

Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects
Board Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall South, 5th Floor, Large Conference Room, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chair Klein called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. and noted the location of the Public Meeting Statutes. Notice of the meeting was published on the Board's website and in the Lincoln Journal Star in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call: Jennifer Klein, Chair; Lori Krejci, Vice-Chair; Michael Conzett, Secretary; Mark Champion; Fred Choobineh; Roger Helgoth, Krista Kester, Tom Laging. Absent: None.

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

Public Present

Robin Kilgore, Budget Management Analyst

Agenda Items

A Legislative Review

Proposed revisions for Engineers and Architects Regulation Act

Proposed language for the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act and a list of interested parties were presented to the Board. A bill will be introduced by Senator Krist in the 2015 Legislative Session.

Comments on proposed legislation

The Board reviewed comments submitted on proposed legislation by the following parties:

- American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Nebraska Chapter, American Institute of Architects (AIA)
- Professional Engineers Coalition (PEC)
- Nebraska State Home Builders
- Steve Nordhues, Building Official for Norfolk, NE
- Steve Riehle, County Engineer for Hall County

A comparison of the definition of a building official in the IBC language and proposed language for the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act was provided for Board review. Reference-extracts from the current Engineers and Architects Act (E&A Act) and Rules and Regulations were also included.

The Board's Legislative Committee will meet with PEC representatives on November 12 to address concerns with the proposed language for the E&A Act. The Board will work with Legislative Liaison Lombardi about how to best to convey consensus to Senator Krist. ED Masters will contact Lombardi to inform him that the Board wants to review what is prepared in the Senator's office before it goes out. Legislative Committee Chair Kester noted the Committee would bring the final proposed language for the bill to the Board for approval.

Legislative hearing testimony preparation

Legislative Committee Chair Kester stressed the need to be prepared for the legislative hearing for the bill and asked if other Board members would be interested in testifying. Helgoth volunteered to testify and Conzett offered to help as needed. Plans will be outlined by the December meeting. The Legislative Committee will be preparing opening comments to address the legislative bill at the hearing. It was noted that the unicameral had some confusion in the previous year's legislative session about who the Board was. Initial contact meetings will be set up with senators for no more than one-half hour to let them know who the Board is and what it is doing. A one-page document that can easily be understood will be created to for the meetings with the senators and will also be read at the hearing for the record. Lombardi will be briefed on plans a day or two before the hearing. ED Masters stated an email was received from NeSPE suggesting that changes to the definition of engineering should go back to the original language. ED Masters was asked to contact NeSPE and let them know the language has

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been approved for NCEES Model Law. Kester noted the intent of the proposed change was to recognize the incredible pace that technology is changing the world and the practice of engineering.

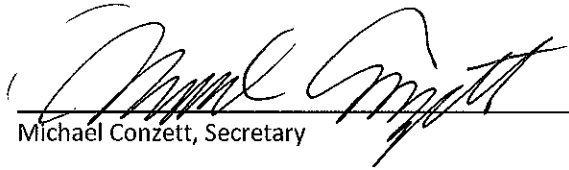
B Review of Proposed Legislation for Other Agencies

Proposed revisions for Professional Landscape Architects Act

The Board reviewed proposed changes to the Professional Landscape Architects Act. The State Board of Landscape Architects will be submitting a bill in the 2015 Legislative Session. The Board agreed that discussion and consensus was needed to bring professions together to safeguard life, health and property. ED Masters will contact Dennis Bryers, Chair of the State Board of Landscape Architects to offer suggestions to help clarify language in Section 2.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 1:00 p.m. by Helgoth, second by Krejci.



Michael Conzett, Secretary