem.

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to select ED Wilbeck, CO Habe, Thiele, Kelly, and Foley as the funded delegates to the NCEES Annual Meeting, August 19-22, 2025, and Chair Dvorak, Suelter, Thiele, Kelly, and Foley were approved for per diem. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None

E. COMPLIANCE

Bostelman left the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Motion by Thiele, second by Kelly, 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; Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Not Present for Vote: Bostelman

Executive session started at 9:20 a.m.

Bostelman re-entered the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Cases 24.04, 24.05, 24.07, 24.12, 24.14, 24.22, 24.26, 24.35, 24.37, 24.41, 24.43, 24.44, 24.47, 24.49, 24.50, 24.51, 24.52, 25.02, 25.03, 25.04, and 25.06 were discussed in executive session.

Other Compliance Issues

Partner–agency processes were discussed in executive session.

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, 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; Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None

Executive session ended at 11:17 a.m.

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to open a new case against an individual with revoked licenses holding themselves as a licensed architect and professional Engineer in business correspondence for unlicensed practice and refer the matter to the county attorney with jurisdiction for potential criminal charges. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to dismiss Case 24.14 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation and cancel the hearing. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to dismiss Case 24.35 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to dismiss Case 24.41 without prejudice based on the engagement of licenses. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to dismiss Case 24.43 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to dismiss Case 24.47 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of architectural remediation. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to dismiss Case 24.51 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to open a case against the plan preparer in Case 25.04 for the unlicensed practice of architecture and engineering. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None

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Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to dismiss Case 25.06 after sending a letter of caution. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Thiele, Suelter; Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None

F. APPLICATIONS

Administratively Approved

Licensure of Professional Engineers by NCEES MLE Designation

E-21278 Joseph Tillman Allen, E-21278; E-21274 Fereidoon Angoory, Civil; E-21241 Timothy Vincent Arnold, Civil; E-21242 Richard Joseph Bobinger, Mechanical; E-21287 John Wesley Brindley, Environmental; E-21281 Jacob Lee Cicero, Fire Protection; E-21246 Britt Duane Clubb, Civil; E-21295 Michael Allen Combs, Civil; E-21279 Andre Elias Dibi, Electrical and Computer; E-21249 Danielle Nicole Dorr, Civil; E-21275 Brian Daniel Erickson, Architectural; E-21291 Cody Cameron Frazier, Civil; E-21231 Brett Richard Garske, Electrical and Computer; E-21250 Justin Allen Goehring, Civil; E-21240 Kaleb Anthony Gonzales, Civil; E-21251 Christopher Brian Green, Electrical; E-21282 Kara Marie Gregory, Mechanical; E-21243 Daniel Joseph Guenther, Electrical and Computer; E-21276 Daniel John Hanahan, Electrical and Computer; E-21235 David Joseph Hebert, Civil; E-21253 Ryan Michael Huber, Mechanical; E-21237 Julia Augusta Ingersoll, Mechanical; E-21288 Celeste Seydel Jain, Civil; E-21293 Israel Juarez, Civil; E-21285 Christopher Laurence Kabatt, Civil; E-21248 Mark Andrew Kaupa, Electrical and Computer; E-21283 Isoif Kurilla, Chemical; E-21233 Robert Barger Leadbetter III, Civil; E-21280 Mark Jason Lemasters, Electrical and Computer; E-21294 Avial Rocillo Lumagui, Civil; E-21244 Dallas Orlo Maughan, Civil; E-21286 Thomas Jason McCall, Mechanical; E-21290 Travuth Mock, Electrical; E-21247 Kyle James Revesz, Civil; E-21273 Adam Theodore Ruff, Civil; E-21246 Justin Benjamin Ruh, Civil; E-21289 Katie Ann Satrom, Mechanical; E-21277 Eric Edward Schmidt, Civil; E-21284 Colin Jennings Shipwrighte, Civil; E-21292 Craig Werner Storch, Civil; E-21296 Steven Jonathon Vaz, Mechanical; E-21252 Hunter Aaron Volk, Civil; E-21238 Harrison Tyler Ward, Electrical and Computer; E-21236 John Lawrence Wattu, Civil; E-21272 Page Joseph Weil, Civil; E-21232 Matthew David Whisler, Civil; E-21234 Mark Alen Yerges, Civil; E-21271 Andrew Ian Zafrin, Structural

Licensure of Architects by NCARB Certification

A-5782 John William Benoit, A-5786 William Alen Bermeister, A-5784 Trent Jerold Gareis, A-5779 Mariette Roth Haywood, A-5789 Bobbi Jo Hepper Olson, A-2780 Matthew B Jarmel, A-5787 Carl Frederick Miller, A-5783 Paul Pellicani, A-5785 Kevin Michael Schaffer, A-5788 Steven Aaron Starr

Temporary Permits

T-666 Toni Magdalena Haider, Engineering

Engineer Intern Enrollment Certificates

Ethan Douglas Bock, Jillian Christine Dloughy, Tyler Matthew Gerdes, Mason Lavern Gish

Certificates of Authorization

CA5443 Biohabitats Inc, CA5444 Clark Richardson & Biskup Consulting Engineers Inc, CA5445 Groff Engineering & Consulting PLLC, CA5446 Total Site Services Inc, CA5447 RA Advisors LLC, CA5448 Carubba Engineering Inc, CA5449 Carlsen & Frank Associates LLC, CA5450 Weiser Engineering PC, CA5451 CKR Engineers Inc, CA5452 MGN Consulting Engineers Inc, CA5453 Benchmark Group Alliance PLLC, CA5454 Corbin Consulting Engineers Inc, CA5455 Brown Tank LLC, CA5456 NorthStar Energy Services Inc, CA5457 Hepper Olson Architects LTD

PE Exam Applications

Lane Patrick Applegarth, Civil; Eric Martin Downing, Civil; Heaven Elyse McKinley, Environmental; Amgad Fawzy Morgan-Girgis, Mechanical; Isaac John Rademacher, Mechanical; Martin Stephen Reistad, Electrical and Computer; Trevin Joseph Rezac, Civil; Evan James Roth, Mechanical; Erik Iveson Sanders, Control Systems;

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Steven Tyler Stauffer, Civil; Amanda Ann Tomes, Environmental; Megan Alyssa Walker, Electrical and Computer; Matthew Bradley Westin, Control Systems; William Louis Zawaideh-Haddadin, Civil

Licensure/Examination

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

Initial License, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Jarred Allen Barnes, Civil; Justin Cole Broekmeier, Civil; Dereik Nicholas Duin, Civil; Keith Kilbane Hester, Mechanical; Adrienne Marie Kusek, Civil; Mary Katherine Mulhall, Mechanical; William Thomas Walker, Civil

Initial License, Staff Recommendation to Defer: Abed-nego Kyungu Kime, Civil, until the required experience is obtained. The Board only granted quarter time for his research assistant experience.

Comity License, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Amy Leigh Kaleita Forbes, Agricultural; Tong Li, Structural; Wildon James Menezes, Mechanical

[Licensure of Professional Engineers by Experience](#)

Staff Recommendation to Approve: Theodore Ray Barela, Civil; Conrad Reed Guymon, Structural

[Licensure of Professional Engineers by Reinstatement](#)

Staff Recommendation to Approve: E-14579 Lynda Marie Erdbrink, Mechanical

[Licensure of Architects by Comity and Initial](#)

Initial License, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Rebecca Christine Kalhorn-Nekkanti

Comity Licenses - None

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

[Licensure of Architects by Reinstatement](#)

Staff Recommendation to Approve: A-4188 Brian Gregory Fabo

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

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 – March

[FY2024-25 Financial Profile](#)

[Budget Status](#)

[Fund Summary](#)

[MTD General Ledger Detail](#)

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

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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 May 30, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at the 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. An Operational Planning Meeting will be held on May 29, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Thiele Geotech Training Center, 13478 Chandler Road, Omaha, Nebraska.

The reappointment certificates for Chair Dvorak and Suelter were provided.

Licensure and Certificate Trends

Numbers as of April 10, 2025

Professional Engineers	9,308
Architects	1,919
Certificates of Authorization	2,478
Temporary Permits	15

Examination Information/Statistics

The 2025 Q1 FE and PE exam Pass Rate Histories were provided.

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 March 2025 were provided.

The February Website Analytics reports were provided.

<i>Visits</i>	<i>New Users</i>
3,400	2,700

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dvorak adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.