

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

Members Present:

Jason Durr, Chair
Zachary Smith
Jason Copperwaite
Opal Kuhl

Members Absent:

Susan Zellers
Tim Jensen

Administrative Staff:

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

ALL VOTES ROLL CALL

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 approved.

Motion made by Opal Kuhl and seconded by Zachary Smith

Motion carries 4/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Zachary Smith	Aye
Jason Copperwaite	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2026, BOARD MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft minutes. Jason Copperwaite mentioned a change in name on a motion – Zachary Copperwaite was written in lieu of Zachary Smith.

Motion made by Zachary Smith and seconded by Opal Kuhl

Motion carries 4/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Zachary Smith	Aye
Jason Copperwaite	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye

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 open litigation files.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Keith M Mueller – Reinstatement

Keith M. Mueller did not appear, for the second time.

A motion made by Jason Copperwaite and seconded by Zachary Smith to deny his application.

Motion carries 4/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Zachary Smith	Aye
Jason Copperwaite	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye

Steven Schaub – Positive Response Renewal

Steven Schaub appeared virtually before the Board about a Positive Response on his renewal.

A motion made by Zachary Smith and seconded Opal Kuhl to renew free and clear.

Motion carries 4/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Zachary Smith	Aye
Jason Copperwaite	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye

Brian Luigs – Positive Response Renewal

Brian Luigs appeared before the Board. He has a current criminal conviction and did not report a conviction on a previous renewal. He is probation through February 2027. His criminal felony will be reduced after three years, after his probation is successfully completed and no further charges have occurred.

A motion made by Jason Copperwaite and seconded Opal Kuhl to place on indefinite probation to run concurrently with his criminal probation with proof of completion to petition to withdraw from probation.

Motion carries 4/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Zachary Smith	Aye
Jason Copperwaite	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye

Robert Schumann – Positive Response Renewal

Robert Schumann did appear before the Board on his positive response to his renewal. He is on probation currently through October.

A motion made by Opal Kuhl and seconded Jason Copperwaite to place on indefinite probation to run concurrently with his criminal probation with proof of completion to petition to withdraw from probation.

Motion carries 4/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Zachary Smith	Aye
Jason Copperwaite	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye

Max N. Lehman – Positive Response Renewal

He did not appear before the Board.

A motion made by Jason Copperwaite and seconded by Zachary Smith to place his renewal on Valid to Practice until he appears before the Board at the September meeting.

Motion carries 4/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Zachary Smith	Aye
Jason Copperwaite	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye

Thomas Emmet DeJong – Positive Response Renewal

Thomas Emmet DeJong did appear virtually before the Board on his positive response to his renewal. He was charged with operating while impaired. He is currently on supervised criminal probation.

A motion made by Jason Copperwaite and seconded Opal Kuhl to place on indefinite probation to run concurrently with his criminal probation with proof of completion to petition to withdraw from probation.

Motion carries 4/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Zachary Smith	Aye
Jason Copperwaite	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Jorge E Camacho – CE Waiver Request

The Board reviewed the Continuing Education Waiver request. He does not wish to place his application on 'INACTIVE'.

A motion made by Opal Kuhl and seconded Zachary Smith to approve the CE Waiver request.

Motion carries 4/0/0

Jason Durr	Aye
Zachary Smith	Aye
Jason Copperwaite	Aye
Opal Kuhl	Aye

B. NCEES Zone Meeting Report – Opal Kuhl

Opal Kuhl provided a report about the NCEES Zone meeting. There was much communication and interesting discussions in lieu of hot button topics. Testing revenues are increasing, proposals for increasing the costs of exams every two years. Legislative guidelines and uniform procedures are a point of discussion.

C. NCEES Annual Meeting Resolutions

See above

Meeting Adjourn 10:08