

**Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects**  
**Emergency Meeting Minutes**  
**January 31, 2014**

**PURPOSE OF EMERGENCY MEETING**

The purpose of the emergency meeting was to discuss unforeseen opposition to LB 665 and to consider a time sensitive amendment to LB 665 for sections 81-3438 (pg 30) and 81-3451 (pg 51).

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Klein called the emergency meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. The meeting was convened through a conference call initiated at the Board office at 215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 400, Lincoln, Nebraska. Klein noted the location of the Public Meeting Statutes in the public area. Notice of the meeting was published on the Board's website and posted on the first and fourth floor of the office building.

**Roll Call:** Jennifer Klein, Vice-Chair; Lori Krejci, Secretary; Mark Champion; Fred Choobineh; Mike Konzett; Roger Helgoth. Absent: Tom Laging, Krista Kester.

**Staff Present:** Steve Masters, Executive Director (ED); Sandra Weaver, Administrator (AD).

**Legislative Liaison Present:** Rich Lombardi, American Communications, Inc.

**Agenda Items**

**A Opposition to LB 665**

Lombardi reported two stakeholders were still in opposition to LB 665. On Thursday, January 30, 2014, ED Masters, Choobineh, and Helgoth met with the Professional Engineers Coalition. ED Masters stated issues and concerns were primarily with the proposed language in sections 81-3438 and 81-3451. Changes proposed for opposition to proposed language in Section 81-3438 included the deletion of the word "individual" concerning continuing education for licensees. Because of opposition to 81-3438, a compromise was made to put back in the four years or more of progressive post-accredited-degree experience to sit for the PE exam. In return, engineering organizations would support the amended bill. The changes would be a credible argument for Senator Krist to continue efforts to move the bill toward passage. Lombardi reminded the Board that anyone wanting to stop legislation is in the driver's seat.

ED Masters met with Sara Kay, Executive Director of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Nebraska and Jackie McCollough, Executive Director of American Council of Engineering (ACEC) and reported their suggestion to remove the bill and clean up issues in the future.

**B Proposed amendments to LB 665**

**Section 81-3438 (pg 30) - removal of word "individual" pertaining to continuing education**

**Section 81-3451 (pg 51) - four years of post degree experience before taking PE exam**

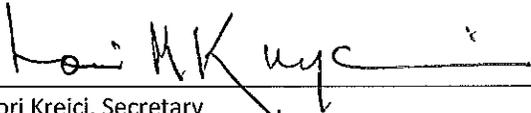
**AM1704/Proposed Amendments to LB 665**

After discussion, the Board agreed to support the proposed amendments to LB 665 and to continue broader discussion with concerned stakeholders for controversial changes in the future. Lombardi thanked the Board for their commitment and time. ED Masters commended Choobineh and Konzett for their negotiations with the Engineers Coalition, noting substantial progress was made. Lombardi will schedule a meeting with representatives from the Lincoln Homebuilders and the Nebraska State Homebuilders Association to address concerns. Unresolved issues will be reported to Senator Krist and the Board to decide whether a meeting should be scheduled with the two organizations for further discussion.

**Action** Motion by Choobineh, second by Helgoth to support the inclusion of four years or more of progressive post-accredited-degree experience to sit for the PE exam in Section 81-3451 and remove the word "individual" in Section 81-3438. Voting Yes: Krejci, Champion, Choobineh, Konzett, Helgoth, Klein. Voting No: None. Absent: Kester, Laging.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

  
Lori Krejci, Secretary