

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

TUESDAY MAY 20, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Greg Morical, Vice Chair

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 **9:01 a.m.**

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

Motion carries 6/0/0

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

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF February 12, 2025, BOARD MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft minutes. Motion made by Tim Jensen and seconded by Opal Kuhl to approve February 12, 2025, meeting minutes.

Motion carries 6/0/0

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

The Board reviewed the amended minutes from March 4, 2025. Motion made by Tim Jensen and seconded by Opal Kuhl to approve March 4, 2025, meeting minutes.

Motion carries 6/0/0

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

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Board reviewed the report submitted for the Office of the Attorney General. They were made aware of the change to move to quarterly reporting.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Jason M. Hinkle – Petition to Withdraw from Probation – 2024SBPRE0002

Jason M. Hinkle appeared before the Board on his Petition to Withdraw from Probation. He was placed on probation that runs concurrently with his criminal probation. He was removed from criminal probation in April so he is requesting that his professional license be removed from probation as well. He submitted documentation associated with his removal of criminal probation.

Motion made by Opal Kuhl and seconded by Steve Gillman to approve his Petition to Withdraw from Probation.

Motion carries 6/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Steve Gillman	Aye

Susan Zellers	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye
Tim Jensen	Aye
Sam Reed	Aye

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

Michael Joseph Lahey did appear before the Board on his Petition to Withdraw from Probation. He is no longer on criminal probation. His criminal charges were dropped and expunged, and he has completed classes. He did meet the requirements for his professional license to be removed from probation.

Motion made by Tim Jensen and seconded by Steve Gillman to approve his Petition to Withdraw from Probation.

Motion carries 7/0/0

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

Jacob Schlotterer – Petition to Withdraw from Probation – 2024SBPRE0002

Jacob Schlotterer did appear before the Board on his Petition to Withdraw from Probation. He is no longer on criminal probation. He was placed on probation that runs concurrently with his criminal probation. He did meet the requirements for his professional license to be removed from probation.

Motion made by Tim Jensen and seconded by Steve Gillman to approve his Petition to Withdraw from Probation.

Motion carries 6/0/0

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

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Rule Change Status

Susan reviewed the second set of comments from OMB with the Board. A second meeting of the rules committee will meet to manage and respond to OMB.

2. Alternative Pathways to Licensure


Sam wanted to add alternative pathways to licensure to the current rule making. Tim and Susan provided feedback to keeping the alternative pathway rule changes in a separate rule as current language for it has not been agreed upon. NCEES has language that is in draft form currently, as a resolution to be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting. The discussion has been looming about technology degree pathways of which Sam wishes to move more quickly on it. Opal is watching the pros and cons that are occurring in other states with the acceptance of the technology degree pathways. Sam wants to know if the Board will accept ABET Engineering Technology for licensure in future rulemaking. Steve doesn't feel comfortable with the current loosely defined standard that the current ABET Engineering Technology Degrees as well as their deficiencies. The Board needs to investigate the donut states to see what they are doing, but the hard-hitting discussion needs to occur so changes can happen. Schools need to properly guide their students to the requirement classes for licensure as well.

3. NCEES Central Zone Meeting Report

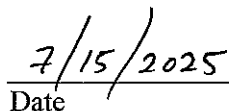
In-depth discussion about pathways to licensure, the structural exam is too stressful, hard, not enough time being provided. There is a discussion about limiting the number of questions. A new "zone" secretary has been elected. An in-depth discussion about AI occurred, with a lot of feedback provided.

AJOURNMENT

10:23



Jason Durr, Chair



Date