

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
TUESDAY MARCH 3, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Jason Durr, Chair
Susan Zellers
Opal Kuhl
Tim Jensen
Zachary Smith
Jason Copperwaite

Members Absent:

Greg Morical

Administrative Staff:

Amy Hall - Board Director
Chris Shea-Russell – Assistant Board Director
Connie Adams – OLM Staff
Donald ‘Ned’ Hannah - Board Counsel
Margie Addington - Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER – Jason Durr called to order the meeting at **9:00 a.m.**

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – The Board reviewed the draft agenda and amended the agenda to add Barden Sammons as a personal appearance and a rule discussion. Motion made by Tim Jensen and seconded by Opal Kuhl to approve the amended agenda.

Motion carries 6/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Zachary Smith	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Jason Copperwaite	Aye

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2026, BOARD MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft minutes. Jason Durr had revised the minutes with minor changes. Motion made by Tim Jensen and seconded by Susan Zellers to approve January 13, 2026, meeting minutes.

Motion carries 4/0/2

Jason Durr	Aye
Zachary Smith	Abstain
Susan Zellers	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Jason Copperwaite	Abstain

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Board heard a report from the Office of the Attorney General from Jerry Smith. There are currently two litigation files open.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

William A. Griswold, Jr. – Cause number – 202601 – ENG – 001 – Cease and Desist

William A. Griswold, Jr. did not appear

Motion and seconded by Susan Zellers and Opal Kuhl to issue a Motion of Proposed Default.

Motion carries 6/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Zachary Smith	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Jason Copperwaite	Aye

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Nicholas Woods – Application Review – HAS WITHDRAWN APPLICATION

Jacob Bullinger – Application Review

Jacob Bullinger appeared virtually before the Board. He has prior discipline from the State of North Carolina for '**licensee failed to exercise adequate direct supervisory control or responsible charge**'. His license is now in good standing in North Carolina. He has not stamped for foundation repairs in North Carolina since his settlement with North Carolina.

Motion made by Susan Zellers and seconded by Zachary Smith to approve his application.

Motion carries 6/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Zachary Smith	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Jason Copperwaite	Aye

David Joyner – Exam Waiver Request

David Joyner appeared virtually before the Board. He has over 30 years' experience. He has not taken the PE exam.

He is requesting to waive the PE, part two exam.

He has a doctorate degree, and some states allow for the waiving of the PE exam with his doctorate degree. Indiana does not have that provision or discretion to waive the exam.

Motion made by Tim Jensen and seconded by Susan Zellers to table the application and personal appearance.

Motion carries 6/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Zachary Smith	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Jason Copperwaite	Aye

He did appear virtually

Motion made by Tim Jensen and seconded by Susan Zellers to deny the application and exam waiver request due to the current statute.

Motion carries 6/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Zachary Smith	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Jason Copperwaite	Aye

Braden Sammons - Application Review

Braden appeared before the Board to discuss his application. He does have his EI license. This issue at hand after reviewing education requirements there appears to be a shortage in calculus passed physics of six hours. Recommendation is to completed additional calculus-based physics.

Motion made by Tim Jensen and seconded by Steve Gillman to approve

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Emeritus Status for Steve Gillman and Sam Reed

Motion made by Jason Copperwaite and seconded by Zachary Smith to approve the Emeritus Status for Sam Reed and Steve Gillman.

Motion carries 6/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Zachary Smith	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Jason Copperwaite	Aye

Rule Change Discussion/Alternative Pathway

With the departure of two board members, volunteers were requested to take over their roles on the pathways to licensure with technology degrees. The education requirements should be updated as well. Goal is to look and see what other states are doing with their education requirements for technology degrees and for education requirements.

Motion made and seconded by

Motion carries 6/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Zachary Smith	Aye
Susan Zellers	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Jason Copperwaite	Aye

NCEES Zone Meeting and Annual Business Meeting discussion about the new members of the Board attending the NCEES Annual Business Meeting in August.

Susan Zellers, Opal Kuhl for the Central Zone Meeting.

Jason Durr and Susan Zellers for the Annual Meeting in August.

Meeting Adjourn 10:08