

CALL TO ORDER

The May 29, 2026, meeting of the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects (the Board) was held in the fifth-floor conference room of 215 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln, Nebraska. Vice Chair Thiele 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: Dan Thiele, Vice-Chair; Jim Brisnehan, Secretary; Jan Bostelman; Bruce Dvorak; Brett Foley; Brian Kelly;
Absent: Lenora Nelson, Jason Suelter

Staff Present: Jon Wilbeck, Executive Director (ED); Jean Lais, Administrative Programs Officer (APO); Allyson Berglund, Public Information Officer (PIO); Cole Gressley, Administrative Programs Officer (APO); Lilliana Irvine, Compliance Assistant (CA)

Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

[April 17, 2026, Meeting Minutes Draft](#)

[NCARB Update, April 2026](#)

[NCARB Fast Facts, April 2026](#)

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

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

B. SUBCOMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

NBEA Subcommittee Reports

[Proposed FY2026-27 Board Committees](#)

ED Wilbeck and Chair Nelson provided the FY2026-27 committee rosters and charges.

Legislative – Thiele (Chair), Suelter, Nelson: Assist the ED in preparing talking points, public hearing testimony, fiscal notes, and other statements as needed related to bills impacting the Board in FY2026-27.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) – Brisnehan (Chair), Bostelman, Foley: Monitor developments in the use of artificial intelligence in the architecture/engineering professions. Review use of AI in local jurisdictions. Develop guidance document on the topic if needed.

Continuing Education – Dvorak (Chair), Foley, Kelly: Develop guidance or rules further defining what might constitute unacceptable continuing education topics.

Executive – Nelson (Chair), Thiele, Brisnehan: Meet to review and discuss ED performance in November 2026, and meet with ED in Spring 2027 to review and discuss performance, consider adjustments in ED salary for the upcoming fiscal year, and recommend salary adjustments to the Board at the May 2027 meeting.

C. OLD BUSINESS

PE Exam Direct Registration

With the passage of LB1212, PE exam candidates will no longer be required to obtain Board approval to sit for the exam starting July 17, 2026. ED Wilbeck provided a copy of the notice to NCEES, indicating the approval method the Board has chosen to utilize, the exam and education restriction model.

Status of Proposed Rules Changes After May Operational Planning Meeting

ED Wilbeck provided an updated copy of the proposed rules revisions after the discussion at the May 2026 Operational Planning meeting. The members choose to wait with rules promulgation off until after NCEES publishes proposed motions for consideration at the NCEES 2026 annual meeting to see what model law changes are proposed related to experience and continuing education.

Update on Licensee Database Replacement Project w/NCARB

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

D. NEW BUSINESS

Hearing Officer Contract

A copy of the contract with J.L. Spray for his services as hearing officer in Compliance Case 25.27 was provided. The contract begins with the Board's approval on May 29, 2026, through September 15, 2026 (estimated). The terms of the contract include the hearing officer service; coordination of the appropriate time and location for the hearing; conducting prehearing proceedings; writing and presenting recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a proposed order to the Board; and providing the Board with the recommended order and all exhibits from the hearing. Compensation includes a \$315 hourly rate to cover the cost of one hearing and the preparation of the recommended finding of fact, conclusion of law, and proposed order. Billing will occur monthly for work completed to date, payable within thirty (30) days. The hearing officer will bear all out-of-pocket expenses.

Motion by Foley, second by Bostelman, to authorize ED Wilbeck to execute the hearing officer contract with J.L. Spray. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Kelly, Thiele; Voting No: None; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

FY26-27 Executive Director In-State Travel Authorization

The Board approved all FY2026-27 in-state travel for ED Wilbeck.

Motion by Foley, second by Dvorak, to authorize all in-state travel for official business for the executive director during FY2026-27. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Kelly, Thiele; Voting No: None; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

FY26-27 Chair/Designee Agenda Review Per Diem Authorization

The Board approved travel and per diem for the Chair or a representative to attend agenda review meetings during FY2026-27.

Motion by Bostelman, second by Foley, to authorize all travel and per diem for the Chair or representative for attendance at agenda review meetings during FY2026-27. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Kelly, Thiele; Voting No: None; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

NDOT Digital Delivery Pilot Project

Board staff and counsel met with the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) to discuss their upcoming Digital Project Delivery project, scheduled to bid in August 2026, and to demonstrate their approach for sealing

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the project documents. According to NDOT, with Digital Project Delivery, there is no traditional plan set to seal. As a result, NDOT wanted the opportunity to present NDOT's proposed approach for signing the contract documents that will be provided to contractors when the project goes out for bid. A copy of NCEES' *Guidelines for Building Information Modeling (BIM) Use on Projects* was also provided.

Staff met with NDOT and believes the system they will be using complies with the intent of the law as long as it can be proven that each licensee prepared the work by them or under their direct supervision, and recommended that NDOT ensure traceability is in place to confirm who originally signed and/or modified any technical document in the set.

Outreach/Marketing Plan Update

PIO Berglund updated the members on upcoming outreach and marketing opportunities. Highlights included:

- Presentations and Exhibitor Spaces
 - Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers (NeSPE) Summer Annual Meeting – June 4, 2026
- Second Quarter Webinar
 - Collaboration with BLD Connection
 - Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at noon
 - Topics will include: The Board and the Act; when a licensee is required on a project; Case studies of lumberyards preparing building plans
 - Cost of non-compliance
 - Resources available
- Education debt reimbursement information was distributed to the UNL College of Architecture, UNL College of Engineering, and Doane University Engineering Department to pass along to recent graduates of the respective programs.
- Care packages have been distributed to all Nebraska jurisdictions, which included the E&A Regulation Act handbook, Before You Build brochure, PIO & CO business cards, and a letter about the Board's mission.
- Upcoming Day Trips: Lancaster and Gage counties (June 3, 2026); Antelope, Boone, Cedar, Dakota, Dixon, Knox, Madison, Nance, and Pierce counties (June 15-17, 2026)

Board Member Travel and Per Diem Requests

Jim Brisnehan Brian Kelly Lenora Nelson	May 12, 2026	NCARB Region V Post-Board of Directors (Virtual)
Jim Brisnehan Brian Kelly Lenora Nelson	May 22, 2026	NCARB Region V Meeting (Virtual)
Brian Kelly	August 7-8, 2026 Travel: Aug 6 and 9	NCARB Regional Leadership Meeting (Providence, RI)

Brisnehan said he is unable to attend the NCARB Annual Business Meeting, June 25-27, 2026, in Minneapolis.

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

Viewing Board webinar recordings for CE credit

Discussion was held regarding granting continuing education credits for viewing recordings of the Board's webinars. Staff recommended granting the credit as self-guided activities, capped at a quarter of the required CE hours. The Board directed staff to classify viewing recorded Board webinars as self-guided activities under Rule 9.3.5.

E. APPLICATIONS

Administratively Approved

Licensure of Professional Engineers by NCEES MLE Designation

E-22068 Geoffrey Anton Siml Babovec, Civil; E-22080 Carrie Lee Booth, Civil; E-22061 Sarah Jane Briscoe, Civil; E-22083 Samuel Michael Briscoe, Civil; E-22069 Mark Stephen Champion, Mechanical; E-22087 Tyler Aaron Compton, Civil; E-22082 Steven Lyle Cornwell, Civil; E-22093 Daniel Michael Coughlin, Civil; E-22075 Robin Benjamin Cox, Civil; E-22097 Jonathan Matthew Crouch, Civil; E-22105 Matthew Edward Deeke, Electrical and Computer; E-22042 Christopher Brian Dougherty, Civil; E-22096 Joseph Earl Easley III, Civil; E-22091 Andrew Benjamin Elston, Mechanical; E-22104 Matthew Alan Gildehause, Mechanical; E-22070 Tad Andrew Goetcheus, Environmental; E-22101 Adrienne Gould-Choquette, Mechanical; E-22084 Conner James Gressett, Mechanical; E-22102 Louis Alexander Hamilton, Structural; E-22088 Samuel Creighton Harms, Mechanical; E-22079 Joshua David Harwood, Mechanical; E-22076 Owen Bradley Jensen, Mechanical; E-22092 Wes David Journey, Electrical and Computer; E-22071 Joshua David Larson, Civil; E-22077 Logan Kent Lashbrook, Civil; E-22048 Nathan Morris Lee, Civil; E-22041 Derek Alexander Liner, Electrical and Computer; E-22062 Richard Thomas Long Jr, Fire Protection; E-22046 Michael Timothy Mahoney, Electrical and Computer; E-22094 Katy Elizabeth Mazer, Civil; E-22063 Joel Allen McDaniel, Electrical and Computer; E-22043 Jay Pierre Miller, Electrical and Computer; E-22095 Kevin Michael Miller, Civil; E-22078 Matthew Paul Monus, Civil; E-22090 Matthew Killeen Morales, Civil; E-22064 Chase Richard Moretti, Civil; E-22072 Kirk Rodney Nelson, Electrical and Computer; E-22089 Thomas David Nortman, Civil; E-22073 Megan Colleen O'Sullivan, Mechanical; E-22047 Kaitlin Marie Thell Ouverson, Civil; E-22099 Johann Louis Palacios, Civil; E-22074 Katherine Blake Pittrich, Civil; E-22044 Luke David Russell, Civil; E-22085 Monte Neil Schaff, Electrical and Computer; E-22100 Justin James Strabala, Mechanical; E-22045 Timothy Nicholas Surman, Fire Protection; E-22049 Douglas James Thomas, Civil; E-22067 Paul Randal Tufts, Civil; E-22098 Brian Randall Uhr, Civil; E-22065 Jennifer Ann Walz, Structural; E-22086 Keith Alexander Wilcox, Electrical and Computer; E-22103 Andrei Lloyd Williams, Electrical and Computer; E-22066 Alexander Loring Woodhams, Electrical and Computer

Licensure of Architects by NCARB Certification

A-5932 Bina Bhattacharyya, A-5925 Suzanne Camp Bird, A-5924 Lauren Emily Chipman, A-5929 Tammy Marie Davis, A-5933 Kevin Dean Genzlinger, A-5930 Mary Alison Hoagland, A-5927 Christopher Mark Jenkins, A-5934 Daniel Anthony Orecchio, A-5926 Randall Scott Robison, A-5931 Jackson Llyod Strom, A-5928 Tan Ngoc Vu

Temporary Permits - None

Engineer Intern Enrollment Certificates

Han Wei Ang, Jacob Thomas Calvert, Logan Henry Damme, Casey Lee Greser, Anup Lamichhane, Ery Benjamin Paniagua Ulloa, Conner James Payne, Rachel Amanda Reynolds-East, Adam Charles Roth, Manoj Sharma, Raymond Q Tran, Aiden Stanley Trumble, Zachary Daniel York

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Certificates of Authorization

CA5645 Structurology of Arizona Inc, CA5690 Gleason Engineering LLC, CA5691 Moen Engineering Consultants Inc, CA5692 rgh Design LLC, CA5693 Cold-Formed Concepts, CA5694 LGA Partners LP, CA5695 alliantgroup LP, CA5696 Linfield Hunter Junius Inc, CA5697 AEP Americal LLC, CA5698 City BBS, CA5699 Fusion AE LLC, CA5700 Crossroads Solutions Inc, CA5701 McDermott LLC, CA5702 Pittsburg Tank and Tower, CA5703 Justion W Capp, CA5704 National Electrical Engineering Consultants LLC, CA5705 WJ Higgins & Associates Inc, CA5706 HRP Associates Inc, CA5707 Eustis Engineering LLC, CA5708 Engineering Design Associates, CA5709 T Baker Smith LLC

PE Exam Applications

Caden James Barela, Architectural; Bibek Bimali, Electrical and Computer; Zane Patrick Boudreau, Structural; Ryan Noah Ehresman, Civil; Blake Matthew Friedenbach, Civil; Cailin Mea Gentrup Anderson, Electrical and Computer; Nawshin Haque, Civil; Alyssa Jo Husk, Civil; Anisha Karki, Civil; Anup Lamichhane, Civil; Collin David McGill, Civil; James Mark Pietsch, Civil; Tylyn Race Schrader, Mechanical; Manoj Sharma, Civil; Seth Michael Stroh, Chemical; Matthew Alan VanPelt, Civil; Trevor Michael Wald, Civil; Nathan Daniel Wood, Civil; Zachary Daniel York, Mechanical

Licensure/Examination

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Comity and Initial

Initial Licensure, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Emmanuel Oluwadamilare Akintunde, Civil; Candace Brianne Freilich, Electrical and Computer; Jonathan Michael Helmberger, Chemical; Anthony Wayne Heng, Mechanical; Timothy James Hubbell, Civil; Matthew Ryan Kuhlenengel, Civil; Nathan Charles Mead, Civil; Alycia Elizabeth Noble, Architectural; Andrw Pham, Civil; Daniel Wallace Robertson, Civil; Blake Robert Spiers, Civil; Tyler Hamilton Sullivan, Civil

Comity Licensure, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Vitali Victorovich Bahdanau, Electrical and Computer; Jonathan Thomas Barrow, Electrical and Computer; Chief Omame Buamah, Civil; Jhao-Hong Chen, Civil; Jeffrey Scott Hubbell, Electrical and Computer; Kevin Arthur Jankowski, Civil; Kumar Reddy Krishna Reddy, Civil; Khaled Fathi Moustafa Moustafa, Structural; Brent Matthew Phares, Civil; Garrett Andrew Routh, Civil; Nathan Todd Tristch, Structural; Salvador Angel Vilches Diaz, Civil

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Experience

Staff Recommendation to Approve: Muhammad Uddin Shahab, Mechanical; Andrew Walter Wedel, Agricultural; Roger Mithcell LeBoeuf, Structural

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Reinstatement

Staff Recommendation to Approve: E-12696 Todd Eugene Alexander, Civil

Licensure of Architects by Comity and Initial

Initial Licensure, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Aubrey Ann Wassung

Comity Licensure, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Lindsey Lee Bernt, Wade Tanner Goodenberger

Licensure of Architects by Experience - None

Licensure of Architects by Reinstatement

Staff Recommendation to Approve: A-4346 Hans Richard Thomas

Special Cases

Certificates of Authorization

Staff Recommendation to Approve: Robert Torson Architects PC – after receipt of in arrears

Motion by Dvorak, second by Brisnehan, to approve the staff recommendations on applications, including changing Roger LeBoeuf's license discipline to structural based on licensed experience. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Kelly, Thiele; Voting No: None; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

Other Issues/Information

[Completed Application Statistics](#)

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

F. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Reports – April 2026

[Financial Summary FY25-26](#)

[Budget Status Report](#)

[Fund Summary](#)

[MTD General Ledger Detail](#)

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

Other Financial Matters

[Annual Review of Fee Schedule](#)

Staff recommended that no changes be made in the fee schedule at this time.

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

Motion by Brisnehan, second by Bostelman, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the executive director's performance review, compliance investigations, and partner-agency processes, which are not a matter of public information, to prevent needless injury to the reputation of those involved. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Kelly, Thiele; Voting No: None; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

Executive session began at 9:32 a.m.

[Executive Director's 2025 Performance Review](#)

The 2025 performance review and FY2026-27 compensation of ED Wilbeck were discussed in executive session.

G. COMPLIANCE

Cases 24.05, 24.07, 25.19, 25.22, 25.26, 25.27, 25.28, 25.30, 25.31, 25.32, 25.33, 25.35, 26.06, 26.07, 26.09, 26.11, 26.12, 26.13, 26.14, 26.15, 26.16, 26.17, 26.18, 26.19, 26.20, 26.21, Project Reviews 05-01, 05-02, 05-03, 05-04, 05-05, 05-06, 05-07, 05-08 were discussed in executive session.

Kelly recused himself from the Case 26.19 discussion.

Other Compliance Issues

Partner agency processes were discussed in executive session.

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Motion by Brisnehan, second by Bostelman, to close executive session for the purpose of discussing the executive director’s performance review, compliance investigations, and partner-agency processes, which are not a matter of public information, to prevent needless injury to the reputation of those involved. Voting. Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Kelly, Thiele; Voting No: None; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

Executive session ended at 11:45 a.m.

Motion by Brisnehan, second by Foley, to authorize a 4.5% salary increase for ED Willbeck for FY2026-27. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Kelly, Thiele; Voting No: None; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

Motion by Brisnehan, second by Foley, to dismiss Case 25.26 without disciplinary action based on the successful completion of the architectural remediation. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Kelly, Thiele; Voting No: None; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

Motion by Foley, second by Dvorak, to authorize the executive director to identify and negotiate with expert witnesses in Case 25.27. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Kelly, Thiele; Voting No: None; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

Motion by Brisnehan, second by Bostelman, to dismiss Case 25.30 without disciplinary action based on the successful complete of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Kelly, Thiele; Voting No: None; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

Motion by Brisnehan, second by Foley, to dismiss Case 26.06 without disciplinary action based on the successful complete of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Kelly, Thiele; Voting No: None; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

Motion by Brisnehan, second by Bostelman, to dismiss Case 26.12 without disciplinary action based on the successful complete of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Kelly, Thiele; Voting No: None; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

Motion by Brisnehan, second by Foley, to authorize architectural and engineering remediation in Case 26.17 and request a response within 30 days and a written remediation plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Kelly, Thiele; Voting No: None; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

Motion by Brisnehan, second by Foley, to authorize architectural and engineering remediation in Case 26.18 and request a response within 30 days and a written remediation plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Bostelman, Brisnehan, Dvorak, Foley, Kelly, Thiele; Voting No: None; Absent: Nelson, Suelter

H. GENERAL INFORMATION

A schedule of upcoming meetings and national events was provided. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., at 215 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Licensure and Certificate Trends

Numbers as of May 20, 2026

Professional Engineers.....	9,666
Architects	1,934
Certificates of Authorization.....	2,485
Temporary Permits	15

Examination Information/Statistics

The March and April 2026 ARE Pass/Fail reports were provided, along with the 2026 Q1 Pass/Fail report.

Other Information

The FY2025-26 Marketing Plan was provided.

Facebook analytics for March 2026 were provided:

<i>Views:</i>	<i>4,000</i>
<i>Viewers:</i>	<i>719</i>
<i>Content Interactions:</i>	<i>67</i>
<i>Link Clicks:</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>Visits:</i>	<i>234</i>
<i>New Follows:</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Posts:</i>	<i>26</i>

The March 2026 Website Analytics report was provided:

<i>Visits</i>	<i>3,300</i>
<i>New Users</i>	<i>2,600</i>

The Board's approved policies as of March 27, 2026, were provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Thiele adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Jim Brisnehan, Secretary