

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

TUESDAY MARCH 3, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Administrative Staff:

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

CALL TO ORDER – Jason Durr called to order the meeting at **9:03 a.m.**

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – The Board reviewed the draft agenda. Motion made by Opal Kuhl and seconded by Steve Gillman to approve the amended agenda.

Motion carries 7/0/0

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

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2024, BOARD MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft minutes. Motion made by Susan Zellers and seconded by Opal Kuhl to approve November 19, 2024, meeting minutes.

Motion carries 6/0/1

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

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Kelsey McKnight provided a report from the Office of the Attorney General, of current complaints. There are no big changes, with 3 open investigations to complaints. There are two open litigation complaints open.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Michael Joseph Lahey – Petition to Withdraw from Probation – 2024SBPRE0003

Did not appear.

Motion made by Greg Morical and seconded by Tim Jensen to approve continuance due to wrong date on hearing notice. He will be sent a new hearing notice for the next meeting.

Motion carries 7/0/0

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

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

Charlie Daniel Charlson – Proposed Settlement Agreement – 202501-ENG-0001

Discussion about the foundation of this complaint and questionable actions of the respondent. There are ethical issues associated with this case.

Motion made by Steve Gillman and seconded by Greg Morical to deny the Proposed Settlement Agreement as presented.

Motion carries 7/0/0

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

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Richard Claus – Probation Update

Richard Claus appeared before the Board as required by his probation. He provided an update on his probation since his appearance in October 2024 due to pending criminal charges. He is currently on criminal probation for a DUI, which may be removed in October 2025.

No motion needed since he was here to update the Board on his status.

Hossein Baninajar – Application Review EI

Hossein Baninajar appeared before the Board about his application. He brought in and updated Supplemental Form to be reviewed. He submitted a family planning course to be used as part of the science requirement. Electromagnetism Course should be moved to another category to align with the physics requirement.

Motion made by Steve Gillman and seconded by Susan Zellers to approve the application.

Motion carries 7/0/0

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

Jaykumar Patel – Application Review

Jaykumar Patel virtually appeared before the Board to discuss his application. He is short in math and sciences. He is short 1.3 hours in math and 5.2 short in the 30 hours of sciences. He provided information from his high school education that is he trying to apply to the requirements. It needs to be determined if the courses are AP courses to be utilized. AP courses will show up on college transcripts.

Motion to table and review the additional information that was provided by Jaykumar Patel by Susan Zellers and seconded by Greg Morical.

Motion carries 7/0/0

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

Morgan Wolf – Application Review

Morgan Wolf appeared before the board and brought in updated information association with his education. He has the education and experience to sit for the exam.

Motion made by Tim Jensen and seconded by Opal Kuhl to approve his application.

Motion carries 7/0/0

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

Braden Sammons – EI Application Review

Braden Sammons appeared before the Board to discuss his education and what additional educational courses he made need for his EI. He appears to be deficient in engineering design and physical or life science with the core aspects of mathematics.

No motion needed

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Alternative Pathways to Licensure

Sam reported to the Board about the Committee Meeting on January 31, 2025, about the alternative pathways to licensure. Ten Stakeholders from education and industry discussed the avenues and pathways for licensure with various input about technology pathway and the traditional educational

pathway. Accreditation for a technology degree is rather broad, need to have a deeper understanding and education required with a technology degree. There is a sold difference between the two avenues of education. The Board decided to wait to see how this moves forward with NCEES before moving in any direction.

2. Rule Change Status

Greg reported back that there was news to report. Comments received from OMB need to be reviewed and responded to. Greg and Susan will work with "Ned" Hannah to proceed forward.

3. NCEES Meetings

Opal Kuhl, Susan Zellers and Sam Reed will be attending the Central Zone Meeting in New Mexico in May. They will report back on pertinent information.

The Annual Business Meeting will be held in New Orleans, August 19 through August 22.

Sam Reed, Susan Zellers and Tim Jensen are tentative attendees.

4. Board Member Election 2025

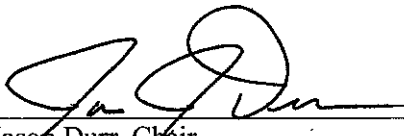
Motion made by Tim Jensen and seconded by Opal Kuhl to maintain the current officers. Jason Durr as chair, Greg Morical as vice chair and Tim Jensen as liaison.

Motion carries 7/0/0

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

AJOURNMENT

11:01



Jason Durr, Chair

5/20/2025
Date

