

Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects
Board Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2026, 8:30 a.m.
215 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln NE 68508

CALL TO ORDER

The January 23, 2026, meeting of the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA) 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; 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 Berglund, Public Information Officer (PIO); Lilliana Irvine, Compliance Assistant (CA); Cole Gressley, Administrative Programs Officer (APO)

Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

Nelson entered the meeting at 8:32 a.m.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

[December 12, 2025, Meeting Minutes Draft](#)

[NCARB Update, November/December 2025](#)

[NCARB Fast Facts, December 2025](#)

[Notice of Future Changes to NCEES Exams and Supporting Materials](#)

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

B. SUBCOMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

NBEA Subcommittee Reports

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

[Legislative Committee](#)

A copy of legislative bills currently being tracked that may be of interest to the Board was provided. LB 899, introduced by Senator Lonowski, will revise the Engineers and Architects Act. The main revision is to move the Principles and Practices of Engineering (PE) exam to direct registration, eliminating the need for Board approval to sit for the exam. Other housekeeping revisions are also being made.

Russell Moore, Edwards Westerhold Moore (EWM), legislative liaison, reported that the main focus of the session will be the budget deficit and property tax relief. There have been approximately 50 to 60 bills introduced by agencies and departments to cut programs, combine boards, commissions, and committees, and raise fees to help reduce the deficit.

[Other Reports – None](#)

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C. OLD BUSINESS

[Treasurer Position on ID Guidance Document](#)

ED Wilbeck provided a copy of an email chain with the Treasurer's office regarding the guidance document. The Treasurer's office is not taking a position on the document.

[State of Board Rules Changes After December 2025 NBEA Meeting](#)

A copy of the proposed rules incorporating the changes discussed at the October meeting was provided.

[NCARB 2026 Regional Summit and Member Board Executive Workshop \(MBE\) Information](#)

The NCARB 2026 Regional Summit and MBE Workshop will occur March 19-21, 2026, in Oklahoma City, OK, with the Workshop on March 19th and the Regional Summit on March 20th-21st. NCARB will fund the member board executive to attend both meetings and two board members, one public board member, one legal counsel, and one new board member to the Regional Summit.

ED Wilbeck will be the funded member board executive, and Kelly, Nelson, and Foley were approved as the NCARB member board-funded delegates. Brisnehan was also authorized to attend, funded by the Board.

Motion by Suelter, second by Bostelman, to approve ED Wilbeck as the funded board executive to both the NCARB MBE Workshop and the Regional Summit, Kelly, Nelson, and Foley as the NCARB-funded board members to the NCARB Regional Summit. Brisnehan was approved as a Board-funded member to attend the Regional Summit. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None

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

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

D. NEW BUSINESS

[Proposed Policy 26.01 – Board Intent Regarding PE Exam Direct Registration](#)

The proposed policy states the Board's intent to direct NCEES to use the *Exam Restriction* or *Exam and Education Restriction* Models when approving PE candidates.

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to approve Policy 26.01 using the NCEES Exam and Education restriction model. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None

[Review of 2025 NCEES Annual Business Meeting Minutes](#)

A copy of the 2025 NCEES Annual Business Meeting minutes was provided.

[Board Representative at UNL NCEES Engineering Award Education Event](#)

A request was received from NCEES to have a board representative attend and speak at the event. Suelter was approved to attend and speak. Approval was granted under per diem and travel requests.

[Call for NCEES Central Zone Vice President, Assistant Zone Vice President, & NCEES President-Elect](#)

The call for NCEES Central Zone Vice President, Assistant Zone Vice President, and NCEES President-Elect was provided. The call included the duties of each position. Nominations are due by March 15, 2026. The Board will submit a nomination for Suelter as NCEES President-Elect.

[NCARB FY27 Call for Candidates](#)

The call for NCARB Board of Directors candidates was provided. Foley is considering running for the public member position.

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Compliance Maps

Compliance case maps tracking cases for 2025 and from 2017 were provided.

Outreach/Marketing Plan Update

PIO Berglund updated the members on the recent and upcoming events related to the *Outreach/Marketing Plan*. Highlights included:

- Recent presentations and exhibitor spaces:
 - Engineers Club of Omaha – December 9, 2025
 - Nebraska Association of County Engineers (NACO), County Highway Superintendents and County Surveyors (at NACO) – December 17, 2025
 - Nebraska Association of County Officials Annual Conference – Exhibitor space – December 17-18, 2025
- Upcoming presentations and exhibition spaces
 - UNL Architectural Professional Practice Class Presentation – ED Wilbeck – January 26, 2026
 - American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers – February 10-11, 2026
 - Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association (NPZA) Annual Conference Exhibitor booth – March 4-6, 2026
 - American Institute of Architects-NE (AIA-NE) Mid-Year Symposium Presentation – April 23, 2026
- A *Lunch and Learn* will be held on May 9, 2026, covering professional practice and ethics
- The new 2025 E&A Regulation Handbooks have arrived and will be distributed to local jurisdictions.
- APO Gressley will be manning an exhibitor table at the UNL College of Architecture Career Fair – February 12-13, 2026
- PIO Berglund will be conducting her next day trip in February.

Board Member Travel and Per Diem Requests

Jason Suelter	January 16-17, 2026 travel: January 15 and 18	NCEES Structural Task Force (Charleston, SC)
Lenora Nelson	January 22, 2026	Women in NCARB (Virtual)
Jan Bostelman	January 24, 2026	NCEES Nuclear Exam Committee (Virtual)
Lenora Nelson	January 30, 2026	NCARB Leadership Roundtable (Virtual)
Jan Bostelman Jason Suelter	January 30-31, 2026 travel: January 29 and Feb 1	NCEES EPE Committee (Greenville, NC)

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Jan Bostelman Bruce Dvorak Jason Suelter Dan Thiele	February 25, 2026 March 25, 2026 April 15, 2026 June 17, 2026 July 22, 2026 September 2, 2026 October 7, 2026	NCEES State of the Council Meetings (Virtual)
Bret Foley	February 19-21, 2026 travel: February 19 and 21	NCARB DEI Committee (Washington, DC)
Brian Kelly	February 19-21, 2026 travel: February 19 and 22	NCARB Policy Advisor Committee (Washington, DC)
Jason Suelter	February 6-7, 2026 travel: February 5 and 7	NCEES EPP Committee (Greenville, NC)
Jason Suelter	March 6, 2026	NCEES Education Award Ceremony (Omaha, NE)

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

F. APPLICATIONS

Administratively Approved

Licensure of Professional Engineers by NCEES MLE Designation

E-21819 Ryan Mark Alves, Structural; E-21804 Juan Alejandro Gallarzo Jr, Civil; E-21760 Nicholas Jacob Bock, Civil; E-21814 Sean Patrick Chapman, Civil; E-21823 Stephen Michael Coon, Electrical and Computer; E-21800 Edward M Deegan Jr, Civil; E-21818 Justin Jyler Volodarsky Diaz, Civil; E-21764 Vincent Raymond DiGirolamo, Civil; E-21812 Nicholas Neal DiGiulian, Civil; E-21815 Joseph John Fitzsimons, Civil; E-21830 Curtis Patrick Flinn, Civil; E-21817 Matthew Robert William Garcia, Mechanical; E-21798 Craig Glen German, Civil; E-21825 Nathan Todd Girkins, Mechanical; E-21824 Allen Michael Greenlief, Electrical and Computer; E-21791 Eric Thomas Naenlein, Civil; E-21799 Eryn Alexandra Hall, Environmental; E-21816 Sophia Lousia Haugaard, Civil; E-21801 Timothy Earl Hoffman, Civil; E-21813 Nicholas Scott Hopper, Electrical and Computer; E-21811 Matthew Stephen Jednoroz, Civil; E-21792 Daniel Derek Katz, Civil; E-21757 Joseph Carleton Kaumo, Civil; E-21831 Steven James Kelley, Civil; E-21810 Jason Paul Kloess, Mechanical; E-21829 Seth David Kravetz, Electrical and Computer; E-21827 Michael George Larsen, Civil; E-21761 Derek Richard Lash, Civil; E-21832 Chad Timothy Leluex, Mechanical; E-21809 Jesse John Markham, Electrical and Computer; E-21762 Ronjan Prasad Mathur, Electrical and Computer; E-21808 Randall Joseph McCullough, Civil; E-21802 Daniel Thomas Moriarty, Civil; E-21793 Morgan Dominic Neal, Civil; E-21759 Jacob Owen Neff, Mechanical; E-21794 Vito Anthony Nicastri, Mechanical; E-21758 Vanessa Megan Bustillo O'Connor, Mechanical; E-21807 Kolton Shawn O'Day, Mechanical; E-21833 Emily Whitbeck O'Keefe, Structural; E-21795 Mark Edward Obszanski, Structural; E-21796 Anderson Kiser Potter, Civil; E-21806 Travis Anthony Redinger, Civil; E-21828 Charles Christopher Robertson, Civil; E-21826 Derek David Sachs, Civil; E-21763 Gregory James Smith, Electrical and Computer; E-21805 Albert Joseph Stolz, Electrical and Computer; E-21820 James Arthur Taylor, Structural; E-21803 Derek Robert Thompson, Civil; E-21821 Gem Frizzell Ventura, Control Systems; E-21680 Michael Lindsay Vogel, Structural; E-21822 Matthew Alan Warejcka, Civil; E-21797 Adam Robert Zwak, Civil

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Licensure of Architects by NCARB Certification

A-5886 Malanie Mae Schramm Baumhover, A-5882 Eric Michael Chambers, A-5885 Edin Coralic, A-5881 Cory Daniel Miller, A-5883 Eric Christopher Rang, A-5884 Travis David Wiegand

Temporary Permits

T-670 Weixiao Sun - Engineering

Engineer Intern Enrollment Certificates

Chao Chen, Audra Leigh Clark, Soumitra Das, Gavan Charles Dunsie, Ryne Thomas Emanuel, Gwenyth Nicole Lane, Eric Joseph Murcek, Kyle Thomas Reents, Dillon Paul Ryan

Certificates of Authorization

CA5599 Orcus Fire & Risk LLC, CA5600 Alpine Intel Commercial Solutions LLC, CA5601 DW Collier Engineering Inc, CA5602 Lougaroux Design LLC, CA5603 SWCA Incorporated, CA5604 Protection Consultants Inc, CA5605 Pinnacle Design/Build Group Inc, CA5606 Aperture Consultants Bryant Inc, CA5607 Code Red Consultants LLC, CA5608 Brunton Architects Ltd, CA5609 RJX Engineering PLLC, CA5610 Systems Engineering Professionals LLC, CA5611 Urban Engineers Inc, CA5612 Cameron -Cole LLC, CA5613 Glenco Inc, CA5614 Grace Healthcare Studios LLC, CA5615 Plumb Line Design LLC, CA5616 Structural Components LLC, CA5617 Consulting Engineers Group Inc, CA5618 Sky Design Group PLLC, CA5619 Iron Balluster LLC, CA5620 Encompass Services LLC, CA5621 Powers Brown Architecture of Texas LLC, CA5622 James T Lingo Engineering LLC, CA5623 Tower Pinkster Titus Associates Inc, CA5627 Urban Prairie Architectural Collaborative PC

PE Exam Applications

Mirza Addaito Billah, Civil; Indraprokor ChanEk, Civil; Chao Chen, Electrical and Computer; Jalen Michael Crutchfield, Civil; Yiannis Lee Haralabidis, Civil; Elizabeth Jo Hilton, Civil; Maximilien Sosthene Kiemde, Civil; Matthew Ryan Kuhlenengel, Civil; Gul Ahmad Laiwai, Civil; Matthew Joseph Maguire, Fire Protection; David Eric Meisgeier, Mechanical; Quinton John Mohr, Civil; Huy Ngoc Anh Nguyen, Electrical and Computer; Maricela Paramo Reyes, Civil; Brian Matthew Partridge, Industrial and Systems; Jace David Pauli, Electrical and Computer; Andrew Pham, Civil; Bryan Joseph Prewitt, Mechanical; Jacob Gerard Shinichi Rapoza, Mechanical; Harrison Handley Redepenning, Civil; Jay Evans Rothe, Mechanical; Eliza Kay Jipp Schwengier, Electrical and Computer; Wangyang Song, Electrical and Computer; Reid Anthony Stutman, Mechanical; Ethan John Thomas, Electrical and Computer; Logan Jacob Trisler, Mechanical; William Spencer Turman, Civil; Cooper Jon Vermeulen, Mechanical; Chung Tim Preston Wong, Civil; Nathan Daniel Wood, Structural

Licensure/Examination

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Comity and Initial

Initial Licensure, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Zahraa Alharba, Civil; Anthony Wyatt Baldrige, Electrical and Computer; Andrew Michael Crist, Architectural; Nicholas Daniel Dean, Environmental; Jesus Alfredo Frias-Chavarria, Electrical and Computer; Jacob Lee Garder, Civil; Christopher Lee Gust, Civil; Patrick Tyler Keep, Mechanical; Abed-nego Kyungu Kime, Civil; Breckan Michael Nielsen, Civil; Tyler Joseph Peters, Civil; Deidre Michelle Rauch, Chemical; Brogen Lee Shea, Civil; Jedmin Troy Stonacek, Civil; Jared Christian Tomes, Civil; John Cale White, Civil; Jack Ryan Wilke, Civil; Kevin Mitchell Wright, Civil

Comity Licensure, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Saeedeh Chavooshi, Civil; Cody Franklin Forch, Civil; Andy Green, Civil; Brooke Taylor Harvey, Electrical and Computer; Marcin Jakubowski, Mechanical; Kundan Sudhir Kulkarni, Civil; Dustin Felix Schubert, Electrical and Computer

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[Licensure of Professional Engineers by Experience](#)

Staff Recommendation to Approve: Abdelhakim Bouadi, Civil; James Harold Conners II, Petroleum

[Licensure of Professional Engineers by Reinstatement](#)

Staff Recommendation to Approve: E-18377 Samuel Santiago Diaz

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

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

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

Special Cases

[Certificates of Authorization](#)

Staff Recommendation to Approve: 5BY5 Engineering LLC

Other Issues/Information

[Education Evaluation Requests](#)

Approved: Zinah Al Gburi, Matthew Chaffe, Ryan Haggerty

[Completed Application Statistics](#)

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

Motion by Thiele, second by Bostelman, to accept the staff recommendations on applications and request NCEES Credential Evaluations for Al Gburi, Chaffe, and Haggerty. Voting Yes: Foley, Kelly, Nelson, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussion of compliance investigations, license disclosures, a continuing education waiver, 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, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None

Executive session began at 10:02 a.m.

Bostelman left the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Kelly left the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

E. COMPLIANCE

Cases 24.05, 24.07, 24.50, 24.52, 25.05, 25.16, 25.19, 25.21, 25.22, 25.23, 25.24, 25.25, 25.26, 25.27, 25.28, 25.30, 25.31, 25.32, 25.33, 25.34, 25.35, 25.36, 25.38, 26.01, and Project Review 01-01 were discussed in executive session.

Disclosures

Application and renewal disclosures were discussed in executive session.

Other Compliance Issues

A continuing education waiver request and partner agency processes were discussed in executive session.

Motion by DT , second by LN , to close the executive session for the purpose of discussion of compliance investigations, license disclosures, a continuing education waiver, and partner-agency processes, not a matter of

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public information, to prevent needless injury to the reputation of those involved. Voting Yes: Foley, Nelson, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Kelly

Executive Session ended at 12:54 p.m.

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to dismiss Case 25.24 without disciplinary action. Voting Yes: Foley, Nelson, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Kelly

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to open a case against the project owner on each of the additional projects in Case 25.24 and authorize architectural remediation and request a response within 30 days and a written remediation plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Foley, Nelson, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Kelly

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to dismiss Case 25.25 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of architectural remediation. Voting Yes: Foley, Nelson, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Kelly

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to authorize the Chair to execute the settlement agreement in Case 25.34, close the case, and monitor the settlement agreement terms. Voting Yes: Foley, Nelson, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Kelly

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to offer a settlement agreement in Case 25.36 to surrender their license without disciplinary action; if the respondent declines, schedule a hearing for March 27, 2026. Voting Yes: Foley, Nelson, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Kelly

Motion by Foley, second by Thiele, to open a case against the plan preparer in Case 25.36 for the unlicensed practice of architecture and engineering. Voting Yes: Foley, Nelson, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Kelly

Motion by Thiele, second by Brisnehan, to authorize architectural remediation in Case 26.01 and request a response within 30 days and a written remediation plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Foley, Nelson, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Kelly

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to open a case against the plan preparer in Case 26.01 for the unlicensed practice of architecture and engineering. Voting Yes: Foley, Nelson, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Kelly

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to approve the license renewals of Gregory Jones (E-9600) and David Kornacki (E-12128). Voting Yes: Foley, Nelson, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Kelly

Motion by Thiele, second by Nelson, to approve the continuing education waiver request for Joshua Andersen (E-12382) for 2024-2025. Voting Yes: Foley, Nelson, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Dvorak; Voting No: None; Absent: Bostelman, Kelly

G. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Reports – December 2025

[Financial Summary FY25-26](#)

[Budget Status Report](#)

[Fund Summary](#)

[MTD General Ledger Detail](#)

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

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 February 20, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., at 215 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Licensure and Certificate Trends

Numbers as of January 15, 2026

Professional Engineers.....	9,961
Architects.....	2,055
Certificates of Authorization.....	2,524
Temporary Permits.....	15

Examination Information/Statistics

The January 2026 ARE Open Eligibility report was provided, along with the November and December ARE Pass/Fail reports.

The 2025 Q4 FE and PE numbers and pass rates were provided.

Other Information

The FY2025-26 Marketing Plan was provided.

Facebook analytics for December 2025 were provided:

	<u>October</u>
Views:	2,800
Viewers:	468
Content Interactions:	73
Link Clicks:	9
Visits:	136
New Follows:	1
Posts:	20

The December 2025 Website Analytics report was provided:

Visits	5,5000
New Users	4,600

The Board's approved policies as of December 12, 2025, were provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dvorak adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

Dan Thiele, Secretary

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