

Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects
Board Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2026, 8:30 a.m.
5th Floor Large Conference Room, 215 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln NE 68508

CALL TO ORDER

The September 11, 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. Chair Bostelman 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: Jan Bostelman, Chair; Dan Thiele, Vice-Chair; Jim Brisnehan, Secretary; Brett Foley; Zeb Lund; Jason Suelter; Absent: Bruce Dvorak, Trent Reed

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

Public Comment

Brian Melage – Spoke to the Board regarding a project in Nemaha County.

Russ Westerhold – Edwards Westerhold Moore (Legislative Liaison) – Spoke to the board about the 2027 legislative session.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

[August 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes](#)

[NCARB Fast Facts – July 2026](#)

[NCARB Fast Facts – August 2026](#)

[NCARB Update – June/July 2026](#)

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

B. SUBCOMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

NBEA Subcommittee Reports

[FY2026-27 Board Committees](#)

A copy of the FY2026-27 Board committees and charges was provided. Chair Bostelman replaces Nelson on the Legislative committee, and Reed replaces Bostelman on the Artificial Intelligence and Continuing Education committees.

ED Wilbeck reported that the Continuing Education committee will be meeting on September 22nd. Lund will replace Kelly on the committee.

C. OLD BUSINESS

[NCEES Annual Meeting Summary of Actions](#)

A summary of the actions taken at the NCEES Annual Meeting held August 18-20, 2026, in Henderson, NV, was provided. Suelter was elected as the 2026-27 NCEES President-Elect. He will serve as president in 2027-28.

[Status of Proposed Rules Changes After 2026 NCEES Annual Meeting](#)

ED Wilbeck provided a copy of the proposed rules changes as discussed to date. The following proposed revisions were given based on updates to the Model Language at the NCEES Annual Meeting:

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Rule 2.3.6 – Added to clarify that at least one individual familiar with the applicant’s experience for the period must be identified.

For each employment period used as qualifying experience, at least one individual familiar with the applicant’s experience for that period must be identified.

Rule 2.3.12 – Revised to clarify when engineering sales experience can be used.

~~Sales experience~~ *Experience in sales may be used to satisfy the experience requirement only if the applicant can must demonstrate that the application of engineering principles were required and used in gaining the experience.*

Rule 2.3.14 – Revised to add industry or government employees to those who may use engineering research and design projects toward experience.

Experience gained in engineering research and design projects by industry or government employees or by members of an engineering faculty or staff of an engineering post-secondary education institution may be used to satisfy the experience requirement if acceptable to the Board.

Rule 5.3.3 – Revised to further identify the violations that are required to be reported. Foley suggested adding a reference to the full chapter for clarification.

Licensees who have knowledge or reason to believe that any person or organization has violated any rules or laws applying to the practice of architecture or engineering that involve a material discrepancy, error, or omission that may impact the health, safety, or welfare of the public shall report it to the board within 90 days of discovering a suspected violation, may report it to appropriate legal authorities, and shall cooperate with the board and those authorities as requested.

September 2026 NCARB Pre-Board of Directors Meeting Memo

NCARB provided a list of topics that the NCARB Board of Directors will discuss at its meeting on September 17-19, 2026.

Update on Licensee Database Replacement Project w/NCARB

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

D. NEW BUSINESS

Outreach/Marketing Plan Update

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

- Lunch and Learn Webinar – September 21, 2026 – directed toward building officials and local jurisdictions, but also open to licensees
- Monthly Q&A Sessions – September 10, October 8th, and November 12th
- New Licensee Ceremony – November 6, 2026, Capitol Rotunda
 - Architect Presenter: Lund
 - Engineer Presenter: Thiele, Suelter
 - Total invitations sent 139 (126 Engineers, 13 Architects) as of August
 - 40 Engineers and 9 Architects have indicated they will be at the ceremony; 29 Engineers have indicated they will not be able to attend

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- Publication savings for switching from color to black and white on brochures and other materials were provided

Board Member Travel and Per Diem Requests

Board/Staff Member	Date	Funding	Activity
Jan Bostelman	September 4, 2026	N/A	NCEES Committee on Examination Policy and Procedures (Virtual)
Jason Suelter	September 10-11, 2026 (travel: Sep 9 and 12)	NCEES	NCEES Board of Directors Orientation (Asheville, NC)
Jason Suelter	September 24-26, 2026 (travel: Sep 23 and 26)	NCEES	NCEES Structural Exam Development Committee (Asheville, NC)
Jim Brisnehan Zeb Lund Trent Reed	September 30, 2026	N/A	NCARB Region 5 Post-Board of Directors Call (Virtual)
Jason Suelter	October 6-7, 2026	N/A	NCEES Committee on Examinations for Professional Engineers (Virtual)
Jason Suelter	October 9-10, 2026 (travel: Oct 8 and 11)	NCEES	NCEES Strategic Task Force (Washington, DC)
Jon Wilbeck	October 9-10, 2026 (travel: Oct 8 and 11)	NCARB	NCARB Chair/Executives Leadership Summit (Memphis, TN)
Jason Suelter	October 22-23, 2026 (travel: Oct 21 and 24)	NCEES	NCEES Board of Directors Meeting (Minneapolis, MN)
All Board Members	November 6, 2026	NBEA	NBEA New Licensee Ceremony (Lincoln, NE)

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

NCEES 2027 Zone Meeting – Local Board Collaboration

An email from NCEES regarding board collaboration for the NCEES 2027 All Zones Meeting to be held on April 22-24, 2027, in Omaha was provided. NCEES is seeking input on several areas, including speakers, tour ideas, welcome-area volunteers, and delegate welcome gifts.

Discussion was held on possible speakers, tour ideas, and welcome gifts. Casey Sherlock from the Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors was present for the discussion.

E. APPLICATIONS

Administratively Approved

Licensure of Professional Engineers by NCEES MLE Designation

E-22333 Ayracon Valanova Almaraz, Architectural; E-22336 Nathaniel Reed Wyatt Andrew, Mechanical; E-22338 Zachary David Bladwin, Mechanical; E-22330 Duane Edward Bebb III, Civil; E-22364 Zachary Earl Boeve, Civil; E-22366 Jake Ryan Buckmiller, Electrical and Computer; E-22318 Thomas Jeremiah Buhier, Civil; E-22324 Borja Carralon Bioque, Civil; E-22319 Jenniver Rebecca Childress, Electrical and Computer; E-22320 Brett William Christianson, Fire Protection; E-22326 Robert James Clifton, Civil; E-22334 Corbin Thomas Collier, Mechanical; E-22350 Nathan Vincent Collins, Civil; E-22335 David Rainey Cousins, Civil; E-22358 Michael Dickey Dukes, Civil; E-22328 Mary Elizabeth Evans, Civil; E-22357 Braden Auric Forbush, Civil; E-22323 Heather Lee Giacomo, Electrical and Computer; E-22329 Daniel Patrick Gill, Mechanical; E-22322 Christopher James Graff, Electrical and Computer; E-22321 Neil Patrick Griffy, Mechanical; E-22342 Joseph Samuel Guagliardo Jr, Civil; E-22331 Patricia Jo Guinn, Civil; E-22327 Donald Wayne Harvey Jr, Civil; E-22362 Kevin Allen Hayes, Mechanical; E-22363 Kyle Dvid Hedblorm, Civil; E-22369 Benjamin Harvey Ihlen, Civil; E-22343 Delaney Nicole Kinder, Civil; E-22365 Evan Reed Krusie, Mechanical; E-22332 Charles Martin Leister, Mechanical; E-22631 Alex James Liebsch, Electrical and Computer; E-22368 Ysela Lourdes Love, Mechanical; E-22317 Nathan Luke Marincic, Civil; E-22355 Patrick Kennedy Moorhouse, Structural; E-22341 Corey Don Nees, Civil; E-22356 Lydia Marie Pasco, Electrical and Computer; E-22325 Chelsea Lynn Pfaffly, Civil; E-22367 Kirkland Eric Preston, Civil; E-22346 Bradley Robert Prewitt, Structural; E-22349 Christopher Lynn Pross, Civil; E-22337 Nicholas Robert Remington, Civil; E-22340 Daniel Ryan Rest, Civil; E-22299 Shannon Marie Rice, Fire Protection; E-22359 Ricardo Romero, Civil; E-22344 Reilly Jay Schoo, Mechanical; E-22298 Justin Alan Schrader, Civil; E-22347 Jeffrey William Scott, Civil; E-22353 Gregory Scott Sellers, Civil; E-22348 Matthew Thomas Senn, Electrical and Computer; E-22339 Christopher Joseph Starke, Civil; E-22345 Patrick Andrew Thurmond, Civil; E-22360 Kade Paul Urban, Civil; E-22351 Nicholas Cody Voss, Civil; E-22354 Steven Joseph Yanosik, Electrical and Computer; E-22352 Kevin Bradley Young, Civil; E-22372 Julie Elizabeth Buffam Brown, Fire Protection; E-22370 Brian Wesley Farnsworth, Mechanical; E-22379 Jeffery Joseph Grajewski, Civil; E-22376 Erich Werner Heymann, Civil; E-22373 Dana Lynne Hinderliter, Civil; E-22378 Paul Jeffrey Kastler, Civil; E-22382 Adam David Law, Structural; E-22380 Collin Robert McCarty, Civil; E-22371 Scott Michael McDonald, Civil; E-22377 Joseph Phillip Noble, Civil; E-22375 Andrea Jean Peratt, Mechanical; E-22374 Abdul Rafay, Mechanical; E-22381 John Thomas Wade, Mechanical and Fire Protection

Licensure of Architects by NCARB Certification

A-5970 Dawn Rae Armatys, A-5969 Christine Gardner Huckins Franck, A-5972 Cassie Jo Pospishil, A-5971 Christopher James Schneider; A-5974 Jeremy James Flint, A-5973 Matthew David Rinka, A-5975 Henry John Spieker

Temporary Permits - None

Engineer Intern Enrollment Certificates

Nicole Lou Dirks, Jake Edward Egley, Jackson Curits Ehlers, Ellie Caroline Fehringer, Kaitlyn Marie Estelle Fray, Grant Riley Hevlin, Muhammed Hasham Kashif, Zhaniya Omarova, Eric John Schmitt, Satyam Sharma, Emilia Marie Wright, Aidan Phillip Brammeier, Taylor Easton Saunders, Derek James Schawang

Certificates of Authorization

CA5773 QED Global Solutions LLC, CA5774 Ashley McGraw Architects & Landscape Architects DPC, CA5775 Grace Healthcare Studios USA LLC, CA5776 Trileaf Corporation, CA5777 Sack Engineering LLC, CA5778 Woolpert Inc, CA5779 David Mason & Associates of Illinois LTD, CA5780 Great Plains Engineering LLC, CA5781 Varitronics Consulting Inc, CA5782 CG Engineering LLC, CA5783 Clifton Structural LLC, CA5784 Guinn Structural LLC, CA5785 Basharkhah Engineering Inc, CA5786 Primoris Pipeline Inc, CA5787 Remington Engineering LLC, CA5788 Peak

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Systems Engineering PLLC, CA5789 Colby Company LLC, CA5790 Hennebery Eddy Architects Inc, CA5791 Belt Engineering LLC, CA5792 Quinn Engineering LLC, CA5793 Hayden Power Solutions LLC, CA5794 Phase X Engineering Inc, CA5795 Creo Engineering Design & Consulting LLC, CA5796 Bridget B Keitel Architect LLC, CA5797 Lindsay Precast LLC, CA5798 Rack Builders Industrial Inc, CA5799 Harrison USA LLC, CA5800 Power and Automation Services LLC, CA5801 Tecnicas Reunidas Houston LLC, CA5802 Primus Design Services Inc, CA5803 ML Structural PLLC, CA5804 CCI & Associates Inc, CA5805 ACRS LLC

Licensure/Examination

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Comity and Initial

Initial Licensure, Staff Recommendation to Approve: David Paul Beauclair, Civil; Jamie Lee Curtis, Electrical and Computer; Andrew James Hansen, Civil; Benjamin Adrian Hendricks, Civil; James Edward Johnson, Civil; Clinton Allen Koetter, Chemical; Collin David McGill, Civil; Adam James Miller, Civil; Jeremy Jay Nicholas, Civil; Samuel Vincent Olbrey, Civil; Madeline Jae Riddell, Civil; Zachary John Smedley, Mechanical; Andrew Dozler Steinhausen, Civil; Seth Michael Stroh, Chemical; Logan Jacob Trisler, Mechanical; Eric Allen Vander Woude Jr, Mechanical; Maureen Angela Winter Karl, Mechanical; Gul Ahamd Laiwal, Civil; Heaven Elyse McKinley, Environmental; Ana Patricia Salgado Ocampo, Civil; Adam Dale Schneider, Civil

Comity Licensure, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Mohammed Abdelkhalek Gharib Abdelmaksoud, Civil; Mariam Nagy Haguib Fransis, Civil; Robert Joseph Frank Goodfellow, Civil; Mary Rose Aisling Gormley, Civil; Arash Karimi Pour, Civil; Dong Li, Civil; Woongju Mun, Civil; Mark Allan Postman, Civil; Stephen Price, Civil; Kamal Amin Chebo, Civil; Amitkumar Maganbhai Patel, Civil; Raimundo Avelar Ramos, Mechanical

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Experience

Staff Recommendation to Approve: Raymond William McGaskle, Chemical; Afshin Razapour, Electrical and Computer; Robert Arthur Seltzer, Mechanical

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Reinstatement

Staff Recommendation to Approve: E-15807 Jay Stuart Bleier, Civil; E-15660 Bradley Ray Gleaves, Civil; E-14088 David Carl Partridge, Electrical

Licensure of Architects by Comity and Initial

Initial Licensure, Staff Recommendation to Approve: Preston David Doerrfeld, Dante Joseph Dovall, Brandon Neil Heide, Joshua David Lorenzen, Jacob Paul Urban

Comity Licensure – None

Licensure of Architects by Experience – None

Licensure of Architects by Reinstatement

Staff Recommendation to Approve: A-4570 Paul William Sirek

Special Cases

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Experience

Defer: Roel Kionisala Israel – The Board determined that Rule 4.1.5, Non-United States Jurisdictional Comity, takes precedence over Rule 4.1.4, Comity Licensure by Experience, for applicants coming with an international license. Application was deferred until the requirements of Rule 4.1.5 are met.

Deferred: Jeffrey Michael Upper – The Board requested additional information regarding his and his organization's engineering work in Nebraska prior to his application.

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Initial Licensure of Architects

Staff Recommendation To Defer: Stacy Joe Spotanski

Certificates of Authorization

Deferred: Upper Consulting Inc – The Board requested additional information regarding the organization's engineering work in Nebraska prior to the application.

Disclosures

Staff Recommendation to Note File, Take No Action: Ermocrates Castillo, Robert Davis, Thomas DeJong, Anthony Farmand, Sal Fateen, Andrew Leone

Motion by Foly, second by Thiele, to implement the staff recommendations on the applications and disclosures except Roel Kionisala Israel, Jeffrey Upper, Upper Consulting Inc. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Abstain: Lund; Absent: Dvorak, Reed

Motion by Foley, second by Thiele, to defer the application of Roel Kionisala Israel until he meets the requirements in Board Rule 4.1.5, Jeffrey Upper, and Upper Consulting Inc. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Abstain: Lund; Absent: Dvorak, Reed

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 – August 2026

[Financial Summary FY26-27](#)

[Budget Status Report](#)

[Fund Summary](#)

[MTD General Ledger Detail](#)

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

Other Financial Matters – None

Updated Hearing Officer Contract, Case 25.27

The contract terms with JL Spray were updated to reflect:

- An end date of February 19, 2027, or the conclusion of Case 25.27, whichever is later.
- The scope of work was revised to clarify that the hearing officer is responsible to conduct, coordinate, and manage the formal disciplinary hearing for the Board, including coordinating opening statements, admitting or declining exhibits and testimony into evidence, swearing in witnesses, ruling on in-hearing motions, objections, or requests, managing closing statements, and submitting the evidence to the Board for its consideration, determination, and ruling.

Motion by Foley, second by Brisnehan, to approve the updated hearing officer contract with JL Spray as presented and authorize ED Wilbeck to execute. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Abstain: Lund; Absent: Dvorak, Reed

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Final 2027-2029 Biennium Budget Submission

Motion by Suelter, second by Foley, to approve the 2027-2029 Biennium Budget Submission as presented. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Abstain: Lund; Absent: Dvorak, Reed

Motion by Foley, second by Thiele, to grant Emeritus Board Member status to Brian Kelly. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Abstain: Lund; Absent: Dvorak, Reed

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the 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: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Abstain: Lund; Absent: Dvorak, Reed

Executive Session began at 11:22 a.m.

Cases 24.05, 25.19, 25.25, 25.27, 25.28, 25.33, 25.35, 26.07, 26.09, 26.11, 26.14, 26.15, 26.23, 26.34, 26.25, 26.27, 26.28, 26.29, 26.30, 26.31, and 26.32 were discussed in executive sessions.

Lund left the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

Other Compliance Issues

Partner agency processes were discussed in executive session.

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

Executive session ended at 12:37 p.m.

Motion by Thiele, second by Suelter, to approve the settlement agreement in Case 24.05, authorize the Chair to sign and execute, monitor the agreement terms, and close the case. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Lund, Reed

Motion by Thiele, second by Suelter, to close Case 25.35 without disciplinary action. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Lund, Reed

Motion by Thiele, second by Brisnehan, to authorize architectural remediation in Case 26.29 and request a response within 30 days and a written plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Lund, Reed

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to authorize architectural and engineering remediation in Case 26.31 and request a response within 30 days and a written plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Lund, Reed

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to authorize architectural and engineering remediation in Case 26.32 and request a response within 30 days and a written plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Lund, Reed

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to authorize architectural remediation in Case 26.36 and request a response within 30 days and a written plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Lund, Reed

Motion by Thiele, second by Foley, to open a case against the project owner in Project Review 09-03 for the unlicensed practice of architecture, authorize architectural remediation, request a response within 30 days, and a

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remediation plan within 90 days. Voting Yes: Foley, Suelter, Thiele, Brisnehan, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Absent: Dvorak, Lund, Reed

H. GENERAL INFORMATION

A schedule of upcoming meetings and national events was provided. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., at 215 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln, Nebraska. It was noted that the March 2027 meeting has been rescheduled from March 25th to March 19th.

Licensure and Certificate Trends

Numbers as of September 2, 2026

Professional Engineers.....	9,885
Architects	1,970
Certificates of Authorization.....	2,538
Temporary Permits	16

Examination Information/Statistics

The September 2026 ARE Open Eligibility reports were provided, along with the July 2026 Pass/Fail report.

Other Information

The FY2026-27 Marketing Plan was provided.

Facebook analytics for August 2026 were provided:

<i>Views:</i>	<i>2,300</i>
<i>Viewers:</i>	<i>440</i>
<i>Content Interactions:</i>	<i>49</i>
<i>Link Clicks:</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Visits:</i>	<i>150</i>
<i>New Follows:</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Posts:</i>	<i>12</i>

The August 2026 Website Analytics report was provided:

<i>Visits</i>	<i>3,200</i>
<i>New Users</i>	<i>2,600</i>

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bostelman adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

James Brisnehan, Secretary