

LB755 Signed Into Law

By Mia Azizah, Public Information Officer

On August 18, 2020, Governor Pete Ricketts signed Legislative Bill 755 (LB755) into law. Among other provisions, LB755 made several changes to the Nebraska Engineers and Architects Regulation Act (the “Act”).

The Board worked with various stakeholders including the state chapters of the National Society of Professional Engineers, American Institute of Architects, and the American Council of Engineering Companies in order to build consensus and support for the changes contained in the bill. Crossing the finish line was a direct result of the dedication of all those who were involved.

Changes made to the Act via LB755 became effective November 14, 2020.

The strong motivators for the Board in seeking revisions to the Act through LB755 were to reduce unnecessary barriers to licensure, and to give more flexibility to professional engineer candidates in determining the appropriate time for them to take the PE Exam.

The major changes made to the Act include:

- Allowing professional engineer candidates the option to take the Principles and Practice (PE) Exam prior to gaining four years of experience (N.R.S. §81-3451);
- Removing provisions that require architect candidates to apply to the Board to take the Architectural Registration Exam (ARE). Starting on Nov. 14, those candidates may register directly with NCARB (N.R.S. §81-3448);
- Removing provisions that architect license candidates must take the Architectural Registration Examination (ARE) after graduation from an architectural program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board; (N.R.S. §81-3448)
- Adding that degrees from programs accredited by the appropriate Canadian engineering and architecture accreditation boards satisfy the educational requirements for licensure in Nebraska (N.R.S. §81-3451).

The first major proposed change in LB755 allows professional engineer candidates to take the NCEES Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) Exam before gaining four years of engineering experience.

The concept is referred to as “decoupling,” which allows candidates to take the PE Exam after meeting the educational requirement and passing the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam. However, the requirement of four years of progressive engineering experience, in addition to all other requirements, will still need to be met before any individual may qualify for licensure.

It is important to note that these changes to the E&A Act via LB755 are optional as it relates to the timing of the PE Exam. Candidates still have the option of waiting to take the PE Exam until they have obtained four years of experience. In this manner, they may reduce the risk of potential mobility issues when they seek licensure in other jurisdictions.

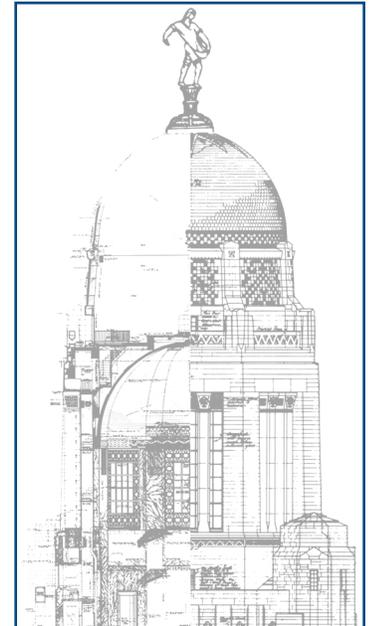
Architect candidates will also be impacted by changes in LB755. Individuals who elect to have their exam results sent to Nebraska will not be required to attain approval from the Board to establish ARE exam eligibility. NCARB has agreed to manage Nebraska’s architectural candidates, and to allow individuals to register directly with NCARB when they are ready to sit for the exam.

Another catalyst for the changes made via LB755 is NCARB’s recently-launched Integrated Path to Licensure Program, or IPAL Program.

At the beginning of 2015, some architectural programs in the United States began offering IPAL programs, allowing students to complete experience and examination requirements while earning their NAAB-accredited degree. However, the Act as written at the time required candidates to have satisfied the education requirements prior to sitting for the ARE. This meant the Board could not license individuals who had obtained their license through an IPAL program. With the passage of LB755, the Board is now able to license these individuals.

As with engineers, all requirements related to education, examination and experience still have to be met before being eligible for licensure as an architect.

Next, LB755 also adds additional pathways to meet the educational requirements for licensure. The Act now includes provisions that state that degrees from programs accredited by the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB) and the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB) as meeting Nebraska’s education requirements.



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Executive Director Jon Wilbeck, who testified in support of changes to the Act at the Health and Human Services Committee hearing, testified that architects and professional engineers are vested with the responsibility to certify the quality and integrity of their work.

“They are responsible for making sure large industrial structures, high-rise

buildings, and complex multi-million dollar engineering public works projects are designed with the health, safety, and welfare of the public in mind,” Wilbeck said. “They are granted a high level of public trust and have an enormous impact on public safety.”

The Board is confident that the changes made to the Act reduce unnecessary

barriers to licensure, reduce red tape, and give more flexibility to those seeking licensure, while at the same time maintaining the high standards of education, examination, and experience that must be met in order to become licensed as an architect or professional engineer in Nebraska while still protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public. ■

What to Know: Proper Signing and Sealing

If you are an architect or professional engineer licensed in Nebraska, you will almost assuredly find yourself required to seal technical documents.

Most times, the documents or drawings you seal will be those submitted to a client or governmental agency as required by Nebraska law. Yet, even on some types of work where a seal is not required, such as a residential project that is exempt from requiring licensees, an architect or professional engineer will often seal his or her work. Here are a few of the more important requirements for sealing work in Nebraska, in accordance with the E&A Regulation Act and Chapter 6 of the Board’s rules.

Seal Design

Architects and professional engineers in Nebraska must obtain a seal. You can create your own digital seal or you can buy one from any source. No matter where the seal is sourced, its design should match the design provided by the Board to each licensee at the time of license issuance.

Placement

Your seal must be placed on any work done by you or under your direct supervision that will be submitted to your client or to any government agency. Rules Section 6.4 describes the four requirements that must be met in order for licensees to lawfully place their signature on a seal, and promulgated in an effort to reduce the unlawful practice of a licensee “plan stamping” work prepared by others.

The requirements mandate that the licensee must:

- Have and exercise the authority to review and to change, reject, or approve both the work in progress and the final work product, through a continuous process of examination, evaluation, communication, and

direction throughout the development of the work;

- Be personally aware of the project’s scope, needs, parameters, limitations, and special requirements;
- Be capable of answering questions relevant to the architectural or engineering decisions made as part of the services provided, in sufficient detail to demonstrate reasonable knowledge of and proficiency in the work; and
- Be reasonably satisfied with the product of the services rendered and accept full responsibility for the work.

“DRAFT” Documents

If there is a need to submit documents in “draft” form for a preliminary submission and review by a building department, ensure the documents are clearly marked “draft.” Such documents clearly marked as “Draft” prepared for preliminary submission and review do not require the professional’s seal, signature, and date, including documents prepared for a client or governmental agency, unless otherwise required by that entity.

Sealing Documents

Each technical document that shows work comprising the practices of architecture or engineering must be sealed. Two or more licensees may affix their signatures and seals to a sheet provided as it is designated by a note under the seal and the specific subject matter for which each is responsible.

Specifications

All specifications, reports and other documents shall be sealed on the title page and/or the first page, as well as the last page, of the document by the individual licensee responsible for the work. To complete bigger and more

complex projects, large and detailed specifications may be prepared by several licensees involved in the project’s design. As a general guide in determining if your specifications conform to the Board’s sealing requirements, a layman reviewing the specifications should easily be able to determine which licensee prepared the specifications.

The Coordinating Professional

When a project involves more than one licensee, one of them shall be designated as the Coordinating Professional and recognized as such by the project owner. The intent of the Coordinating Professional is for that individual to coordinate the work of the licensees involved and serve as the primary contact for the governing building officials. The Coordinating Professional applies their seal to the cover sheet of all documents and denotes their seal as such by placing the following language adjacent to their seal: “I, (name of licensee), am the Coordinating Professional on the (name of the project) project.”

Validity

A valid seal includes three elements — the circular stamp itself, the licensee’s signature, and the date of sealing. The seal can be a wet ink stamp or digital, but must be visible and legible. Also, check the wording on your seal. If your seal uses the word “Registered,” you need a new seal. PE’s also have their discipline of licensure on their seal.

A seal is one of the oldest methods used to claim responsibility for a project or to establish the expertise of the professional. Because licensing is a function of the Board, the seal is a visible acknowledgement that the professional meets the minimum standards established by the state and is a reminder of their duty to clients and the public to safeguard life, health, property, and promote the general welfare. ■

New Licensee Ceremony held at Capitol



Newly-licensed architects and professional engineers pose with their license certificates in the Rotunda of the Nebraska State Capitol on November 6, 2020.

In total, 7 architects and 73 professional engineers were licensed by exam since November 2019.

This is the 16th year the Board has held a ceremony honoring individuals licensed by exam. The ceremony was held in accordance with recommended health measures and social distancing guidelines. ■

NCARB Board of Directors Release Update Regarding Online Proctoring

To better ensure the quality of the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) when the online proctoring option is launched, NCARB has delayed the launch of online proctoring. The new expected launch date is December 14, 2020.

Both the online proctored testing option and the anticipated changes to the exam are now expected to launch December 14, 2020. This includes the reduction in the number of items, adjustments to exam appointment times, transition to the digital whiteboard tool, and the updated break policies.

As a reminder, once implemented, all exam changes will apply to both in-person and online exam appointments—including those scheduled to take place on December 14, 2020.

Why is NCARB updating the timeline?

As part of their quality assurance process, NCARB has identified potential improvements to the updated exam that they believe will enhance the candidate experience. Moving the launch date helps ensure a higher quality testing experience and may provide more time for candidates to adjust to the upcoming changes.

What does this mean for candidates?

If a candidate has an exam appointment scheduled between now and December 13, 2020, the version of the ARE you experience will be the current version, with the policies, tools, and number of items outlined in the current ARE 5.0 Guidelines and ARE 5.0 Handbook. You will receive immediate provisional feedback before leaving the test center, and your score report will not be delayed.

If a candidate has an exam appointment scheduled to take place on December 14, 2020 or later, you will experience the updated version of the ARE, with the exam changes detailed in NCARB's "Guide to Online Proctoring and the ARE," and policies/content outlined in the newly updated version of the ARE 5.0 Guidelines and ARE 5.0 Handbook. If you are testing within the first four weeks of the launch, your score report will likely be delayed until the new cut score is established.

The option to schedule online proctored exam appointments, as well as the option to reschedule existing in-person appointments

to be taken online or vice versa, is expected to be available on December 14, 2020.

What can I expect next?

NCARB anticipates launching the updated demonstration exam no later than mid-November. This update will feature the new digital whiteboard tool, as well as additional changes aligning with the launch of online proctoring, such as the new break feature and navigation. In addition, NCARB will be lengthening the demo exam to include 75 practice items (addressing topics from all six divisions), with a testing time of three hours, to help better prepare candidates for a real test experience. The updated demo exam will be accessible through a candidate's NCARB account.

Update to Webcam and Cable Requirements

In finalizing security procedures for online proctoring, NCARB has updated the webcam and cable/cord requirements for taking an online proctored exam. Candidates testing via online proctoring are now required to have an external webcam to facilitate a "cable-by-cable" assessment of their computer setup at part of their check in. Candidates will not be allowed to use their laptop's internal webcam because it cannot facilitate this security review. A laptop or CPU and all cables must be on the work surface and fully visible. Updated webcam specifications are provided in the updated ARE 5.0 Guidelines.

\$50 Rebate on First Scheduled Online Proctored Appointment

NCARB understands that requiring an external webcam may create an additional expense for candidates. To help offset this, NCARB will provide all candidates who schedule their first online appointment a \$50 e-gift card. Every ARE candidate is eligible to receive one rebate. This gift card will be issued automatically after a candidate schedules their first online proctored appointment. Candidates who do not schedule an online proctored appointment will not be eligible. NCARB will provide additional details as launch approaches.

If you have questions, please contact the Board or NCARB. ■

NCEES Updates

NCEES COVID-19 Response

Approximately 7,000 test appointments from March to April 2020 at Pearson VUE test centers were rescheduled or canceled due to test center closures. NCEES worked with Board members and test sites to accommodate more space capacity for proper social distancing.

Examinees impacted by Pearson VUE test center closures can request a refund or reschedule exam appointments at no additional charge.

Due to the cancellation and health concerns for examinees taking the October 2020 exam, NCEES provided advance notice of the design standards and specifications used for the 2021 Civil, Structural, and Architectural PE exam administration. The design standards and specifications for the October 2020 exam administration will remain effective with no changes for the April 2021 exams.

Updated exam site procedures

Exam site procedures have been updated and will be enforced during the October exam administration to reduce risks for proctors and examinees. Updated procedures have been emailed to all examinees and are posted at ncees.org/October-2020-exam-administration-updates.

Examinees must review and satisfy the following requirements before being admitted to an exam site. No one will be admitted to the exam site if they have met any of the COVID-19 qualifications listed below.

- Tested positive for COVID-19; UNLESS symptom-free and fever-free for at least 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine AND at least 14 days have passed since the last exposure, or you have received two negative COVID-19 test results in a row, 24 hours apart.
- Experiencing (or have experienced) one or more associated symptoms that last fourteen (14) days: shortness of breath, cough, fever, chills, sore throat, loss of smell; UNLESS you have been symptom-free and fever-free for at least 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine.

- Live with or have had close contact with someone who has confirmed or suspected COVID-19; UNLESS at least 14 days have passed since the last exposure.
- Have been or are currently under home quarantine or centralized observation by government or healthcare authorities; UNLESS at least 14 days have passed since your quarantine or centralized observation has been lifted by the government or healthcare authorities.

Examinees who meet the above conditions on exam day and are admitted to the exam site must agree to follow the below guidelines on exam day.

- Examinees will be seated alone and properly distanced from other tables.
- Examinees and proctors are required to wear face masks at all times.
- Examinees must practice social distancing at all times.
- Examinees will be allowed to have hand sanitizer and wipes, extra face coverings, and disposable gloves in the exam room; they must be placed on the floor during the exam.

PE Electrical and Computer Power exam transition to computer-based testing

In an effort to accommodate as many pencil-and-paper examinees in October as safely as possible, NCEES has accelerated the PE Electrical and Computer Power exam transition to CBT.

All examinees who are currently registered to take this exam in October have been canceled and automatically provided a full refund of their exam registration fee so they can immediately register for the computer-based exam. Registration for the computer-based exam is open with appointments available starting December 1. All canceled examinees who register for the CBT exam by January 31, 2021, will automatically receive an additional \$25 refund in early February. This change affects approximately 2,000 examinees.

PE Civil exam transitioning to computer-based testing early

The Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) Civil exam is moving to computer-based testing (CBT), with appointments available year-round at Pearson VUE test centers beginning April 1, 2022. The exam will be offered for the last time in pencil-and-paper format in October 2021. Registration for the April 2022 CBT exam will open November 1, 2021.

NCEES originally planned to complete the PE Civil exam's transition to CBT format in 2023 but fast-tracked the change as part of its response to COVID-19. After the April 2020 pencil-and-paper exam administration was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic, NCEES added an extra day to the October 2020 administration and began exploring the possibility of moving the PE Civil exam to CBT earlier than planned.

"Under the current COVID-19 guidelines, fewer examinees can be in the exam room at the same time, so we began discussions with Pearson VUE about transitioning the PE Civil exam from 2023 to an earlier date," explained NCEES Chief Officer of Examinations Tim Miller, P.E. "This new format will give examinees more flexibility about when and where they take the exam."

Regional PE Civil Exam in January 2021

NCEES has added a regional pencil-and-paper exam administration on January 26, 2021 for PE Civil examinees only.

The Nebraska Board is able to accept results from these regional Civil PE Exams, just as it accepts results from FE or PE Exam tests administered via CBT outside Nebraska. All PE Civil examinees who are registered for the October exam administration were notified in mid-August 2020 of the opportunity to test at a regional site in January.

Regional PE Civil exam administrations will be held in Phoenix, AZ; Pomona and San Mateo, CA; Hartford, CT; Orlando, FL; Hartford, CT; Orlando, FL; Topeka, KS; Minneapolis, MN; Raleigh, NC; Cleveland, OH; Houston, TX; and Seattle, WA.

NBEA STAFF UPDATES

Weaver retires after nearly two decades of service

After 18 years of working for the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects and the Nebraska community, Sandra Weaver retired in July 2020 as the Board’s Business Manager.

“Sandra’s impact on the Board was profound,” said Executive Director Jon Wilbeck. “Her improvements to our internal controls, human resources, and application processes will benefit us and our licensees for years to come. We all wish her the best on her well-deserved retirement.”

Weaver began her career in the Furnas County Assessor’s Office from 1975 to 2000 as a Clerk Assessor and then Deputy Assessor. She then moved to Lincoln and became a staff assistant in the Nebraska Department



of Education in 2001. A year later, Weaver began her position in the Board of Engineers and Architects as an administrative assistant.

She became the Board’s business manager in 2008. Weaver grew up in Furnas County near Beaver City, and received her degree in business administration and management from Central Community College.

As the business manager, Weaver monitored status for expenditures and annual financial reports, analyzed accuracy

of records and compliance of transactions with established policies and procedures, and assisted in preparation of the biennial budget.

“I am thankful for the opportunities and support the Board of Engineers and Architects has given me through the years. It has been an honor to work with such dedicated staff and board members,” Weaver said. “As I start a new chapter in my life, the memories that I will take with me will be cherished.”

Weaver’s dedication, hard work and patience will be missed by the board, the staff and anyone who had the privilege of knowing and working with her. ■

Lais promoted to Board’s Business Manager

Jean Lais, who has worked in the Board of Engineers and Architects for 12 years, was promoted to become the new Business Manager starting July 10.



Lais started as the Board’s staff assistant in 2008. Lais then became the Board’s Administrative Assistant in 2009. She also served as the Records Officer and was responsible for the retention in reviewing

the Board’s records and working with the Board of Geologists and State Board of Landscape Architects.

Before she worked for the State of Nebraska, Lais worked as a customer service supervisor for a concrete placing equipment manufacturer in California for 15 years. Lais completed courses from Liberty University, Cal Poly-Pomona, and Mt. San Antonio College of California.

As the Business Manager, Lais is responsible for financial reporting and preparation of budget and processing

payroll, human resources, personnel and office administration.

She will also work closely with Executive Director, Jon Wilbeck, on monitoring the Board’s progress toward meeting its goals and objectives.

“I am excited about moving into the Business Manager position and getting to work closer with the Board in achieving its goals and objectives,” Lais said. ■

Board welcomes new Public Information Officer, Administrative Assistant

The Board welcomes new Public Information Officer, Mia Azizah, and Administrative Assistant, Gail Parris.

Azizah was born in Jakarta, Indonesia but grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska. She earned her bachelor of journalism from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Previously, Azizah worked for the Lincoln Journal Star and the Omaha-World Herald.



Azizah will work closely with the Compliance Officer to continue

communicating with the public about the Board’s mission and when licensed architects or professional engineers need to be involved in new building projects.

“I am looking forward to working with the Board and improving communication tasks for the Board’s mission.

Another new staff member joining the Board is Gail Parris, who started her first day on August 3. Parris studied computer technology from the State University of New York and has worked for the State of Nebraska for 10 years in various agencies, including the Department of Labor, Department of Health and Human Services, the Real Property Appraiser Board, and Department of Correctional Services.

Parris will work in reviewing applications, issuing approved licenses. She will also compile and assess reports and records of the Board’s goals.



“I am looking forward to working with a team of professionals dedicated to supporting professional engineers and licensed architects,” Parris said. ■

Recently Resolved Compliance Cases

The following complaints were reviewed for compliance by the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects, and resolved via the action noted. These summaries are provided for licensee education and information, and should not be interpreted as a full description of the complaints described. In complaints where disciplinary action was taken by the Board per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3444, the names of the individuals and/or organizations involved are included.

Case 18.02 – Unlicensed Practice

SUMMARY: The Board was notified of the submission of unsealed plans to another state agency for the construction of a single-story commercial addition [Mercantile (M) Occupancy] comprising approximately 3,600 square feet to an existing 9,670 square-foot building. The plans did not appear to be prepared by a Nebraska-licensed architect or professional engineer.

ACTION: This project was subject to the Act because the project adversely impacted more than 3,000 square feet of a Mercantile occupancy. The Board authorized remediation to bring this project into compliance with the Act. Per Board Rule 8.4, licensed remediation professionals reviewed the project, identified deficiencies, and recommended corrections. The complaint was dismissed upon the correction of all deficiencies.

Case 18.13 – Unlicensed Practice

SUMMARY: The Board was notified of the submission of unsealed plans to another state agency for the renovation of a three-story commercial building [Business (B) Occupancy] comprising approximately 7,500 square feet. The plans did not appear to be prepared by a Nebraska-licensed architect or professional engineer.

ACTION: This project was subject to the Act because the project adversely impacted more than 3,000 square feet of a Business occupancy. The Board authorized remediation to bring this project into compliance with the Act. Per Board Rule 8.4, licensed remediation professionals reviewed the project, identified deficiencies, and recommended corrections. The complaint was dismissed upon the correction of all deficiencies.

Case 20.01 – Unlicensed Practice

SUMMARY: The Board was notified of the submission of unsealed plans to another state agency for the construction of a single-story commercial building [Business (B) Occupancy] comprising approximately 8,000 square feet. The plans did not appear to be prepared by a Nebraska-licensed architect or professional engineer.

ACTION: This project was subject to the Act because the building area comprised more than 3,000 square feet of a Business (B) occupancy. The Board authorized the remediation process to bring the project into compliance with the Act. Per Board Rule 8.4, the remediation professionals conducted reviews, identified deficiencies, and recommended corrections. The complaint was dismissed upon the engagement of licensees.

Case 20.03 – Unlicensed Practice

SUMMARY: The Board was notified of the submission of unsealed plans to another state agency for the construction of a single-story commercial building [Daycare (I-4) Occupancy] comprising approximately 2,700 square feet. The plans did not appear to be prepared by a Nebraska-licensed architect or professional engineer.

ACTION: This project was subject to the Act because the building area comprised more than 3,000 square feet of a Business (B) occupancy. The Board authorized the remediation process to bring the project into compliance with the Act. Per Board Rule 8.4, the remediation professionals conducted reviews, identified deficiencies, and recommended corrections. The complaint was dismissed upon the engagement of licensees.

Case 20.04 – Unlicensed Practice

SUMMARY: The Board was notified of the submission of unsealed plans to another state agency for the renovation of a single-story commercial building [Business (B) Occupancy] comprising approximately 27,000 square feet. The plans did not appear to be prepared by a Nebraska-licensed architect or professional engineer.

ACTION: This project was subject to the Act because the building area comprised more than 3,000 square feet of Business occupancy. The Board authorized

the remediation process to bring the project into compliance with the Act. Per Board Rule 8.4, the remediation professionals conducted reviews, identified deficiencies, and recommended corrections. The complaint was dismissed upon the correction of all deficiencies.

Case 20.07 – Unlicensed Practice

SUMMARY: The Board was notified of the submission of unsealed plans to another state agency for the construction of a single-story commercial building [Daycare (I-4) Occupancy] comprising approximately 2,700 square feet. The plans did not appear to be prepared by a Nebraska-licensed architect or professional engineer.

ACTION: This project was subject to the Act because the building area comprised more than 3,000 square feet of Mercantile occupancy. The Board authorized the remediation process to bring the project into compliance with the Act. Per Board Rule 8.4, the remediation professionals conducted reviews, identified deficiencies, and recommended corrections. The complaint was dismissed upon the correction of all deficiencies.

Case 20.08 – Unlicensed Practice

SUMMARY: The Board was notified of the submission of unsealed plans to another state agency for the construction of a single-story commercial building [Daycare (I-4) Occupancy] comprising approximately 2,700 square feet. The plans did not appear to be prepared by a Nebraska-licensed architect or professional engineer.

ACTION: This project was subject to the Act because the building area comprised more than 2,000 square feet of Daycare occupancy space that was adversely impacted. The Board authorized the remediation process to bring the project into compliance with the Act. Per Board Rule 8.4, the remediation professionals conducted reviews, identified deficiencies, and recommended corrections. The complaint was dismissed upon the correction of all deficiencies.

Case 20.19 – Unlicensed Practice

SUMMARY: The Board received a complaint of unlicensed practice by a professional engineer. The complaint alleged the licensee engaged in the unlicensed practice of architecture and a violation of the direct supervision of the work, as per NRS 81-3454.

ACTION: The Board was notified of the submission of unsealed plans to another state agency for the construction of a single-story commercial addition [Mercantile (M) Occupancy] comprising approximately 3,600 square feet to an existing 9,670 square-foot building. The plans did not appear to be prepared by a Nebraska-licensed architect or professional engineer.

Case 20.21 – Unlicensed Practice

SUMMARY: The Board was notified of the submission of unsealed plans to another state agency for the renovation of a three-story building [Residential (R-2) Occupancy] comprising approximately 7,280 square feet structure. The plans did not appear to be prepared by a Nebraska-licensed architect or professional engineer.

ACTION: This project was subject to the Act because the building area comprised more than 3,000 square feet of a Residential occupancy. The Board authorized the remediation process to bring the project into compliance with the Act. The complaint was dismissed upon receipt of documentation of the project.

Case 20.23 – Professional Misconduct and Incompetence

SUMMARY: The Board received a complaint of professional misconduct and incompetence by a licensee. The complaint alleged that a professional engineer who prepared a report that comprised the practice of engineering reached a fraudulent conclusion and did not act with reasonable care and competence in preparing the report in accordance with Rule 5.1.1.

ACTION: After an investigation, the Board found no evidence to substantiate the complaint and that the licensee complied with the licensee Code of Practice. The Board dismissed the complaint

Case 20.25 – Unlicensed Practice

SUMMARY: The Board was notified of the submission of unsealed plans to another state agency for the renovation of a two-story building [Business (B) Occupancy] comprising approximately 3,536 square feet structure. The plans did not appear to be prepared by a Nebraska-licensed architect or professional engineer.

ACTION: This project was subject to the Act because the building area comprised more than 3,000 square feet of a Business occupancy space. The Board authorized the remediation process to bring the project into compliance with the Act. The complaint was dismissed upon the engagement of licensees.

Case 20.28 – Unlicensed Practice

SUMMARY: The Board was notified of the submission of unsealed plans to another state agency for the construction of a single-story commercial building [Assembly (A) Occupancy] comprising approximately 8,316 square feet. The plans did not appear to be prepared by a Nebraska-licensed architect or professional engineer.

ACTION: This project was subject to the Act because the building area comprised more than 1,000 square feet of an Assembly occupancy. The Board authorized the remediation process to bring the project into compliance with the Act. The complaint was dismissed without prejudice.

Case 20.31 – Unlicensed Practice

SUMMARY: The Board received a complaint of unlicensed practice by an unlicensed individual. The complaint alleged the individual engaged in the unlicensed practice of architecture and engineering in a commercial remodel.

ACTION: After an investigation, the Board authorized a Letter of Caution to be issued to avoid the repetition of such activities and the complaint to be dismissed.

Licensure Updates

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DEC	11	Board Meeting / Public Hearing on Rules
	14	PE Exam Registration Opens for Paper-and-Pencil Exam
	25	Office Closed - Holiday
	31	License Renewal Deadline (L-Z Last Names)
JAN	1	Office Closed - Holiday
	8	PE Exam First-Time Application Deadline
	18	Holiday
	22	Board Meeting
	26	Paper & Pencil Civil PE Exam
FEB	15	Office Closed - Holiday
	19	Board Meeting
	25	PE Exam NCEES Registration Deadline
MAR	19	Board Meeting
APR	16	Board Meeting
	23-24	Paper & Pencil PE Exams
	30	Office Closed - Holiday
MAY	21	Board Meeting
	31	Office Closed - Holiday

CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE NEBRASKA BOARD OF ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS

This is to certify that the person named below has earned 0.25 continuing education hours for Architects and Professional Engineers by thoroughly reading the Fall 2020 edition of the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects newsletter, *The Nebraska Professional*.

NAME

I attest, by the responses recorded below, my signature, and on my professional honor, that I have personally read and am familiar with the Fall 2020 edition of the *The Nebraska Professional*.

1. When were the changes made to the Act via LB755 effective?	
2. According to LB755, will degrees from programs accredited by the appropriate Canadian engineering and architecture accreditation boards satisfy the educational requirements for licensure in Nebraska?	
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