

MINUTES

**STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023
9:00 a.m.**

Members Present:

Jason Durr, Chair
Steve Gillman
Tim Jensen
Greg Morical, Vice Chair
Opal Kuhl
Sam Reed
Susan Zellers

Members Absent:

None

Attending Administrative Staff:

Amy Hall - Board Director
Chris Shea-Russell – Assistant Board Director
Donald ‘Ned’ Hannah - Board Counsel
Heather Orbaugh – Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER – Jason Durr called to order the meeting at **9:04 a.m.**

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – A motion was made by Steve Gillman and seconded by Opal Kuhl to adopt and approve the agenda.
Motion carries 7/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Steve Gillman	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Greg Morical	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Sam Reed	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2022, BOARD MEETING

Motion made by ~~Tim Jensen~~ and ~~seconded by Greg Morical~~ to ~~approve the~~ November 15, 2022 minutes as amended with the correction of a name change of a committee and correction on name.

Motion carries 6/0/1

Jason Durr	Abstained
Steve Gillman	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Greg Morical	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Sam Reed	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Ian Mathew provided a report from the attorney general's office of current complaints. There are currently 8 open consumer complaints. There are no open litigation files currently.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Firooz Zandi – Cause Number 2018SBRPE0003 Petition to Withdraw from Probation

Mr. Zandi appeared telephonically before the Board on behalf of his petition. He reported that he has completed all the requirements of his probation. He has obtained over 100 hours of continuing education. He did submit monthly reports and made his quarterly appearances before the board. He is currently employed in Houston, Texas, but is not practicing engineering. He is hoping to come back in work in Indiana. He may have some leads for engineering jobs in Indiana.

A motion was made by Greg Morical and seconded by Steve Gillman to approve the petition of withdrawal from probation.

Motion carries 7/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Steve Gillman	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Greg Morical	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Sam Reed	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

APPLICATION REVIEW

NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Rule Change Discussion/ Rule Readoption

The Board discussed the relative merits of amending the rules to allow a professional engineer candidate to take the PE exam without first achieving a certain level of work experience, which is known as “decoupling”. The Board discussed how decoupling will help entice engineers to be registered and work in Indiana and to help Indiana compete with other states in the Midwest who has already implemented decoupling. The Board discussed completing proposed changes to the rules shortly so that the proposed changes can be provided to the rule committee after the May meeting, so they may be reviewed and start the process of rule changes.

The Board separately discussed the need to review and study potential licensure pathways for new engineer applicants who may not meet our current educational requirements, including those licensed as PE’s in other states with different requirements and who have degrees in non-engineering areas. The Board noted that engineers are needed in the state to allow for growth of the entire state, while maintain health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Indiana. The Board discussed inviting interested educators, associations and other interested parties in providing their input on this issue. The subcommittee of the Board working on this topic plans to meet in person July 1.

The Board reviewed the Rules that need to be adopted set forth in the Notice of Intent to Readopt. Ned reviewed what the readoption entails.

A motion was made by Steve Gillman and seconded by Opal Kuhl to approve the rules set forth in the Notice of Intent to Readopt, to be readopted at the May meeting.

Motion carries 7/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Steve Gillman	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Greg Morical	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Sam Reed	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

2. NCEES Regional Resolutions

Opal Kuhl and Jason Durr will be attending the Houston Interim Meeting.

Interim business meeting is April 27 – 30 in Houston
Annual business meeting is August 15 – 18 in Boston

3. Board Elections 2023

Chair, Vice Chair and Liaison

A motion was made by Steve Gillman and seconded by Greg Morical to keep the current officers as they are – Jason Durr as Chair, Greg Morical as Vice Chair and Tim Jensen as Board Liaison.
Motion carries 7/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Steve Gillman	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Grego Morical	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Sam Reed	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye

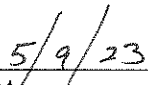
Next Meeting - TBD

AJOURNMENT

10:31



Jason Durr, Chair



Date