

CALL TO ORDER

The January 20, 2021, meeting of the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architect was held in the 5th floor conference room, 215 Centennial Mall South, 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.

Member Roll Call: Jan Bostelman, Chair; Brett Foley, Vice-Chair; Lenora Isom; Bruce Dvorak, David Johnson, Brian Kelly. Absent: Jason Suelter, Daniel Thiele

Staff Present: Jon Wilbeck, Executive Director (Ed); Amy Habe, Compliance Officer (CO); Jean Lais, Business Manager (BM); Mia Azizah, Public Information Officer (PIO)

[Designation of Secretary](#)

In the absence of Thiele, Johnson was named Secretary for the January meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tim Gay, Jim Grotrian, Catalyst Public Affairs – 9 a.m.

The following were present, but did not make any public commit:

Sara Kay – American Institute of Architects, Nebraska Chapter, Executive Director

Jeanne McClure – American Council of Engineering Companies, Nebraska, Executive Director

Jessica Doolittle – Interior Designer

Richard Burton – Architect

Foley left the meeting at 8:53 am.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

[December 11, 2020 public rulemaking hearing minutes](#)

[December 11, 2020 meeting minutes](#)

Motion by Isom, second by Dvorak to approve the consent agenda. Voting yes: Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Not Present: Foley; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

B. MEETING REPORTS

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

[Catalyst Report](#)

Catalyst Public Affairs reported the following have been elected to Nebraska Legislative leadership:

- Sen. Mike Hilgers – Speaker of the House
- Sen. Robert Hilkemann – Chair, Committee on Committees
- Sen. Dan Hughes – Chair, Executive Board of the Legislative Council

Legislative committees stayed mostly the same. Sen. Lynne Walz challenged incumbent Education Committee Chairman Mike Groene, and was elected Chair. Another contested race was between Sens. Ben Hansen and Matt Hansen for the Business and Labor chair, won by Ben Hansen. The last contested race was for the Natural Resource Committee Chair, with Sen. Bruce Bostelman elected.

The 2021 chairs of each of the standing committees are:

- Agriculture: Sen. Steve Halloran
- Appropriations: Sen. John Stinner

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- Banking, Commerce, and Insurance: Sen. Matt Williams
- Education: Sen. Lynn Walz
- General Affairs: Sen. Tom Breise
- Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs: Sen. Tom Brewer
- Health and Human Services: Sen. John Arch
- Judiciary: Sen. Steve Lathrop
- Natural Resources: Sen. Bruce Bostelman
- Nebraska Retirement Systems: Sen. Mark Kolterman
- Revenue: Sen. Lou Ann Linehan
- Urban Affairs: Sen. Justin Wayne

Sen. Robert Clements is Rules Committee Chair and Sen. Terrell McKinney is the Enrollment and Review Chair.

Gay provided a supplemental report outlining the guidelines for testimony options during legislative bill hearings. One of the changes with hearing procedures is that there will be two hearing sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. He also provided a list of introduced bills Catalyst will be monitoring during the session that may be of interest to the Board.

Foley re-entered the meeting at 9:05 am.

[Interior Design Committee Report](#)

Drafts of the revisions to the E&A Act to accommodate interior design registration under the E&A Act were provided. A copy of LB250 which would adopt the Interior Design Voluntary Registration Act was also provided, along with a letter from Sen. Megan Hunt stating the introduction of LB250 serves as a place holder and pledges to continue working with all parties to come to a mutually acceptable agreement.

At the December meeting the Board suggested the committee meet with the interior designers to discuss the possibility of adding interior designers to the Board of Engineers and Architects. Meetings were held on December 15 and 30, 2020, and January 5, 2021. The draft revisions included were based on the outcome of discussion from the January 5 meeting.

ED Wilbeck provided an estimated of the expenses per fiscal year projected to be needed to administer the interior designer's registration. He estimated \$16,567 would be needed in the first year and \$11,867 in following years. The first year expenses include per diem and travel costs for two registered interior design board members, Board membership in the Council of Interior Design Qualification (similar to NCEES and NCARB), design of a new Board seal, and printing costs for new envelopes, letterhead, and handbooks. Estimated revenue is projected at \$5,625 for the first year and \$3,750 for the second. This is based on a registration fee of \$75 and 75 registrants the first year and 50 the next. Discussion was held on an estimated on how much stafftime would be needed even though no additional staff will be added. He also provided comments from other boards who have gone through an increase in the number of board members regarding lessons learned, pitfalls, and unexpected advantages. The general response was that there was no significant issues.

A letter from the American Institute of Architecture –Nebraska Chapter (AIA) and the American Council of Engineering Companies-Nebraska Chapter (ACES) opposing interior design registration was provided to the Board.

ED Wilbeck discussed the highlights of the draft language:

- The scope of work for interior design was left essentially similar to the scope as introduced in LB250;
- Two interior design members to be added to the Board, changing the quorum requirement from five to six;

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Members of the Board’s Interior Design Committee were asked if they felt interior designers were committed to making the legislation successful or just in getting the provision passed. The committee felt their goal was making it successful and when the interior designers understood the Board was willing to work with them, they were agreeable to them joining the Board.

Isom pointed out that if the provisions are handled through another agency as described in LB250, and since the definition of interior design does overlap the definition of architecture, the Board would be obligated to open a compliance case against every new registrant for the unlicensed practice of architecture. By adding them to the Board, scope issues could be handled more easily with registered interior designers serving on a board with architects and professional engineers. In addition, key stakeholders, building officials, and the public could be educated on the new arrangement through outreach and education. Kelly suggested the *Before You Build* brochure be revised to include interior design.

Kelly recommended one of the two interior design members be an education member.

Discussion was held as to the position the Board should take on the introduced bill and the draft amendment language. It was the consensus of the members the Board should not support LB250 as introduced. However, if the amendment language were introduced as an amendment to LB250, the Board would take a neutral position. The Board believes it is important to establish that it is not the mission of the Board to advocate for any one profession, but to look at the registration of interior designers from a health, safety, and welfare perspective.

Motion by Isom, second by Foley to instruct ED Wilbeck to speak at the hearing for LB250 and testify in opposition to the current language and in a neutral position on the amended language as agreed to corroboratively and respond as such to any preliminary questions from the legislative or member of the public. Voting yes: Foley, Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

Legislative Committee Report – Bills of Interest

LB83 – Change the Open Meetings Act to provide for virtual conferencing

LB83 would allow a state agency, board, commission, council, or committee, or an advisory committee of any such state entity among other entities who are subject to the Open Meetings Act to hold virtual meetings for up to one-half of the entities meetings during an emergency as defined by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-829-39 is declared pursuant to the Emergency Management Act.

ED Wilbeck expressed concern that the bill will still require the Board to set up a physical location for the public to be able to attend or connect to the meeting. This would add additional set up costs and additional equipment the Board does not currently have. Gay noted there have been discussions with several senators and other agencies related to removing the word *physical*. Isom felt this change would give an option of hosting a hybrid meeting allowing the public and board members/staff the option of participating in the meeting either in person or virtually.

LB213 – Provide for an efficiency review of state agencies

LB213 would require the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to conduct an efficiency review of all listed agencies, including the Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA) and submit the results to the Legislative Council no later than January 1, 2023. The review is to be conducted by an independent source to provide an outside study to make the delivery of services more cost effective, identify outdated delivery practices that can be eliminated, identify increased efficiencies in service delivery, identify potential new sources of funding for services other than taxation, and make government more accountable to residents of the state.

LB263 – Require occupational board to issue credentials based on credentials or work experience in another jurisdiction

LB263 is similar to LB1187 introduced in 2020. It would require an occupational board to issue a license or certification to an individual is has been licensed in another state or the U.S. military for at least one year; passed an examination or met the other jurisdiction’s education, training, or experience standards; has not had

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a license or certification revoked due to negligence or intentional misconduct related to the applicant’s work in the occupation, nor has not surrendered a license or certificate of such; does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation pending against them; and has paid all applicable fees.

If the other jurisdiction does not use a license or certificate to regulate the occupation, the applicant must have at least three years of experience in the occupation; has not had a license or certificate revoked for negligence or intentional misconduct, nor has not surrounded a license or certificate of such; does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation pending against them; and has paid all applicable fees.

If the individual holds a private certification and has worked for at least two years in the occupation; holds a private certification in the occupation; is in good standing with the provider; has not had a license or certification revoked due to negligence or intentional misconduct related to the applicant’s work in the occupation, nor has not surrendered a license or certificate of such; does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation pending against them; and has paid all applicable fees.

Applications must be approved within sixty days after receiving a completed application. The applicant may appeal the denial of the license or certificate in accordance to the Administrative Procedures Act.

ED Wilbeck pointed out that the term “private certification” is not defined, which may cause an issue with interior designers if they were to join the board. Foley mentioned that if LB263 were enacted, this may result in Nebraska having to accept the least restrictive requirements among all other licensing jurisdictions whether or not they met our requirements or not.

The Board directed ED Wilbeck to speak in opposition to LB263 on behalf of the Board.

Motion by Foley, second by Isom to direct the ED Wilbeck to speak in opposition of LB263 on behalf of the board. Voting yes: Foley, Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

[LB594 Adopts the Rural Workforce Crisis Act](#)

This was brought to the Board’s attention by Catalyst. LB594 Creates and Adopts the Rural Workforce Crisis Act, which is aimed at reducing barriers to timely and economical completion of construction for large development projects in the State. It would allow the Director of Economic Development (director) to provide a waiver, alteration, or modification to the requirement of having licensed professionals involved on a construction project if:

- There is an insufficient workforce within a fifty-mile radius of construction to complete all or some of the construction
- The size, scope, and timeframe for completion of the qualified project is not unreasonable
- The waiver or modification will not impact the compliance of the real property with applicable building codes.

The director will notify the regulatory authority whose education, licensing, and supervision requirements might be waived, altered, or modified. The regulatory authority will have no more than thirty days to provide comments regarding the request and the taxpayer will have at least fourteen days to respond.

Additional oversight or other requirements necessary to ensure worker and real property safety or other additional factors may be imposed as necessary to establish the requirements for the project.

Discussion was held on whether this gives the regulatory body the ability to approve or deny the request or just provide input and how the impact to compliance of the real property with applicable building codes be assessed. Further discussion took place as to whether this is aimed at occupational licensing only or will it also include professional licensing.

Gay conveyed this is a matter of health, safety, and welfare and more discussion needs to be held with senators regarding the Board's concerns and the intent of the bill. Catalyst will follow up with Senator Slama's office and inform ED Wilbeck of the outcome.

Other Meeting Reports – None

C. OLD BUSINESS

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

PIO Azizah updated the members on the status of the 2020-21 Marketing Plan. Highlights included:

- LB755 Outreach – ED will be speaking to students in both the College of Architecture and College of Engineering in February
- Kelly informed the board NCARB will be hosting a webinar on licensure with the College of Architecture in the coming months.
- Sending information to building officials and organizations to increase education on the purpose of the Board
- PIO Azizah has been contacted by the Main Street Foundation regarding doing a presentation at a future meeting.

[Database Update](#)

ED Wilbeck updated the members on the progress of the database conversion. Bi-weekly meetings have begun during the early development stage.

D. NEW BUSINESS

[Local Jurisdiction Outreach Project](#)

PIO Azizah conducted an online survey to second-class cities and cities who have elected to retain its classified village status. Second class cities have a population of 801 to 5,000, and a village has a population of 100 to 800. The survey was sent out to 117 second-class cities and 18 villages for a total of 135 jurisdictions.

The purpose of the survey was to understand each jurisdictions familiarity level with the Board and the E&A Act. Staff will be reaching out to education jurisdiction officials responsible for issuing building permits about the E&A Act and its exemptions who are unfamiliar with the E&A Act.

Questions included in the survey were:

1. Does your jurisdiction require a building permit for new construction projects?
2. Does your jurisdiction require a building permit for renovation and addition projects?
3. If applicable, what local official or department issues building permits or regulates these projects in this jurisdiction?
4. Before taking this survey, was your jurisdiction aware of the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects?
5. Is your jurisdiction familiar with the provisions of the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act, which requires licensed architects and professional engineers to be involved in the design and construction of projects depending on their size and complexity?

As of January 12, 2021, 70 jurisdictions had responded. All responding jurisdictions indicated they require constituents to apply for a building permit for new construction projects. Newman Grove is the only jurisdiction that requires a building permit for renovations and addition projects, but only if the project will change or alter the building's dimensions. Most second-class cities allow permits to be attained at the city's zoning and administrator's office, the city building and zoning inspection office, or the city clerk's office. Villages delegate this responsibility to the County Offices.

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The majority of the respondents also indicated that while they are aware of the Board as a state governmental agency, but they are unfamiliar with the E&A Act. The insight gained from the survey will enable staff to reach out to officials in each jurisdiction who issue permits to increase their level of understanding of the E&A Act.

The members thanked PIO for conducting the survey. CO Habe stated the information will be used to direct outreach and visits in the coming year.

Revised Travel Policy P10.09

As a result of the passage of LB381 2020, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Accounting Division revised the State's Travel Policies. The most significant change is the switch from actual meals and incidental expense reimbursement to a per diem. As a result the Board's Travel Policy, P10.09, was revised to incorporate these changes.

Motion by Johnson, second by Foley to approve the revisions to Travel Policy P10.09 as presented. Voting yes: Foley, Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

Proposed Policy P21.01 – Renewing Licenses when CE Requirement Not Satisfied

Staff provided a new policy related to allowing a licensee who has not completed their CE requirement to be able to complete the renewal process. Currently a licensee can go through the online renewal process answering no to the question that they have not completed the CE and pay for the renewal. The renewal is then flagged by the database and sent to the Compliance Officer who will contact the licensee for more information. Once confirmation has been received by the licensee that the CE hours have been obtained, the license is renewed in the database.

Staff believes terminating the renewal process if the licensee indicates they have not completed the CE requirement would make the renewal process more efficient. This saves staff time used to process such disclosures. Staff does realize the licensee should be able to utilize the entire two-year renewal period to gain the necessary CE credits. Staff is asking should the licensee be eligible to renew if they have not completed the CE when attempting to renew. Staff's interpretation of Rule 9.1.1 supports adopting a policy that would not allow a licensee to renew if they have not completed the CE requirement at the time they submit their renewal.

CO Habe also informed the members that if a licensee goes through the renewal process prior to December 31st, they are not required to pay a late fee. If the policy is adopted, then the licensee would not be allowed to renew until the CE is completed, therefore, if this occurred after December 31st, they would be required to pay the associated late fee.

ED Wilbeck will work with Nebraska Interactive to have the change incorporated into the online renewal system.

Motion by Johnson, second by Kelly to approve Policy P21.01 as presented. Voting yes: Foley, Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

NCARB Update – November 2020

The November 2020 issue of the NCARB update was provided. Articles included a letter from CEO Armstrong, NCARB's outreach efforts, NCARB Strategic Plan updates, and department updates.

NCARB Fast Facts – December 2020

Volume 24, Issue 15 of the NCARB Fast Facts was provided. The issue included articles on online proctoring and ARE change updates, the 2021 Regional Summit, a Committee Summit recap, webinar recordings, survey results conducted by the Professional Conduct and Member Board Executives committees, advocacy and external engagement, council relations updates, and a welcome to new members.

[NCARB 2021 Regional Summit Preliminary Info](#)

Notification the 2021 Regional Summit will be conducted virtually March 4-5, 2021, was provided. The Member Board Executive meeting will be held on March 3rd.

[Edward Marley Candidacy for NCARB Secretary](#)

A copy of Mr. Marley's announcing his candidacy for NCARB Secretary was provided.

[NCEES Central Zone Update](#)

Notification the 2021 zone meetings will be held virtually was provide. The Central Zone meeting will be held on April 28 and 29, 2021, with a new member meeting on April 22nd. Zone Award nominations are due by February 26th.

[September and December 2021 meeting dates](#)

Due to scheduling conflicts with the conference room, the September and December board meetings had to be rescheduled to the following:

- September 17, 2021
- December 2021 – The members directed staff to look at the spacing between the October-December-January meetings and schedule appropriately.

[Governor Executive Order 21-02 Extension of Open Meetings Requirement Waiver](#)

The Executive Order extends the Open Meetings Requirement Waiver until the end of April 2021. This allows meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act to be held virtually or by teleconference.

[2022 Proposed Board meeting dates](#)

A schedule showing the proposed meeting dates for 2022 was provided.

[2021 travel and per diem authorization](#)

The following per diem requests were approved by the Board. All meetings are currently scheduled to be held virtually.

- Isom – January 6, 2021 – NCARB Regional Leadership Committee
- Isom – February 5, 2021 – NCARB Regional Leadership Committee
- Isom – February 8, 2021 – NCARB Diversity Task Force
- Kelly – February 5, 2021 – NCARB Education Committee
- Bostelman – February 1, 2021 – NCEES Central Zone Planning Meeting
- Kelly, Isom, Johnson, Foley – March 4-5, 2021 – NCARB Regional Summit

Wilbeck was also authorized to attend the NCARB MBE Meeting on March 3, 2021, and the NCARB Regional Summit on March 4-5, 2021.

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

E. COMPLIANCE

[Building Compliance Cases 2020](#)

A map showing the location of compliance cases in 2020 was provided.

Summary of Open Cases

Foley left the meeting at 10:55 am.

Executive Session began at 10:56 am.

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

Active Cases: Summary & Documentation

Cases 19.05, 20.02, 20.14, 20.20, 20.22, 20.24, 20.27, 20.30, 20.34, 20.36, 20.37, 20.38, 20.39, 21.01, 21.02, 21.03, 21.04, 21.05, 21.06, 21.07, 21.08, 21.09, 21.10, 21.11, 21.12, 21.13, and 21.14 were discussed in executive session.

Other Compliance Issues

Project Reviews 01-01 and 01-02 were reviewed in executive session.

Partner agency processes were reviewed in executive session.

Foley re-entered the meeting at 12:24 pm.

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

Executive Session ended at 12:44 pm.

Motion by Johnson, second by Isom to notice the Respondent on Case 20.02 a hearing has been scheduled on the case on April 16, 2021. Voting yes: Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Abstain: Foley; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

Motion by Johnson, second by Isom to dismiss Case 20.20 without disciplinary action based on successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Abstain: Foley; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

Motion by Johnson, second by Isom to dismiss Case 20.24 without disciplinary action based on successful completion of architectural and engineering remediation. Voting Yes: Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Abstain: Foley; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

Motion by Johnson, second by Isom to dismiss Case 20.38. Voting yes: Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: Abstain: Foley; None; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

Motion by Johnson, second by Isom to dismiss Case 21.03 without disciplinary action. Voting yes: Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Abstain: Foley; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

Motion by Johnson, second by Isom to dismiss Case 21.04 with the rights to reopen if additional information is received. Voting yes: Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Abstain: Foley; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

Motion by Johnson, second by Isom to authorize architecture and engineering remediation and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 60 days on Case 21.09. Voting yes: Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Abstain: Foley; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

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Motion by Johnson, second by Isom to open a case against the plan preparer on Case 21.09 for the unlicensed practice of architecture. Voting yes: Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Abstain: Foley; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

Motion by Johnson, second by Isom to authorize architectural and engineering remediation and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 60 days on Case 21.10. Voting yes: Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Abstain: Foley; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

Motion by Johnson, second by Isom to authorize architectural and engineering remediation and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 60 days on Case 21.11. Voting yes: Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Abstain: Foley; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

Motion by Johnson, second by Isom to authorize architectural and engineering remediation and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 60 days on Case 21.12. Voting yes: Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Abstain: Foley; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

Motion by Johnson, second by Isom to authorize architectural and engineering remediation and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 60 days on Case 21.13. Voting yes: Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Abstain: Foley; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

Motion by Johnson, second by Isom to open a case against the submitting party on Case 21.13 for the unlicensed practice of architecture. Voting yes: Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Abstain: Foley; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

Motion by Johnson, second by Isom to authorize architectural and engineering remediation and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 60 days on Case 21.14. Voting yes: Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Abstain: Foley; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

Motion by Johnson, second by Isom to open a case against the construction company on Case 21.14 for the unlicensed practice of architecture and engineering. Voting yes: Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Abstain: Foley; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

Motion by Johnson, second by Isom to open a case against the project owner and authorize engineering remediation and request a response within 30 days and a remediation plan within 60 days on Project Review 01-01. Voting yes: Foley, Isom, Johnson, Kelly, Dvorak, Bostelman; Voting No: None; Absent: Suelter, Thiele

F. APPLICATIONS

Administratively Approved

[Licensure of Professional Engineers by NCEES MLE Designation](#)

Approved: E-18556 Roy Hideo Arashi, Civil; E-18524 Michael John Beach, Electrical and Computer; E-18531 Daniel Francis Bobeck Jr, Civil; E-18555 Kurt Douglas Burrell, Mechanical; E-18484 Thomas Matthias Collins, Civil; E-18543 Meridith Therese Conser, Civil; E-18456 Cory Loren Duerr, Civil; E-18568 Jeffrey Lee Ewens, Mechanical; E-18457 Michael Jason Frank, Mechanical; E-18464 Ahmed Nima Ghazal, Civil; E-18561 Kevin Edward Hansman, Mechanical; E-18458 Jacob Mark Hauck, Civil; E-18481 Dennis Michael Heier, Civil; E-18529 Larry Paul Highley, Electrical; E-18482 Jeffrey Brett Hires, Electrical and Computer; E-18530 Mark Allen Hoogwerf, Mechanical; E-18544 Eric James Houston, Mechanical; E-18459 Garth Kenyon Howlett, Civil; E-18567 Ronald Michael Jezerinac Jr, Structural; E-18560 Stephen Edward Kaye, Civil; E-18545 Ryan David Lang, Civil; E-18522 Christopher Dyer Loftis, Mechanical; E-18525 Matthew Yates Merrell, Civil; E-18557 Douglas Michael Millner, Electrical and Computer; E-18554 Robert Edward Minikel, Mechanical; E-18546 Adam Timothy Mitchell, Structural; E-18462 John Edward o'Leary, Structural; E-18558 Matthew John Olsson, Civil; E-18460 Cora Ann Pauli, Electrical and Computer; E-18466 Brandon Morelle Pearce, Civil; E-18547 Kyle Michael Rehn, Mechanical; E-18549 John Dvid Reitinger Jr, Civil; E-18461 Jacob John Sabins, Mechanical; E-185548 Jonathan Michael Scherer, Structural; E-18532 Sterling Brooke Steele, Civil; E-18520 Howard Carl Swanson, Structural; E-18468 Robert Damon Tober,

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Civil; E-18463 Michael Jason Vineyard, Control Systems; E-18559 Jeremiah John Wendt, Civil; E-18465 Kevin James Wisniewski, Structural; E-18553 Jared Thomas Yates, Civil

Licensure of Architects by NCARB Certification

Approved: A-5239 James Willington Clarke, A-5233 Michael Jason Edwards, A-5235 Craig David Garbarini, A-5240 David Samuel Gasser, A-5238 Paul Michael Hamel, A-5237 James Edward LaPosta Jr, A-5236 William Louis Paluch, A-5234 John Newton White Jr

Temporary Permits (*None*)

Engineer Intern Enrollments

Approved: Caleb Jerome Kowalski, Tyler Jonathan Ruwe, Edie Louise Spencer, Shane Michael Weatherly, Ivy Jahleel Williams

Certificates of Authorization

CA4474 EDI International PC, CA4475 Meridiem Engineering LLC, CA4476 WNA Engineering Inc, CA4477 Buro Happold Consulting Engineers PC, CA4478 Quinn Evans Architects Inc, CA4479 INOX Design Inc, CA4480 GeoWall Designs LLC, CA4481 Studio NYL Structural Engineers, CA4482 Midwest Engineering Solutions, CA4483 Design Engineers PC, CA4484 Automated Energy Solutions Inc, CA4485 MiTeck Messanine Systems, CA4486 Bernhardt Forensic Engineering LLC, CA4487 Brooks Borg Skiles Architecture and Engineering LLP, CA4488 Schlimgen Design Consultants Inc, CA4489 Holesapple Design Group LLC, CA4490 Forensic Engineering Company LLC, CA4491 Erickson Sullivan Architects & Associates LLC, CA4492 Architecture By Design Inc, CA4493 Hardesty & Hanover LLC, CA4494 JCJ Architecture PC, CA4495 WGI Inc, CA4496 JRB Structural Engineering LLC

Licensure/Examination

Initial Licensure of Professional Engineers (*None*)

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Comity

Approved: Dane Hardee Hopkins, Structural; Jonathan Chase Payne, Mechanical; Adam Buser Prochaska, Civil; Adam Frederick Roark, Civil; Bradley James Shoup, Electrical; Xu Chen Xu, Electrical and Computer

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Experience (*None*)

Initial Licensure of Architects (*None*)

Licensure of Architects by Comity (*None*)

Licensure of Architects by Experience (*None*)

Licensure of Professional Engineers by Reinstatement (*None*)

Licensure of Architects by Reinstatement (*None*)

PE/SE Exam Approvals

Approved: Taylor Jared Ackerman, Mechanical; Timothy James Adams, Civil; Charbel-Marie Klaus Akplogan, Civil; Kanchan Singh Bk, Civil; Samantha Danielle Bloom, Electrical & Computer; Alexander Thomas Boyce, Environmental; Nicholas James Clifford, Civil; Anna Christina Cole, Civil; Tyler Blaine Coutu, Civil; Tucker Lee Cox, Civil; Kandon Devkota, Civil; Sarah Ann Doyle, Mechanical; Sean Patrick Doyle, Electrical & Computer, David Kent Erickson, Environmental; Wyatt Gregory Fallet, Civil; Marissa Ann Gigantelli, Architectural; Kyel Cassius Huntley Hall, Civil; Lusas John Harbison, Mechanical; Elean Claire Hoff, Structural VL; Oscar Hounsoubin, Civil; Tyler Joseph Keenan, Civil; Austin Lee Kellogg, Civil; Mary Patricia Kleinsasser, Mechanical; James Albin Kostal, Civil; Taylor Lindell Kube, Civil; Nicholas Antonio Lassek, Mechanical; Farhad Latifi, Civil; Elizabeth Ruth Lien, Environmental; Matthew Michael Long, Civil; Cody Alan Lureen, Civil; Zachary Edward Mahon, Civil; Mark Daniel Mainelli, Civil; Christopher Michael Marker, Civil; Garret Patrick Martindale, Civil; Reese Stearn Meyer, Civil; Matthew Berry Newman, Mechanical; Jacob Roy Pulfer, Structural VL; Brandon LeRoy Purintun, Civil; Rebecca Jo

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5th Floor Large Conference Room, 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE

Reinhardt, Mechanical; Taylor Charles Reinsch, Civil; Gole Jeffrey Ridder, Civil; Jacob Porter Sellin, Civil; Samuel David Sobczyk, Civil; Grzegorz Andrzej Stelmaszek, Structural VL; Kyle Thomas Stewart, Mechanical; Riley Shane Swope, Civil; Jordan Dale Vietz, Civil; Nho Ahn Vo, Civil; Jesse Taylor Walsh, Civil; Blake Walter Weatherly, Civil; Dean Lewis Whitfield, Civil; Andrew Allen Wilshusen, Civil; Jena Rose Wilson, Civil; Kevin Mitchell Wright, Civil; Matthew Joseph Wynegar, Civil; Tyler David Wynn, Civil; Jonathan David Zelensky, Civil

Special Cases

[PE/SE Exam Approvals](#)

Approved: David Lola Aderemi, Electrical & Computer – approved for one additional attempt

[Schlimgen Design Consultants](#)

Staff was notified the organization has been practicing in Nebraska since 2014 on twenty-three projects and require payment of in arrears. Board approved the certificate of authorization and authorized staff to collect the \$250 in arrears fees.

[CE Waiver Request](#)

Approved: Charles Turner, E-3753 per Rule 9.6.2 for 2019-2020.

Other Applications

[License Renewal Disclosures](#)

Dennis Mitchell (A-2544) disclosed disciplinary action/renewal denials in Iowa (2018), Kentucky (2019), and New Mexico (2020) related to not disclosing or fully disclosing previous disciplinary action. Kentucky denied his renewal. The Board approved his license renewal.

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

[Completed Application Statistics](#)

ED Wilbeck provided charts and statistics regarding number of applications, certificates of authorization, and applications by type.

G. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Reports

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

[MTD General Ledger Detail Report, December 2020](#)

[Fund Summary Report, December 2020](#)

[Budget Status Report, December 2020](#)

[License Renewal Totals, July-December 2016-2020](#)

ED Wilbeck reviewed the financial reports with the members. He informed them revenue is tracking higher than anticipated.

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

Other Financial Matters

2021 Mileage Rates

A memo from State Accounting was provided stating the personal vehicle mileage reimbursement rate is \$.56/mile for 2021.

LB380 2021-23 Biennium Appropriation Bill

LB380 is the proposed 2021-23 Biennium Budget Appropriation bill. A copy of the Governor’s letter to the Legislature and the summary of his proposal was also provided. The bill calls for an additional 1.5% of the agency-requested allocations for both fiscal years and an increase in PSL of at least 10% more than the agency-requested amount. The hearing on the bill has not yet been set.

H. GENERAL INFORMATION

A schedule of upcoming meetings and events was provided for review. The next board meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. in the fifth floor conference, 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Licensure and Certificate Trends

Numbers as of January 13, 2021

Professional Engineers	8,291
Architects	1,815
Certificates of Authorization	2,187
Temporary Permits.....	16

Examination Information/Results

There are 114 ARE Candidates with open eligibilities as of January 1, 2021.

The monthly ARE Pass/Fail report for November was provided.

The Pass/Fail report for the October 2020 paper and pencil PE and SE exams was provided.

Other Information

Maps showing the number of in state architects and professional engineers by county were provided.

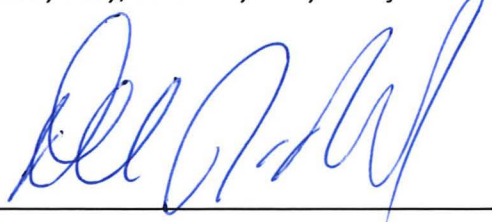
The Facebook Analytics Report showed 202 people were reached from December 17, 2020, to January 13, 2021.

The Website Dashboard Reports indicate the Board’s website ad 7,480 total visitors in December. Also included were annual reports showing the most visited pages, overall and unique visits by month, and traffic drivers for 2020.

Board policies as of March 13, 2020, were provided.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Kelly, second by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 1:17 p.m.



Daniel Thiele, Secretary