

## CALL TO ORDER

The August 8, 2025, Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA) meeting was held in the Lancaster Room at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chair Dvorak called the meeting to order at 8:31 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; Lenora Nelson, Vice-Chair; Jim Brisnehan; Brian Kelly; Jason Suelter; Absent: Dan Thiele, Secretary; Jan Bostelman; 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)

Suelter was appointed secretary in Thiele's absence.

## Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

## A. CONSENT AGENDA

[July 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes](#)

[NCARB Fast Facts, June 2025](#)

[NCARB Fast Facts, July 2025](#)

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

## B. MEETING REPORTS

### NBEA Subcommittee Reports

[FY2025-26 Board Committees](#)

A copy of the FY2025-26 Board committees and charges was provided.

## C. OLD BUSINESS

### [Discussion of Motions to be Presented at the 2025 NCEES Annual Meeting](#)

A copy of the action items to be presented at the 2025 NCEES Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, on August 19-22, 2025, was provided. ED Wilbeck also provided position recommendations for the members' consideration. He is recommending the Board adopt the NCEES Board of Directors' positions except for Motion Licensure 1 as discussed at the July 2025 Board meeting.

Oklahoma will present a substitute motion for ACCA Motion 1. The original motion would not allow debate on the intent of the original motion passed at a prior meeting of the NCEES on revisions to its *Model Law* or *Model Rules* language when the UPLG Committee presents the revised language based on that motion at the next annual meeting. The substitute motion would eliminate the need for revisions to be brought before the member boards for adoption and would give UPLG the ability to develop and present the revisions to the NCEES Board of Directors. If the NCEES Board of Directors determines the language reflects the Council's intent, the revisions will become effective immediately. If the language is found to be insufficient, it would be returned to the UPLG committee for revisions. If the committee and Board of Directors cannot reach a consensus before the next annual meeting, the matter will be placed on the meeting agenda. If placed on the agenda, the original intent of

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the motion is not to be debated, but may include discussions regarding the implementation of the revised language. The presiding officer will make the determination upon advice of the parliamentarian.

*Motion by Nelson, second by Suelter, to authorize the voting delegate to vote according to the position recommendations as discussed and to use their discretion based on the discussion and information provided at the meeting. Voting Yes: Suelter, Brisnehan, Kelly, Nelson, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Foley, Thiele*

Sam Wilson from DC has been nominated for NCEES President-Elect. Elections will be held at the NCEES annual meeting later this month.

#### Potential Changes to E&A Act and Board Rules

A copy of the proposed statute and rules revisions based on the discussion at the July 2025 board meeting. A list of all proposed revisions is included with these minutes. New proposed revisions include:

- **Rule 1.11.4.1** - Revised to *Professional engineers and architects whose licenses are in good standing and subject to renewal, but who are not engaged in their professional practice, may elect emeritus status.*
- **Rule 2.8.1** - Revised from listing a specific amount of the educational debt reimbursement to indicating the reimbursement is the current NCEES FE exam registration fee. The revision will eliminate the need to revise the rule each time the registration fee is changed.  
Chair Dvorak requested a better understanding of the impact of the debt reimbursement before a final decision on the revisions is made.
- **Rule 3.7.1** - Revised to point back to Rule 2.8.1 with regard to the reimbursement amount.
- **Rule 2.4.1.6** - Removed as it is not needed with direct registration, as Rule 2.4.1.1 already states the Board will follow NCEES policies and schedules for taking the exams.
- **Rule 2.4.1.7** - Removed as it is not needed with direct registration, as Rule 2.4.1.1 already states the Board will follow NCEES policies and schedules for taking the exams.
- **Rule 2.4.1.8** - Removed as it is not needed with direct registration, as Rule 2.4.1.1 already states the Board will follow NCEES policies and schedules for taking the exams.
- **Rule 2.6.3** - Revised to remove “*Professional Architectural Engineers are considered competent to design engineering systems commonly associated with buildings.*”, as it is not needed.
- **Rule 2.6.4** - Revised to remove “...who are...” to make consistent with other sections of the Rules.

The members approved the revisions to the statutes as follows:

- **81-3437.01(2)** – Revised to read, “*Whenever the seal is applied, the licensee’s signature and date shall be either across or adjacent to the seal. The signature shall not obscure the licensee’s name or license number in the seal. The board may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for application of the seal.*”
- **81-3437.01(10)** – Repealed
- **81-3451(2)** - Repealed to allow for direct registration of the PE examination
- **81-3451** - Section revised to include initial licensure requirements that were previously listed in 81-3451(2); remaining sections renumbered

The members directed ED Wilbeck to begin the search for a sponsor to introduce a bill during the 2026 legislative session with the assistance of the Board’s legislative liaison.

*Motion by Suelter, second by Nelson, to approve the statute revisions as presented and discussed to support a legislative bill to revise the E&A Act. Voting Yes: Suelter, Brisnehan, Kelly, Nelson, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Foley, Thiele*

#### Feedback Requested on Potential Changes to Remove PE Exam Approval from the Act

At the members' request, ED Wilbeck contacted the Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers (NeSPE), the Professional Engineers Coalition (PEC), and the American Council of Engineering Companies – Nebraska Chapter (ACEC) for feedback on the proposed revisions related to moving to direct registration with NCEES for the PE exams. ACEC responded in favor of the revisions.

#### Update on Licensee Database Replacement Project w/NCARB

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

### D. NEW BUSINESS

#### NCARB Professional Conduct Committee Rules of Procedure and how it interprets board consent agreement language

ED Wilbeck serves on the NCARB Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) for FY25-26. The committee reviews disciplinary action of NCARB certificate holders to determine if the certificate should be revoked or if further action should be taken by NCARB. In a review of the committee's charges, he discovered that if a consent or settlement agreement shows no finding or agreement that the law has been violated, no review is required of the PCC. Currently, the language used by the Board doesn't include such language, but the Board noted this as it may affect any future consent agreements offered.

#### New question added to the NCARB Certificate renewal application

ED Wilbeck has received several calls from architects renewing their NCARB Certificate, stating NCARB has added the following item to the renewal form.

*I have contacted my licensing board to learn about my jurisdiction's specific rules of conduct.*

ED Wilbeck sent an inquiry to NCARB to find out the intentions behind the item, and NCARB later informed ED Wilbeck that the question is being removed.

#### Draft New Licensee Ceremony Program

A draft of the *New Licensee Ceremony* program was provided.

Vice-Chair Nelson was selected to read the architect names at the ceremony.

#### Outreach & Marketing Update

PIO Bennett updated the members on the Outreach & Marketing Plan. Highlights included:

- Upcoming presentations:
  - August 19 – American Council of Engineering Companies – Nebraska (ACEC) Lunch and Learn Webinar
  - September 17 – Great Plains Society of Fire Protection Engineers Monthly Meeting
  - September 18 – American Institute of Architects – Nebraska 2025 Annual Conference
  - September 24-26 – League of Nebraska Municipalities Annual Conference
  - December 17-19 Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Annual Conference – Exhibitor Space

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- Two new brochures are being created: *Coordinating Professionals* and *The Licensee Seal*.
- PIO Bennett is planning a trip to Blaine, Buffalo, Custer, Dawson, Frontier, Gosper, Kearney, Loup, and Phelps counties at the end of September.
- A webinar targeting contractors, lumberyards, and draftspeople is being developed for the end of September. It will cover when design professionals are required on projects subject to the E&A Act.

#### Board Member Travel and Per Diem Requests

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|---------------|------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Brian Kelly   | July 30, 2025                                  | NA    | NCARB Volunteer Orientation (Virtual)                                         |
| Brian Kelly   | August 15-16, 2025<br>(travel 14 and 17)       | NCARB | NCARB Professional Advisor Meeting and<br>Regional Leadership (Oklahoma City) |
| Jason Suelter | August 18, 2025<br>(Travel: Aug 17)            | NCEES | NCEES Board of Directors Meeting (New<br>Orleans, OR)                         |
| Jason Suelter | August 22, 2025<br>(Travel: Aug 23)            | NCEES | NCEES Board of Directors Meeting (New Orleans,<br>OR)                         |
| Jason Suelter | September 11-12, 2025<br>(Travel: Sep 10)      | NCEES | NCEES Board of Directors Meeting (Greenville,<br>SC)                          |
| Jason Suelter | September 11-13, 2025<br>(Travel: Sep 14)      | NCEES | NCEES SE Committee Meeting (Greenville, SC)                                   |
| Lenora Nelson | September 29, 2025                             | NA    | NCARB Leadership Roundtable (Virtual)                                         |
| Jason Suelter | October 23-24, 2025<br>(Travel: Oct 22 and 25) | NCEES | NCEES Board of Directors Meeting (Avalon, CA)                                 |
| All Members   | November 7, 2025                               | NBEA  | NBEA New Licensee Ceremony (Lincoln, NE)                                      |
| Jason Suelter | February 18-20, 2026<br>Travel: Feb 17 and 21  | NCEES | NCEES Board of Directors Meeting (Washington,<br>DC)                          |

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

## F. APPLICATIONS

### Administratively Approved

#### Licensure of Professional Engineers by NCEES MLE Designation

E-21522 Chad Samuel Beardslee, Civil; E-21538 Benjamin Mark Borowicz, Civil; E-21474 Jeffrey Eugene Briscoe, Civil; E-21530 Stephen Mark Butler, Electrical and Computer; E-21527 Paul Jacob Cooper, Civil; E-21482 Orion Daniel Craigue, Civil; E-21533 Kyle Jeffrey Davis, Mechanical; E-21475 Ryan Anthony Delbert, Civil; E-21470 Joshua David Erker, Electrical and Computer; E-21472 Aaron James Askola, Electrical and Computer; E-21476 Payton Price Fraley, Chemical; E-21534 Ryan Steven Freund, Structural; E-21484 Aaron Michael Frits, Civil; E-21524 Daniel Robert Hawk, Civil; E-21525 Rebeccan Marie Guerra Herkes, Civil; E-21540 Steven Andrew Houser, E-21481 Geoffrey Alan Kyle Huff, Architectural; E-21523 Grant Willis Jamison, Electrical and Computer; E-21483

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Philippe James Ledent, Structural; E-21526 Nolan George Lenahan, Civil; E-21543 Dominic Anthony Lucido, Structural; E-21541 Matthew W Marcus, Civil; E-21535 Daniel Tyler McCaulley, Mechanical; E-21477 Michael Robert McDonald, Civil; E-21528 Michael Edwards Mecredy, Environmental; E-21529 Jason Scott Meyer, Civil; E-21480 Christopher Michael Ortega, Electrical and Computer; E-21544 Zackary Stephan Panczer, Structural; E-21537 Steven Leslie Reynolds, Mechanical; E-21485 Kyle Christopher Rockwell, Civil; E-21478 Trevyn John Sell, Architectural; E-21479 Justin Thomas Simon, Environmental; E-21469 Robert James Skalet, Mechanical; E-21531 Andrew Newal Smith, Civil; E-21539 Caleb Swenson Stock, Civil; E-21545 Michael Jay Suiter, Civil; E-21536 Justin Anthony Thiner, Electrical and Computer; E-21542 Nathanael Alexander Wade, Civil; E-21471 Micah David Weaver, Civil; E-21473 Andrw Michael Wilkinson, Mechanical; E-21532 Davis Kenneth Wing, Civil

#### **Licensure of Architects by NCARB Certification**

A-5831 Lawrence Verne Antoine Jr, A-5836 David Ray Harchanko, A-5833 Randall Ray Hurben Jr, A-5828 Sarah Brady Jacobson, A-5835 Timohty Morgan Lott, A-5829 Ansley Jean Mouw, A-5830 Michael Patrick Neaf, A-5834 Michael Dominic Quinn, A-5832 Kyel Rand Schleicher, A-5837 Jonathon David Simianer, A-5827 Michael Glenn Watts

#### **Temporary Permits – None**

#### **Engineer Intern Enrollment Certificates**

Niaz Nd Ashrafu Haque, Jack Anthony Hinsberger, Atticus Zane Poling, Cameron Paul Troia, Erick Alan Vander Woude Jr

#### **Certificates of Authorization**

CA5509 Deep South Crane and Rigging LLC, CA5510 SET Environmental Inc, CA5511 JSR Associates Inc, CA5512 Structural Ingenuity Inc, CA5513 Tarantion Engineering Consultants PC, CA5514 PRM Architecture PLLC, CA5515 Hauptman Architecture LLC, CA5516 Parker Associates LLC, CA5517 FGM Architects Inc, CA5518 Charles Taylor Engineering Technical Services LLC, CA5519 EET LLC, CA5520 Goldland Engineers LLC< CA5521 JBG Engineering LLC, CA5522 J-U-B Engineers Inc, CA5523 MASS Design Group Ltd, CA5524 Waggoner Engineering Inc, CA5525 Jennmar Civil LLC, CA5526 Just Right Engineering LLC, CA5527 GDOT Design LLC

#### **PE Exam Applications**

Espen Jacob Avenson, Mechanical; Parker Steven Belgum, Agricultural and Biological; Josha Reagan Cunningham, Mechanical; Hazem Dakhil, Structural; Soumitra Das, Civil; Genevieve Claire Davis, Civil; Calvin Brady Hehnke, Architectural; Alycia Elizabeth Noble, Architectural; Kurt Lee Pavlik, Electrical and Computer; Juston Richard Raper, Mechanical; Randy DeShawn Rouse Jr, Civil; Jared Christian Tomes, Civil; Eric Alan Vander Woude Jr, Control Systems and Mechanical; Orion Reed Vogt, Civil; Maximlian Robert Wattier, Electrical and Computer

#### **Licensure/Examination**

##### **Licensure of Professional Engineers by Comity and Initial**

**Initial Licensure, Staff Recommendation to Approve:** Coltion James Baylor, Mechanical; Kanchan Singh Bk, Civil; Jackson Lee Cordell, Mechanical; Nathan Timothy Dowler, Mechanical; Cameron Robert Hastings, Civil; David Duane Le, Civil; Ryan Matthew Leeper, Civil; Andrew John Nelson, Mechanical; Jack Douglas Post, Civil; Rhea De Ocampo Savidan, Civil; Benjamin Andrew Schnatz, Civil; Steven Tyler Stauffer, Civil

**Comity Licensure, Staff Recommendation to Approve:** Jakob Andrew Erdmann, Civil; Luke Gregory Hanson, Civil

##### **Licensure of Professional Engineers by Experience – None**

##### **Licensure of Professional Engineers by Reinstatement – None**

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**Initial Licensure, Staff Recommendation to Approve:** Madeleine Anne Pollara

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

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

**Special Cases**

[Certificates of Authorization](#)

**Approved:** Marasco & Associates Inc – upon receipt of in arrears of \$675.00

*Motion by Suelter, second by Nelson, to accept the staff recommendations on the applications except for Marasco & Associates. Voting Yes: Suelter, Brisnehan, Kelly, Nelson, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Foley, Thiele*

*Motion by Nelson, second by Suelter, to approve the certificate of authorization for Marasco & Associates Inc upon receipt of in arrears fees of \$675.00. Voting Yes: Suelter, Brisnehan, Kelly, Nelson, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Foley, Thiele*

**Other Issues/Information**

[Completed Application Statistics](#)

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

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

Executive session began at 9:39 a.m.

**E. COMPLIANCE**

Cases 24.04, 24.05, 24.07, 24.12, 24.37, 24.50, 24.52, 25.02, 25.03, 25.04, 25.05, 25.07, 25.08, 25.12, 25.13, 25.14, 25.15, 25.16, 25.17, 25.18, 25.19, and 25.20 were discussed in executive session.

**Other Compliance Issues**

Project Reviews 01 and 02 were discussed in executive session.

Partner-agency processes were discussed in executive session.

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

*Motion by Suelter, second by Nelson, to dismiss Case 25.02 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Suelter, Brisnehan, Kelly, Nelson, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Foley, Thiele*

*Motion by Suelter, second by Brisnehan, to dismiss Case 25.03 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Suelter, Brisnehan, Kelly, Nelson, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Foley, Thiele*

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*Motion by Suelter, second by Nelson, to approve the settlement agreement in Case 25.14 and authorize the Chair to execute. Voting Yes: Suelter, Brisnehan, Kelly, Nelson, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Foley, Thiele*

*Motion by Suelter, second by Brisnehan, to authorize architectural remediation in Case 25.16 and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Suelter, Brisnehan, Kelly, Nelson, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Foley, Thiele*

*Motion by Suelter, second by Brisnehan, to dismiss Case 25.17 after sending a letter of caution. Voting Yes: Suelter, Brisnehan, Kelly, Nelson, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Foley, Thiele*

*Motion by Suelter, second by Brisnehan, to dismiss Case 25.18 after sending a letter of caution. Voting Yes: Suelter, Brisnehan, Kelly, Nelson, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Foley, Thiele*

*Motion by Suelter, second by Brisnehan, to authorize architectural and engineering remediation in Case 25.20 and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Suelter, Brisnehan, Kelly, Nelson, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Foley, Thiele*

## **G. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **Financial Reports – through July 30th**

[FY2024-25 Financial Profile](#)

[Budget Status](#)

[Fund Summary](#)

[MTD General Ledger Detail](#)

### **Other Financial Matters – None**

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

## **H. GENERAL INFORMATION**

A schedule of upcoming meetings and national events was provided. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., at the Nebraska State Office Building – Lancaster Room, 301 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln, Nebraska.

### **Licensure and Certificate Trends**

*Numbers as of July 31, 2025*

|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Professional Engineers .....        | 9,590 |
| Architects .....                    | 1,985 |
| Certificates of Authorization ..... | 2,510 |
| Temporary Permits.....              | 12    |

### **Examination Information/Statistics**

[ARE Pass/Fail Report –June 2025](#)

The June 2025 ARE Pass/Fail Report was provided.

### **Other Information**

The FY2025-26 Marketing Plan was provided.

Facebook analytics for July 2025 were provided:

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- *Views: 3,131*
- *Reaches: 257*
- *Content Interactions: 44*
- *Link Clicks: 3*
- *Visits: 70*
- *New Follows: 1*
- *Posts: 14*

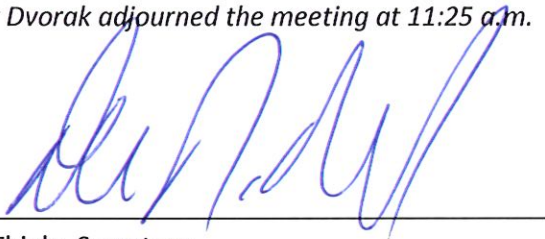
The July 2025 Website Analytics report was provided:

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| <i>Visits</i> | <i>New Users</i> |
| 3,000         | 2,300            |

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

## ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dvorak adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.



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Dan Thiele, Secretary