

CALL TO ORDER

The April 16, 2021, meeting of the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects was held in the 5th floor conference room, 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chair Foley 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: Brett Foley, Chair; Daniel Thiele, Vice-Chair; Brian Kelly, Secretary; Jan Bostelman; Bruce Dvorak, David Johnson; Lenora Isom; Jason Suelter

Staff Present: Jon Wilbeck, Executive Director (ED); Amy Habe, Compliance Officer (CO); Jean Lais, Business Manager (BM)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

[March 12, 2021 meeting minutes](#)

Motion by Isom, second by Suelter to approve the consent agenda. Voting Yes: Kelly, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Dvorak, Isom, Johnson, Foley; Voting No: None

B. MEETING REPORTS

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

[Catalyst Public Affairs Report](#)

Catalyst provided a written update on the current legislative session. Several amendments have been introduced to LB250. They will continue to monitor for additional amendments and are encouraged that amendments thus far have left the oversight and supervision of interior design professional with the practice act. Additionally, with the number of amendments from a wide spectrum of senators indicates there will be extended debate once the bill reaches the floor.

AM418 (Hilkemann): Removes the ability of registered interior designers to stamp and seal technical submissions.

AM414 (Kolterman): Clarifies that the fee for interior design registration shall not exceed the amount set by the board, which shall be an amount sufficient to establish and maintain the interior design registry.

AM417 (McDonnell): Removes interior designers who graduate from a Council for Interior Design Accreditation-accredited interior design program in Nebraska from debt repayment eligibility.

AM415 (Stama): Removes coordinating professional provision, thereby eliminating the ability for registered interior designers to serve as a coordinating professional.

On April 8th, Speaker Hilgers announced the tentative plan for floor debate for the remainder for the session, which is currently scheduled to end on June 10th. On the first day of the week, he intends to schedule consent calendar bills and Speaker priority bills and bill packages on the last day of the week. As of the date of the report, debate on the mainline budget package was scheduled to begin during the next week.

Four interim study resolutions have been introduced thus far. Typically there are anywhere from 20-40 interim study resolutions introduced in any given year. Interim studies are a tool for senators, agencies, and interested parties to examine a proposed policy, existing regulation or law, in more detail. Committees are able, although not required, to hold a public hearing on an interim study resolutions and may devote committee staff time to

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compile research and/or a formal report. Interim studies can also be used to flesh out planned legislation for the following session or to conduct a deeper dive into an existing state program or policy.

The deadline for interim study resolutions is Day 80, which is May 19th for this session. Catalyst will continue to monitor introductions for topics of interest or impact to the Board.

Legislative Committee Report – Bills of Interest

[LB250 – Adopt the Interior Design Voluntary Registration Act](#)

A summary of the legislative actions on LB250 were provided. Copies of AM418, AM414, AM417, and AM415 were provided.

[LB83 – Change the Open Meetings Act to provide for virtual conferencing](#)

A summary of the legislative actions on LB83 were provided. As of April 9th, the bill is awaiting final reading.

[LB263 – Require occupational board to issue credentials based on credentials or work experience in another jurisdiction](#)

A summary of the legislative actions on LB263 were provided. The bill is still in committee.

Other Meeting Reports

Bostelman reported the NCEES EPE committee is scheduling cut score sessions for the PE exams with the Nuclear exam being the first to be conducted. There have been concerns raised related to security if these meetings are held virtually and the need to hold them in person. Suelter shared some of the challenges the SE exam committee has faced with virtual exam development meetings.

Chair Foley explained the process of determining an exam cut score. In a lot of cases, the committee will actually take the exam and has full access to all the exam questions. As a result, this does raise some security concerns. Some of the clients of his company have conducted cut scoring for voluntary exams only and some have been holding sessions on required exams during the past year. Others, such as the federal government, have put cut scoring on hold due to not being able to hold the sessions in person.

Suelter expressed concern of having enough qualifiers from exam to exam. These are questions that are carried over from exam administration to administration to help with insuring each exam is equivalent.

C. OLD BUSINESS

[NCARB 2021 Draft Resolutions/Annual Meeting Information](#)

The meeting is currently scheduled to occur in Los Angeles, CA, June 24-26, 2021, and will be a hybrid meeting allowing attendees to attend in person or virtually. A tentative agenda was provided along with other meeting information. A list of delegates along with the designation of the voting delegate is to be submitted by May 28, 2021.

Isom, Kelly, Foley, and Johnson were approved to attend in person or virtually. Johnson was designated as the voting delegate and Kelly was designated as the alternate voting delegate. Action on attendance was taken under *Per Diem Requests* and action on voting delegates was taken under *2021 NCEES Central Zone Interim Meeting Alternate Voting Delegate Notification*.

[FY 2020-21 Marketing Plan Update](#)

ED Wilbeck updated the members on the status of the 2020-21 Marketing Plan. Highlights included:

- Through a collaboration with the Nebraska Latino American Commission, the *Before You Build* brochure has been translated into Spanish at no cost. Staff will work on the design with the same format as the

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English version and distribute to local city officials, non-profit organizations, and jurisdictions with high Spanish-speaking populations once printed.

- PIO Azizah sent hard copies of materials related to the requirements for licensees on projects and the E&A Handbook to the City of Minden. She is currently waiting on a reply to an invitation the city administrators to attend a video presentation on the E&A Act.
- CO Habe and PIO Azizah presented at the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA) Conference on March 25th in Kearney. Topics included the E&A Act and when licensees are required on building projects. There were ten attendees. Questions received covered pre-engineered buildings, architect and engineer seals, and resources to find licensed design professionals showing competence based on their qualifications.
- PIO Azizah has been in communication with the League of Nebraska Municipalities (LNM) regarding submitting an article on the E&A Act. The goal of the article is to inform local jurisdiction officials and community members about the Act, especially in May approaches, which is recognized as *Building Safety Month* by the International Code Council (ICC).
- Staff continues to work on hosting a webinar for the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO). The material is ready and staff is currently working on the technological logistics. The webinar will be offered at no cost.
- Social media engagement has shown an increase due to the increase in personal-based content. Board members and staff are encouraged to continue sharing, linking, and engaging on social media to generate organic/unpaid engagement with the NBEA Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram accounts.

2021 NCEES Central Zone Interim Meeting Alternate Voting Delegate Notification

Discussion took place regarding the selection of primary and alternate voting delegates for the 2021 NCEES Central Zone Meeting and the 2021 NCARB Annual Meeting.

Motion by Suelter, second by Isom to designate Bostelman as the alternate voting delegate at the NCEES Central Zone Meeting and Johnson as the voting delegate and Kelly as the alternate voting delegate for the NCARB Annual Business Meeting. Voting Yes: Kelly, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Dvorak, Isom, Johnson, Foley; Voting No: None

NCEES Education Standard General Education Hours Discussion

As discussed at the March 2021 meeting, ED Wilbeck provided additional information regarding the NCEES Education Committee's recommendation, and ultimately the NCEES Board of Directors approval, to decrease the general education hours required to meet the NCEES Education Standard in 2019 from 16 to 12. Based on recollection of NCEES staff present during the committee and board of director's meeting, this was done in part to bring the standard more in line with the EAC/ABET standard.

Discussion was held as to when and where this topic should take place. It was determined that interest would be gauged during the Central Zone Meeting and if there is enough interest, discuss with the NCEES Education Committee with a possible resolution being introduced in 2022. Thiele suggested a motion or request to have the Education Committee look at the requirement again and bring any decision, whether it is to leave it at twelve hours or other recommendation, to the membership with the reasoning behind the decision.

It was also the consensus of the members that a request be made that the Education Committee present to the membership the reasons why the recommendation was made to reduce the hours in 2019.

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Database Update

ED Wilbeck updated the Board on the database project. He and BM Lais are currently meeting every two weeks with the inLumon project business analyst and working on the design side of the database. The database is being designed to be able to add more online applications.

D. NEW BUSINESS

NBEA May 2021 Operational Planning Meeting Draft Agenda

A draft agenda for the May 4, 2021 Operational Planning meeting was provided. The members requested social media and webinar development be added to the agenda.

Consolidated Board Discussion

In preparation of the Operational Planning meeting, ED Wilbeck reached out to the chairperson of the Board of Geologists (NEBOG) and the State Board of Landscape Architects (NSBLA) on their thoughts on possible consolidation or merger with the NBEA. Their comments were provided and the subject will be discussed at their April meetings.

ED Wilbeck met with NEBOG on Wednesday, April 14th, to discuss the board's interest in the possibility of beginning discussions in creating a consolidated board. He discussed the interactions and initial non-interaction with the interior designers related to their bill introduction in 2020 as an example where showing a consolidated front would be beneficial. On the administrative side, there would be cost savings as would not have the administrative services contract between the two boards and there would only be one budget and financials to prepare.

The NEBOG members expressed concern of the ability to participate with the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) with a reduced pool of available members who could attend national meetings and exam workshops. Another concern raised was how many seats geologists would have on the board. ED Wilbeck stated this would need to be topic to discuss during any planning meetings. NEBOG appointed Chairperson Charles Joyce and David Svingen to represent the board in any discussions.

Chair Foley suggested that even if the idea of a consolidated board did not move forward, may be advantageous to come up with a list of contingent reasons where a consolidated board may be considered. This along with any agreed upon language could be used when talking to senators to show the boards have been proactive in the discussion.

ED Wilbeck is schedule to meet with the State Board of Landscape Architects during its meeting on April 27th and he still needs to reach out to the Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors to see if it would be interested in joining the discussion.

Further discussion among the NBEA members will take place at the May 4th Operational Planning meeting.

2021 Capitol Ceremony Planning

Staff provided recommendations and a timeline for the 2021 Capital Ceremony to honor and recognize those individuals who have obtained their first license in Nebraska by examination. November 5th at 3:00p.m. has been recommended for the date of the ceremony. However, due to a special redistricting legislative session to be held in September through the end of November, the capital location of the ceremony cannot be finalized until September.

The location will also depend on the number of licensees and guests will be attending especially if there are still direct health mandates in place at that time. Based on the current DHM, staff is recommending up to three guests per licensee with a confirmed reservation and that masks be worn. It may be possible to remove masks for the purpose of taking pictures, but that will be determined at a later date.

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As occurred last year, license certificates for licensees who will not be attending the ceremony will be mailed out in October instead of holding them until after the ceremony. Staff is looking to providing a small token of appreciation, such as the Board's existing supplies of new professional business card holders.

As with last year and with the uncertainty of any DHM that may be in place at that time, staff is recommending not holding the reception that is typically held after the ceremony. In addition, the only available date at the Scottish Rite Masonic is November 19th.

Motion by Isom, second by Johnson to confirm November 5, 2021, as the date for the Capital Ceremony. Voting Yes: Kelly, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Dvorak, Isom, Johnson, Foley; Voting No: None

Spring 20201 Board Newsletter

A draft copy of the spring newsletter was provided. Articles will include explaining the Board's position on LB250, summary of the proposed rule changes, coordinating professionals, the new Board officers and staff, and recently resolved compliance cases.

For clarity purposes, Thiele stated the article on LB250 needs to clearly convey the Board's position on the bill or interior designer registration. ED Wilbeck also pointed out that clarification needed to be made in the article on the proposed rules and regulations revisions that the changes are still pending and have not yet been approved.

The members recommended the new Emeritus individuals be separated by architects and engineers. There are also some corrections needed on the new officer article. ED Wilbeck requested the officers send their corrections to PIO Aziah.

2021 NCEES Annual Meeting

Information on the NCEES Annual meeting was provided. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NCEES will be limiting in person attendance to the current and newly elected board of directors, zone officers, committee chairs who will be presenting motions at the meeting, and two funded delegates per board. To qualify as a funded delegate, the individual must be a current board member or an associate member and must agree to attend the business session in person on Thursday and Friday. Funded delegate notification must be received by NCEES no later than May 7th. A meeting summary was also provided. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton New Orleans, August 19-20, 2021.

Thiele and ED Wilbeck were approved as the funded delegates to the meeting. As only the funded delegates will be able to attend in person, the members felt it was important that ED Wilbeck be one of the delegates.

Motion by Suelter, second by Dvorak to approve Wilbeck and Thiele as the funded delegates to the 2021 NCEES Annual Meeting. Voting Yes: Kelly, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Dvorak, Isom, Johnson, Foley; Voting No: None

NCARB Update – February

A copy of the February 2021 edition of the NCARB Update was provided. Articles included a letter from CEO Mike Armstrong, topics on identifying factors that impact equity, diversity, and inclusion for candidates gaining professional experience, efficiently implementing the NCARB Strategic Plan into everyday projects and activities as well as long-term department planning, and department updates.

NCARB Fast Facts – March

A copy of the March edition of the NCARB Fast Facts was provided. Articles included volunteer appreciation, Regional Summit and MBE Workshop recaps, legislative updates, Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing (ARPL), upcoming events, and new board members.

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Board member travel and per diem requests

The following per diem and travel requests were approved by the Board:

- Isom – April 5, 2021 – NCARB Policy Advisory Committee (Virtual)
- Isom – April 14, 2021 – NCARB Policy Advisory Committee and pre-Board of Directors meeting (Virtual)
- Isom – May 10 & 12, 2021 – NCARB Special Meeting (Virtual)
- Isom – June 24-26, 2021 – NCARB Annual Meeting – Los Angeles, CA (In Person/Virtual)
- Bostelman – April 21, 2021 – NCEES Central Zone Planning Meeting (Virtual)
- Bostelman – April 22, 2021 – NCEES Central Zone New Members Welcome Meeting (Virtual)
- Bostelman – April 28, 2021 – NCEES Central Zone Rehearsal Meeting (Virtual)
- Kelly – April 22, 2021 – NCEES Central Zone New Members Welcome (Virtual)
- Kelly – April 28-29, 2021 – NCEES Central Zone Meeting (Virtual)
- Kelly – May 10 & 12, 2021 – NCARB Special Meeting (Virtual)
- Kelly – June 24-26, 2021 – NCARB Annual Meeting – Los Angeles, CA (In Person/Virtual)
- Foley – June 24-26, 2021 – NCARB Annual Meeting – Los Angeles, CA (In Person/Virtual)
- Johnson – June 24-26, 2021 – NCARB Annual Meeting – Los Angeles, CA (In Person/Virtual)
- Suelter – April 22, 2021 – NCEES Central Zone New Members Welcome (Virtual)
- Thiele – August 19-20, 2021 – NCEES Annual Meeting – New Orleans, LA (Funded/In Person)
- Wilbeck – August 19-20, 2021 – NCEES Annual Meeting – New Orleans, LA (Funded/In Person)

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

Motion by Thiele, second by Suelter to approve Kelly as the voting delegate and Isom as alternate and approve per diem for the NCARB Special Meeting on May 10 and 12, 2021. Voting Yes: Kelly, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Dvorak, Isom, Johnson, Foley; Voting No: None

E. COMPLIANCE

Summary of Open Cases

Motion by Suelter, second by Isom to enter into executive session for the discussion of compliance investigations and partner-agency processes not a matter of public information to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of those involved. The limitation of the executive session was restated by Chair Foley. Voting Yes: Kelly, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Dvorak, Isom, Johnson, Foley; Voting No: None

Executive session began at 10:08 a.m.

Active Cases: Summary & Documentation

Cases 19.05, 20.02, 20.14, 20.22, 20.27, 20.30, 20.34, 20.37, 21.01, 21.05, 21.09, 21.10, 21.11, 21.12, 21.13, 21.17, 21.18, 21.19, 21.20, 21.21, and 21.22 were discussed in executive session.

Other Compliance Issues

Partner agency processes were reviewed in executive session.

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Motion by Thiele, second by Suelter to close the executive session for the discussion of compliance investigations and partner-agency processes not a matter of public information to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of those involved. Voting Yes: Kelly, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Dvorak, Isom, Johnson, Foley; Voting No: None

Executive session ended at 11:54 a.m.

Motion by Kelly, second by Isom to dismiss Case 21.01 with no disciplinary action based on successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Kelly, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Dvorak, Isom, Johnson, Foley; Voting No: None

Motion by Kelly, second by Isom to dismiss Case 21.09 with no disciplinary action based on successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Kelly, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Dvorak, Isom, Johnson, Foley; Voting No: None

Motion by Kelly, second by Bostelman to dismiss Case 21.10 with no disciplinary action based on the engagement of licensees. Voting Yes: Kelly, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Dvorak, Isom, Johnson, Foley; Voting No: None

Motion by Kelly, second by Isom to authorize Special Assistant Attorney General Minahan to notice respondent of a hearing at the June 2021 meeting in Case 21.11. Voting Yes: Kelly, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Dvorak, Isom, Johnson, Foley; Voting No: None

Motion by Kelly, second by Bostelman to dismiss Case 21.17 with no disciplinary action after sending a Letter of Caution. Voting Yes: Kelly, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Dvorak, Isom, Johnson, Foley; Voting No: None

Motion by Kelly, second by Isom to dismiss Case 21.18 with no disciplinary action based on successful completion of engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Kelly, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Dvorak, Isom, Johnson, Foley; Voting No: None

Motion by Kelly, second by Isom to approve dismiss Case 21.19 with no disciplinary action based on the engagement of licensees. Voting Yes: Kelly, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Dvorak, Isom, Johnson, Foley; Voting No: None

Motion by Kelly, second by Bostelman to dismiss Case 21.21 as an exempt project based on receipt of additional information. Voting Yes: Kelly, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Dvorak, Isom, Johnson, Foley; Voting No: None

Motion by Kelly, second by Isom to authorize architectural and engineering remediation in Case 21.22 and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 60 days. Voting Yes: Kelly, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Dvorak, Isom, Johnson, Foley; Voting No: None

F. APPLICATIONS

Administratively Approved

Licensure of Professional Engineers by NCEES MLE Designation

Approved: E-18642 Eric Michael Aielli, Electrical and Computer; E-18641 Jennifer Amy Carey, Civil; E-18656 Grant Reid Claussen; E-18638 Phillip Jay Clemen; E-18643 John Michael Corn, Chemical; E-18668 Braden Shawn Cox, Architectural; E-18674 James Joseph Cramer, Civil; E-18677 Matthew Kevin Dalessio, Civil; E-18665 Jacob Donald Dull, Civil; E-18680 Paul Anthony Furtaw, Civil; E-18671 Carl David Fussner, Civil; E-18675 Jonathan Charles Gettler, Electrical and Computer; E-18684 Jay Brian Hash, Civil; E-18657 Matthew Thomas Henderson, Civil; E-18639 Anthony James Hopson, Civil; E-18658 Kyle MacIntosh Hoyt, Civil; E-18670 Samuel Paul Jackson, Electrical and Computer; E-18669 Derek Alan Jacobs, Civil; E-18685 Lance David Keltner, Civil; E-18681 Samit Khakural, Civil; E-18678 Adam Mark Kraus, Structural; E-18687 Jennifer Eileen Kuether, Electrical and Computer; E-18659 Howard Brent Leatherman, Structural; E-18672 Jon Kevin Lindsey, Structural; E-18689 Jon Erik Link, Civil; E-18686 Colin Leroy Marcusen, Civil; E-18679 Tyler Robert Marley, Civil; E-18646 Jamie Franklin Milks, Electrical and Computer; E-18682 David Joseph Morrissey, Electrical and Computer; E-18683 Conrad Ross

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Moulton, Civil; E-18667 Amanda Catherine Myers, Mechanical; E-18660 Carl J Otte, Civil; E-18662 Jeffrey Howard Pearl, Civil; E-18645 Jeffrey Joseph Pusker, Civil; E-18673 Benjamin Charles Raich, Electrical and Computer; E-18666 Bruce Milo Rockwell, Electrical; E-18644 Matthew Merrill Sargent, Mechanical; E-18640 Thomas Dean Slater, Mechanical; E-18688 Joseph Michael Smith, Mechanical; E-18661 Joseph Michael Stitt, Architectural; E-18676 Christopher Shawn Storey, Civil; E-18663 Eric Stewart Watson, Civil; E-18664 Allen Arther Winzler, Civil

Licensure of Architects by NCARB Certification

Approved: A-5276 Paul Hilliard Bell, A-5269 Enrico Lim Chua, A-5267 Robert Lewis Ekstrom, A-5265 James Thomas Farrell, A-5271 Brian Kent Fink, A-5272 Leila Hamroun, A-5277 Brian Thomas Hoehn, A-5273 Todd Jason Howard, A-5266 Matthew Edward Laase, A-5274 Andru John Meiners, A-5276 Brian Patrick Richard, A-5278 Nicole Fotiu Simone, A-5268 Gregory Douglas Tice, A-5275 Todd Joseph Wetherilt, A-5270 Jay Lawrence Woodburn

Temporary Permits

Approved: T-628 Christopher Jay Witty, Engineer; T-629 Arvind Sanatkumar Marathe, Engineer

Engineer Intern Enrollments

Approved: Hazem Dakhil, Jeremiah Dale Dixon, Alexander Kim Wheeler

Certificates of Authorization

Approved: CA4533 Civil & Environmental Consultants Inc, CA4534 Saulsbury Industries Inc, CA4535 Lithos Engineering LLC, CA4536 Saba Metallurgical and Plant Services Inc, CA4537 Hurkes Harris Design Associates Inc, CA4538 Ackerman-Estvold Engineering & Management Consultants Inc, CA4539 AquAeter Inc, CA4540 Joseph Johnston Engineering DPC, CA4541 GPD PC, CA4542 Broadbent & Associates Inc, CA4543 Absaroka Energy and Environmental Solutions LLC, CA4544 Progressive Architecture Engineering & Planning I LLC, CA4545 Sullivan Goulette Wilson Ltd, CA4546 Tanek Inc, CA4547 Engineering Alliance Inc, CA4548 GHC Engineers LLC, CA4549 GeoEngineers LLC, CA4550 Crux Consulting LLC, CA4551 RJ Watson Inc, CA4552 Ridgeline Structural Systems Inc, CA4553 ASEC Inc, CA4554 RDH Building Science Inc, CA4555 Pond & Company Inc

Licensure/Examination

Initial Licensure of Professional Engineers - None

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Comity

Approved: James Ronald Basquette, Electrical; Edwin Ernest Flagg, Mechanical; Timothy Brian Gall, Architectural; Austin Matthew Hennessey, Architectural; Steven Raymond Musial II, Electrical; Ronald Joseph Caldi, Civil

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Experience

Approved: Ronald Joseph Caldi, Civil; Hong Thi Nguyen, Electrical; Carl Richard Simpson, Civil

Initial Licensure of Architects - None

Licensure of Architects by Comity - None

Licensure of Architects by Experience - None

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Reinstatement

Approved: EE-14600 Brad Michael Kauffman, Electrical and Computer; E-14766 Mark Dean Layfield, Electrical and Computer; E-6581 John Ross Selmer, Civil; E-16400 Daniel Lynn Swanson, Control Systems

Licensure of Architects by Reinstatement - None

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[PE/SE Exam Approvals](#)

Approved: Drake David Harrington, Civil; Daniel John O'Brien, Civil; Ryan Patrick Pritchard, Civil; Joshua Allen Roth, Mechanical

Motion by Thiele, second by Johnson to accept the staff recommendations on the applications. Voting Yes: Kelly, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Dvorak, Isom, Johnson, Foley; Voting No: None

Other Applications Actions

[Completed Application Statistics](#)

Charts and statistics regarding the number of applications, certificates of authorization, and other applications by type were provided.

G. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Reports

[FY 2020-21 Financial Profile, March 2021](#)

[Budget Status Report, March 2021](#)

[Fund Summary Report, March 2021](#)

[MTD General Ledger Detail Report, March 2021](#)

ED Wilbeck reviewed the financial reports with the members.

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

FY 2021-22 Service Contracts

[Sean Minahan, Lamson Dugan & Murray LLP](#)

The contract between the Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA) and Sean Minahan, Attorney at Law, Lamson Dugan & Murray LLP, beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, provides for legal representation of the Board as Special Assistant Attorney General at a varied hourly rate of \$210 for attorney fees, \$175 for associate attorney fees, and \$110 per hour for paralegals working under Mr. Minahan's supervision. Only one-half the necessary travel time required to conduct the work of the Board will be billed.

Motion by Kelly, second by Thiele to approve the legal services contract with Sean Minahan as presented. Voting Yes: Kelly, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Dvorak, Isom, Johnson, Foley; Voting No: None

[Catalyst Public Affairs](#)

The contract between NBEA and Catalyst Public Affairs, beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, provides for legislative liaison activities with the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature on behalf of NBEA. The total contract amount is \$18,000 to be paid on a quarterly basis. Any and all expenditures in connection with NBEA legislative activities is to have approval from the Board or Board Chair prior to services being rendered. Additional direct costs will be billed to the Board at Catalyst's cost.

Motion by Kelly, second by Isom to approve the legislative liaison contract with Catalyst Public Affairs. Voting Yes: Kelly, Suelter, Thiele, Bostelman, Dvorak, Isom, Johnson, Foley; Voting No: None

H. GENERAL INFORMATION

A schedule of upcoming meetings and events was provided. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2021. At 8:30 a.m. in the fifth floor conference room, 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. An Operational Planning meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. at the same location.

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Licensure and Certificate Trends

Numbers as of April 7, 2021

Professional Engineers.....	8,456
Architects	1,878
Certificates of Authorization	2,225
Temporary Permits.....	16

Examination Information/Results

There were 119 ARE candidates with open eligibilities as of April 1, 2021.

The January and February ARE Pass/Fail Reports were provided.

Other Information

The Facebook Analytics showed ten stories were published between March 1 and April 2, 2021. Analytics on each story were provided. The post announcing the 2021 Board officers reached 1,205 people. This is the highest number of any post since the page was created.

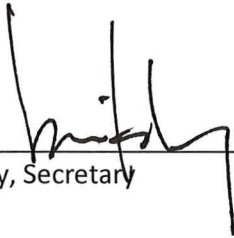
The Instagram Story Analytics shows thirty-five accounts were reached in March and a total of sixty-nine followers.

The Website Dashboard Report indicates the Board’s website had 3,172 total visits in March.

Board policies as of January 22, 2021 were provided.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Isom, second by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 12:29 p.m.



Brian M. Kelly, Secretary