

Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects
Board Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2025, 8:30 a.m.
215 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln NE 68508

CALL TO ORDER

The September 12, 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; Jim Brisnehan; Jan Bostelman; Brett Foley; Brian Kelly; Absent: Lenora Nelson, Vice-Chair; Jason Suelter

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

[August 8, 2025, Meeting Minutes](#)

[NCARB Update, June/July 2025](#)

[NCARB Fast Facts, August 2025](#)

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

B. MEETING REPORTS

NBEA Subcommittee Reports

[FY2025-26 Board Committees](#)

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

[Guidance Documents Committee; Interior Design First Draft](#)

A draft copy of the guidance document on interior design practice overlap with architecture was provided. The members requested that the included table be separated into two tables. It was also requested that information be added regarding what services non-registered interior designers may perform.

[Other Reports](#)

Russ Westerhold from Edward Westerhold Moore, the Board's legislative liaison, reported on topics that will be priorities during the upcoming 2026 legislative session.

Next steps were discussed regarding finding a sponsor for the statute revisions the Board may look to make during the next session. It was suggested that Senator Sanders, chair of the Government Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, be contacted to see if she would be interested in sponsoring the bill.

C. OLD BUSINESS

[Recap of NCEES 2025 Annual Business Meeting](#)

A recap of the actions taken during the NCEES 2025 Annual Business Meeting was provided. Samuel Wilson (DC) was elected as 2025-26 NCEES President-Elect for 2026-27.

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Update on PE Nuclear Exam (Presentation from NCEES ABM)

Information on the current state of the PE Nuclear Exam was provided. NCEES proposes to conduct a PAKS study in the fall 2025, to be completed by the fall of 2026. Exam development would occur during 2026-27. A professional society has requested that the exam be moved from October to April. The October 2027 exam administration would be suspended, with the first exam with the new specifications being offered in April 2028.

Professional Engineers Coalition Feedback on Proposal to Remove PE Exam Approval from Act

Feedback was received from the Professional Engineers Coalition (PEC) regarding the Board's proposal to remove the PE exam requirements from the E&A Act to allow for direct registration by the examinees, eliminating the requirement that the Board approve PE exam applications before the individual can register and schedule their exam. The members requested that ED Wilbeck meet with PEC to discuss their concerns. Thiele stated he was available to attend the meeting if needed.

State of the Proposed E&A Act/Board Rules Changes

Chair Dvorak suggested staff look at revising language in Rule 9.2.4 to clarify that courses related to professional development may not be eligible for continuing education credit. The rule currently allows any topic that falls within a professional society's body of knowledge to be eligible. After researching some of the engineering societies' bodies of knowledge, it was found that some list topics related to professional development that may not be related to health, safety, and welfare, or are not technical in nature. Several of the members felt the current language may be too broad.

Staff will look at Rules 9.2.1, 9.2.2, and 9.2.4 and bring suggested revisions to the October meeting.

NCEES Revising Engineering Education Standard

ED Wilbeck provided an internal email to staff directing them to review education evaluations going forward against the revised NCEES Engineering Education Standard—adjusted by the NCEES Council at the 2025 Annual Meeting—from this date forward, and regardless of when the evaluation was performed.

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 Region V Pre-September Board of Directors (BOD) Memo

A copy of the NCARB Region V Pre-September BOD Memo was provided.

Trade Name Exemption Request

A trade name exemption request was received from Attention Architects LLC to use the word *architects* in the organization's trade name. The organization is a marketing organization focused on building brands, relationships, communications, and strategic marketing initiatives for a variety of professional clients and corporations. The organization does not practice or offer to practice architecture and does not employ licensed architects.

Motion by Bostelman, second by Thiele, to deny the trade name request from Attention Architects LLC to include the word architect in its trade name. Voting Yes: Thiele, Bostelman, Brisnehan, Kelly, Dvorak; Voting No: Foley; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

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Outreach & Marketing Update

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

- Presentations:
 - ACEC NE Lunch and Learn Webinar – August 19, 2025
 - Career Ladder Engineering Cohort (ED Wilbeck) – September 16, 2025
 - Great Plains Society of Fire Protection Engineers Monthly Meeting – September 17, 2025
 - AIA Nebraska 2025 Conference Presentation – September 18, 2025
 - League of Nebraska Municipalities Annual Conference – September 25, 2025
 - Doane University Junior Engineering Class – October 6, 2025
 - Engineers Club of Omaha – December 9, 2025
 - Nebraska Association of County Officials Annual Conference Exhibitor Space – December 17-18, 2025
 - American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air-Conditioning Engineers – February 10-11, 2026
 - ED Wilbeck will be presenting to an Engineering 401 class at UNL on September 16, 2025
 - ED Wilbeck will be presenting to the Career Ladder Engineering Cohort on September 17, 2025. The Cohort assists non-US citizens in becoming licensed.
 - ED Wilbeck will be presenting to an Engineering 401 class at UNO in October 2025
- A multi-day trip was conducted September 8-10, 2025, to Blaine, Buffalo, Custer, Dawson, Frontier, Gosper, Kearney, Loup, and Phelps counties.
- A *Lunch and Learn* is for September 22 and 29, 2025, designed for contractors, lumberyards, and draftspersons. The webinar will cover when design professionals are required on projects subject to the E&A Act.
- A total of 110 professional engineers and eleven architects have been invited to the New Licensee Ceremony in November. Twenty-six PEs and five architects have accepted the invitation.

Board Member Travel and Per Diem Requests

Lenora Nelson, Brian Kelly, Jim Brisnehan	October 1, 2025 February 10, 2026 May 12, 2026	NCARB	NCARB Region V Post-Board of Directors Meeting Call (Virtual)
Jan Bostelman	September 16, 2025	NCEES	NCEES EPE Committee Meeting (Virtual)
Brian Kelly	September 24-26, 2025 (travel Sep 24 & 27)	NCARB	NCARB Region II Education Symposium (Philadelphia, PA)
Jan Bostelman	January 30-31, 2026 (travel Jan 29 & 31)	NCEES	NCEES EPE Committee Meeting (Greenville, SC)

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

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

Executive session began at 9:45 a.m.

E. COMPLIANCE

Cases 24.04, 24.05, 24.12, 24.37, 24.50, 24.52, 25.04, 25.05, 25.07, 25.08, 25.12, 25.13, 25.14, 25.15, 25.16, 25.19, 25.20, and 25.21 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 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: Thiele, Bostelman, Brisnehan, Foley, Kelly, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

Executive session ended at 11:00 a.m.

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to dismiss Case 24.04 without disciplinary action based on completing the additional education requested by the Board. Voting Yes: Thiele, Bostelman, Brisnehan, Foley, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Abstain: Kelly; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Brisnehan, to dismiss Case 24.37 without prejudice based on the engagement of licensees on the project. Voting Yes: Thiele, Bostelman, Brisnehan, Foley, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Abstain: Kelly; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to close Case 25.08 based on satisfying the terms of the settlement agreement. Voting Yes: Thiele, Bostelman, Brisnehan, Foley, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Abstain: Kelly; Absent: Nelson, Suelter; Abstain: Kelly

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to dismiss Case 25.13 without prejudice based on the involvement of licensees on the project. Voting Yes: Thiele, Bostelman, Brisnehan, Foley, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Abstain: Kelly; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to close Case 25.14 based on satisfying the terms of the settlement agreement. Voting Yes: Thiele, Bostelman, Brisnehan, Foley, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Abstain: Kelly; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Brisnehan, to dismiss Case 25.15 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Thiele, Bostelman, Brisnehan, Foley, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Abstain: Kelly; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to schedule a hearing in Case 25.19 for disciplinary action for the unlicensed practice of architecture against the respondent and the respondent's firm. Voting Yes: Thiele, Bostelman, Brisnehan, Foley, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Abstain: Kelly; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

F. APPLICATIONS

Administratively Approved

Licensure of Professional Engineers by NCEES MLE Designation

E-21596 Jeremy Allen Amundson, Mechanical; E-21580 Joseph Daniel Bass, Electrical and Computer; E-21573 Austin Edward Bewley, Mechanical; E-21581 Matthew Paul Bono, Structural; E-21556 Owen John Paul Bower, Structural; E-21548 Jacob Thomas Bressman, Civil; E-21579 Nicole Nash Bruno, Civil; E-21597 Benjamin Richard Buerger, Structural; E-21590 Robert Lee Capron, Civil; E-21595 John Steven Cillessen, Chemical; E-21574 Charles Edward Deal IV, Electrical and Computer; E-21557 Mark Jonathan Wahl Duncan, Civil; E-21552 Richard Eugene Fourts Jr, Electrical and Computer; E-21550 Nicholas Stephne Hamberg, Civil; E-21591 Benjamin Alan Horner, Civil; E-21547 Conner Steven Jewell, Civil; E-21587 Thomas Willima Johnson, Civil; E-21598 Jared Franz Jones, Civil; E-19243 Michael Alan Krsnak, Fire Protection; E-21575 Gabriel Eduardo Ledezma, Civil; E-21582 Nathan Douglas Libertowski, Mechanical; E-21589 James Thomas Lingo, Civil; E-21551 David Rickert Lykins; E-21584 Michael David McIntire, Civil; E-21576 Rene Mendoza Gonzalez, Civil; E-21546 Paul Anthony Montagna, Mechanical; E-21577 Brian Montenegro, Mechanical; E-21599 David Michael Nesheiwat, Mechanical; E-21592 Taylor Kenneth Olson, Civil; E-21555 Randy Lance Osborne, Civil; E-21583 Alison Marie Parker, Structural; E-21601 Michael Joseph Porcelli, Civil; E-21600 Milan Radic, Civil; E-21558 Tristan Bradley Sanderson, Civil; E-21588 Lyn Robert Schaeffer Jr, Civil; E-21578 William John Schnitzler, Electrical and Computer; E-21586 Randall David Shallbetter, Civil; E-21553 Amanda Leigh Smith, Civil; E-21585 Peter Nathan Sogn, Mechanical; E-21593 Le Cong Tran, Electrical; E-21549 Heather Hevelone Trantham, Civil; E-21594 Kyle Steven Wopata, Control Systems
E-21554 David Michael Boon, Electrical and Computer moved to Comity Approvals.

Licensure of Architects by NCARB Certification

A-5844 Randall P Collins, A-5838 David Michale Combs, A-5847 Dustin Kyle Diaz, A-5840 Zachary Brown Kameron, A-5841 John Howard Kamus, A-5846 Andrew Michael Martin, A-5848 Leslie Bryan Moore, A-5845 Christopher Michael Schweiss, A-5842 Albert Abraham Taus, A-5839 Dirk Scott Westercamp

Temporary Permits – None

Engineer Intern Enrollment Certificates

Gavyn Eugene Richard Clause, Jacob Wesley Lawhorn, Trey Robert Martin, Tyler Garrett Messerschmidt, Braeden Anthony Paiz, Koamivi Tafide Sipokpe, Even Mitchel Stock

Certificates of Authorization

CA5528 Brooks Fire Protection Engineering LLC, CA5529 Golden Forensics LLC, CA5530 Urettek USA Inc, CA5531 Standard Industrial Structures Corporation, CA5532 Electrical Power Solutions Inc, CA5533 Day & Zimmermann International Inc, CA5534 MS Benbow and Associates Professional Engineering Corporation, CA5535 Marasco & Associates, CA5536 Allegro Civil Engineers PC, CA5537 Aspect Architects LLC, CA5538 AME Engineering PC, CA5539 Salas O'Brien Inc, CA5540 THEWAY Labs LLC, CA5541 Anthony Michael Cerra Jr PE, CA5542 Something Architecture, CA5543 The Waldinger Corporation, CA5544 Albert Taus and Associates, CA5545 CCI Systems Inc, CA5546 LJA Engineering Inc, CA5547 Blue Frog Engineering LLC, CA5548 Framework Architecture LLC

PE Exam Applications

Akbota Aitbayeva, Civil; Steven Mark Crouch, Mechanical; Evan Jon Greeneway, Civil; Christopher Lee Gust, Civil; Timothy James Hubbell, Civil; Jordan Lee Jurgens, Civil; Mason Andrew Kenney, Structural; Michale Stephen Lambert Jr, Civil; Jennifer Morgan Mack, Mechanical; Joseph Timothy Malloy, Civil; Cordell Ray Mika, Civil; Wylie Miles Oliver, Mechanical; Braden Anthony Paiz, Civil; Jhovani Perez Morales, Civil; Martin Phan, Civil; Rylie Patrick Steffen, Agricultural and Biological

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Licensure/Examination

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

Initial Licensure, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Devin Alan Brewer, Civil; Daniel Uriel Cano Pargas, Mechanical; Tyler Joseph Hahn, Civil; Abigail Grace Kigin, Civil; Laurel Erin McDonough, Mechanical; Kokeun Park, Mechanical; Thomas Richard Pivovar, Fire Protection; Tyler David Richling, Electrical and Computer; Evan James Roth, Mechanical; Marissa Jean Schild, Civil; Surya Subedi, Civil; Adrian Salomon Tarango, Civil;

Comity Licensure, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Mriganabh Boruah, Civil; John Zhong Chen, Metallurgical and Materials; Michael Lee Clayton, Civil; Stephan Tremblay, Civil

E-21554 David Michael Boon, Electrical and Computer approved on the basis of comity with Texas.

[Licensure of Professional Engineers by Experience](#)

Staff Recommendation to Approve: Ayman Baki, Civil; Anthony Thomas Bardgett, Civil; Erika Lee Bolger, Electrical and Computer; Luc Dewailly, Civil; Dick Darwin Kunz Jr, Civil; Nathan Richard Lund, Civil; Rawee Ratana, Electrical and Computer

[Licensure of Professional Engineers by Reinstatement](#)

Staff Recommendation to Approve: E-13491 Jared Adams, Civil

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

Initial Licensure, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Alicia Elizabeth Ringer

Comity Licensure – None

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

[Licensure of Architects by Reinstatement](#)

Staff Recommendation to Approve: A-4932 Lamberto Smigliani

Special Cases

[Licensure of Professional Engineers by Reinstatement](#)

Approved: E-13170 Anita Lynn Anthony, Civil

Disclosures

[Steven Schaub](#)

Staff Recommendation: Open a complaint and offer a settlement agreement placing his license on probation concurrent with his Texas license.

[Tappana Structural Consultants PC](#)

Staff Recommendation: Note placed in file, no further action taken

[DOTec Corp](#)

Staff Recommendation: Note placed in file, no further action taken

Other Issues/Information

[Requests for NCEES Credentials Evaluation](#)

Approved: Eric Nelson, David Vondrak

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

Motion by Thiele, second by Brisnehan, to accept the continuing education and approve the reinstatement application of Anita Anthony E-13170. Voting Yes: Thiele, Brisnehan, Kelly, Dvorak; Voting No: Bostelman, Foley; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to approve the license of David Boon, E-21554, on the basis of comity with Texas. Voting Yes: Thiele, Bostelman, Brisnehan, Foley, Kelly, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to authorize NCEES Credentials Evaluation to conduct education evaluations for Eric Nelson and David Vondrak. Voting Yes: Thiele, Bostelman, Brisnehan, Foley, Kelly, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

[NCEES Engineering Education Standard Revisions](#)

During the NCEES 2025 Annual Meeting, the member boards voted to remove the general education requirement from the NCEES Education Standard. A copy of the passed motion was provided. As it will take some time for NCEES to implement the changes, ED Wilbeck is recommending that the Board begin reviewing NCEES Credential Evaluations against the new standard now.

[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 – August 2025

[FY2024-25 Financial Profile](#)

[Budget Status](#)

[Fund Summary](#)

[MTD General Ledger Detail](#)

Motion by Bostelman, second by Foley, to approve the financials as presented. Voting Yes: Thiele, Bostelman, Brisnehan, Foley, Kelly, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Nelson, 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 October 24, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., at 215 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Licensure and Certificate Trends

Numbers as of September 4, 2025

Professional Engineers.....	9,652
Architects	2,001
Certificates of Authorization.....	2,514
Temporary Permits	11

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Examination Information/Statistics

The July 2025 ARE Pass/Fail Report and the ARE Pass/Fail Statistics for 2025 Q2 were provided, along with the ARE Open Eligibility Reports for August and September 2025.

Other Information

The FY2025-26 Marketing Plan was provided.

Facebook analytics for August 2025 were provided:

- *Views: 5,217*
- *Reaches: 359*
- *Content Interactions: 93*
- *Link Clicks: 6*
- *Visits: 251*
- *New Follows: 2*
- *Posts: 14*

The August 2025 Website Analytics report was provided:

<i>Visits</i>	<i>New Users</i>
2,700	2,100

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dvorak adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Dan Thiele, Secretary