

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
**BOARD OF REGISTRATION ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS,
 AND LAND SURVEYORS**

CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 12-13TH, 2025

Date:	February 12-13, 2025
Time:	9am- 4pm
Location:	University of Alaska Anchorage, Engineering & Industry Building, Room 413
Attending:	Jeff Garness, Ed Leonetti, Sterling Strait, Paul Baril, John Barry, Elizabeth Beckett Johnston, Jake Maxwell, Colin Maynard, Brad Rinckey, Randall Rozier Board Staff: Joseph Bonnell, Sara Neal and Kelly Johnson Division Staff: Sylvan Rob (Item 9), Patrick Kase (Item 18), Billy Homestead (Item 18), Sara Chambers (Item 23D), Glenn Saviers Invited Testimony: Aaron Blaisdell (Item 5D1a), Matt Barusch (Item 12A), Dana Nunn (Item 12A), Senator Matt Claman (Item 23D) Public: Raymond Jess Duenas, Nathan Kaaihue, Samuel Horning, Chris Miller, Barbara Cash, Mary Knopf, David Parish, Amy Orange-Posma, Jessica Cederberg, Jon Order, Ciaxia Wang, Sarena Hackenmiller
Absent:	N/A

Day 1, February 12, 2025

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Virtual Notice

2. Review/Amend/Approve Agenda

Motion: Approve Agenda	<p><i>In a Motion made by Jeff Garness, seconded by Ed Leonetti to approve the agenda.</i></p> <p><i>Elizabeth Beckett Johnston, seconded by Colin Maynard amended the motion to move item 5D1a to 10am on day 2. Amendment was approved unanimously.</i></p> <p><i>Elizabeth Beckett Johnson, seconded Paul Baril amended the motion to add item 12F, FE Waiver to the agenda. Amendment was approved unanimously.</i></p> <p><i>The main motion made by Jeff Garness, seconded by Ed Leonetti and approved unanimously:</i></p> <p>RESOLVED to approve the agenda with amendments for the February 12-13th, 2025 meeting.</p>
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3. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve November 13-14th, 2024, meeting minutes
- B. Monthly applicants reviewed by board staff (October- December 2024)
- C. Outgoing Correspondence
 - 1. UAA CTC-“C” or better

2. UAA
3. UAF
4. UW
5. Invite- Aaron Blaisdell NCEES WZ VP- “Responsible Charge”
6. Patrick Burden- Education and Experience
7. Zachary Bush- Application Decision

Motion:

In a Motion made by Elizabeth Beckett Johnston, seconded by Brad Rinckey and approved unanimously; it was:

Approve Consent

Agenda

RESOLVED to approve the consent agenda.

4. Ethics Reporting

Maynard is on the NCEES leadership development committee. Beckett Johnston has been to the NCEES Board of Directors meeting, Professional Engineers meeting, and the ICOR meeting, all paid for by NCEES. Baril in the role of Licensed Architect with the American Institute of Architects, Alaska Chapter, as the Chair of the Advocacy Committee helped to negotiate SB54.

5. General Information

- A. Mission Statement
- B. Virtual Meeting Code of Conduct
- C. Strategic Plan 3/1/2024-2/28/2025
- D. National Organization Updates
 1. NCEES
 - a. NCEES definition of “responsible charge/progressive experience”- Moved to Day Two (motion made under item #2)
 Update from Beckett Johnston:
 The public lands survey exam is under development and should be available in approximately 2028.
 PE Mechanical Plumbing exam is under development and will also be available in approximately 2028.
 The PE Structural Exam has had two CBT based administrations. The PAKS (questionnaire of the practitioners) is open for a vote on structural engineering and control systems engineering. Beckett Johnston reached out the AKDOT Bridge Design group to inform them of this opportunity to have input on the exam since they have raised concerns to the Board in the past. The PE Nuclear exam is being put on probation/suspension. Alaska requires applicants to apply in the discipline you want to be registered in, if test remains suspended the board would only be able to approve applicants by comity or those who have taken an older exam.
 2. NCARB

Update from Baril:

New board of directors met in January and are working on changes to the Architectural Experience Program (AXP) to align it with NCARBs new Competency Standard for Architects. There is an upcoming regional meeting (February 27th-March 1st) that will be attended by Paul Baril and Joseph Bonnell (Board EA). Annual business meeting dates have been announce for June 19th-21st. NCARB is looking for volunteers for board seats. Beckett Johnston provided an update that NCARB announced at ICOR that they will be transitioning away from exams in three years. As part of the competency based model they will be looking at ways to determine competency apart from the exam. The Alaska board currently requires examination as a pathway for registration, this will need to be addressed in three years.
 3. CLARB

Update from Leonetti:

There is not much activity to report on. CLARB is aware of SB54 and the board’s sunset.

6. Old Business

<p>A. Sunset Audit Report</p> <p>B. Regulation Projects Update Update from Neal: All sections which have been approved by the board prior are currently with Department of Law and have not been public noticed yet.</p> <p>C. CE Audit Update</p> <p>1. Voluntary Surrender- Berchmans Wick</p>
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<p>Motion: Voluntary Surrender- Berchmans Wick</p>	<p><i>In a Motion made by Elizabeth Beckett Johnston, seconded by Colin Maynard and approved unanimously via roll call vote, it was:</i></p> <p><i>RESOLVED that having examined the voluntary surrender, decision and order in Case# 2024-000587 in the matter of Berchmans Wick, Professional Civil Engineer registration #AELC12485, the Alaska State Board of Registration Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors hereby adopts the voluntary surrender, decision and order in its entirety, effective immediately upon signature of the is order in accordance with the approval by the board.</i></p>
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<p>2. Consent Agreement- Geoffrey Taylor</p>
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<p>Motion: Consent Agreement- Geoffrey Taylor</p>	<p><i>In a Motion made by Elizabeth Beckett Johnston, seconded by Colin Maynard and approved unanimously via roll call vote, it was:</i></p> <p><i>RESOLVED that having examined the consent agreement, decision and order in Case# 2024-000603 in the matter of Geoffrey Taylor, Professional Mechanical Engineer registration #AELM13807, the Alaska State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors hereby adopts the consent agreement, decision and order in its entirety, effective immediately upon signature of this order in accordance with the approval by the board.</i></p>
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<p>8. Election for AELS Board Officers (8/2025-5/2026)</p>

<p>Motion: Election of Board Officers</p>	<p><i>In a Motion made by Elizabeth Beckett Johnston, seconded by Paul Baril and approved unanimously: it was:</i></p> <p><i>RESOLVED to approve as follows Secretary Colin Maynard, as Vice Chair Sterling Strait, and as Chair Ed Leonetti for 7/1/2025 to 6/30/2026.</i></p>
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<p>12. New Business</p>

<p>A. CIDQ Presentation- scheduled for 1pm (after lunch break), Day One.</p> <p>B. Environmental vs Civil Education</p> <p>A letter was received requesting that someone with an environmental degree be able to take the civil engineer exam. The reverse is allowed (civil degree to take environmental exam). Beckett Johnston had reviewed the ABET requirements for both degrees (environmental and civil) and feels there is sufficient overlap.</p>
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<p>Motion: Adding Environmental Engineer to Alternate ABET programs</p>	<p><i>In a Motion made by Colin Maynard, seconded by Elizabeth Beckett Johnston and approved unanimously, it was:</i></p> <p><i>RESOLVED to modify the boards education chart to add the Environmental Engineering degree to the Alternative ABET Engineering degree programs for the Civil Exam.</i></p>
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<p>Action Item</p>	<p><i>Board staff will update education chart and Board Policy and Historical Information document.</i></p>
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<p>Beckett Johnston had reviewed the ABET degree requirements for both Computer Engineering and Computer Science degrees and found them substantially similar to electrical engineering. Her intent is that there is a pathway for licensure for those who have either degree.</p>
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Motion: Adding Computer Engineering and Computer Science degrees	<i>In a Motion made by Elizabeth Beckett Johnston, seconded by Colin Maynard and approved unanimously, it was: RESOLVED under the Board Guidance Policies under the Electrical Engineering exam Alternative ABET Engineering Degree Program to add Computer Engineering and Computer Science.</i>
Action Item	<i>Board staff will update education chart and Board Policy and Historical Information document.</i>
Action Item	<i>Education Committee will review full list of degrees in policy to see if there are any other ABET degrees that should be included in the list.</i>

C. Accepting projects before being licensed in Alaska

Maynard was concerned that it was an ethical violation if individuals are accepting projects before being licensed. This concern included proposing on a project as this is offering services in Alaska, which is evidence of practicing without a license. Strait noted that it is his understanding that the general practice for engineers out of state is to come to Alaska to apply for licensure by comity and work on a project. They are not going to do that unless they have a project to work on.

For the benefit of the public Beckett Johnston read AS 08.48.281(a) into the record:

“A person may not practice or offer to practice the profession of architecture, engineering, land surveying, or landscape architecture in the state, or use in connection with the person’s name or otherwise assume or advertise a title or description tending to convey the impression that the person is an architect, an engineer, a land surveyor, or a landscape architect, unless the person has been registered under the provisions of this chapter, or, in the case of a corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, limited partnership, or limited liability partnership, unless it has been authorized under this chapter.”

A straw poll was done to see who agreed with Maynard’s position, all agreed except for Maxwell and Strait.

Rozier noted that the larger entities have built in language in RFPs that require a license in the state in order to bid, however the smaller entities often do not, and this is where the issue comes up.

Bonnell proposed that the board may take a “combined” approach moving forward while the outreach committee discusses public education, staff will forward to investigations following standard Division practice.

Action Item	<i>Outreach Committee will discuss how to educate the public on not practicing or giving the impression of practice (prohibition of practice) without a license.</i>
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D. Incoming Correspondence

1. Matt Christian- Requesting letter from board

Request was for letter indicating that an SE is not required for their project as it is not in their determination a “significant structure”. Maynard noted that he is in violation of statutes since he does not have a license. Strait agreed. Leonetti recommended that he should be referred to investigations as there appears to be evidence of practice without a license. Rozier noted that the plans provided by Christian are dated 2021 could indicate that significant work is being done by a large team none of which is registered in Alaska.

Staff will respond to Christian via email and refer to investigations.

7. Break

9. Division Report

A. FY25 Quarter 2 Financial Report- Director Robb presented the Division Report

B. Update on EA Salary

Classification study remains ongoing, they are on stage 6 out of 7. No completion date yet.

C. Update of ADEC

ADEC agreed to make changes to their regulations, they are working through the process. Garness noted that the ADEC regulations did go out for public comment. Garness and Barry responded as members of the public that there are still a few issues with the regulations as presented.

D. Update on Military & Spouse Special Licensure

Federal law has had some changes. A new requirement is a license must be issued within 30 days of receiving the application. It does allow a temporary license to be issued if unable to issue a permanent license in that timeframe. Additional requirements for applicants include proof of the military orders, a marriage certificate if the spouse, a notarized affidavit confirming the applicant's identity, all the statements are true and that the applicant had read and understands the scope of practice for the license in the new state. In addition, certification that the applicant meets all the requirements that are in the SCRA and that they are in good standing in all the states where they hold or have held a license.

Items that were removed (in effect March 23rd) are the requirement of active practice within the prior 2 years and that the license must be for the length of the military orders. This will allow these licenses to expire under the standard timeline of the Alaska board.

12. New Business (continued from above)

D. Incoming Correspondence

2. Nehemiah Williams- Land Surveyor Education

Requesting a pathway for licensure that allow for an alternative to the current education requirements. Change would include an addition to the Table of Education and Work Experience Requirements for Professional Land Surveyors.

Tabled until day two, Education Committee report.

10. Public Comment

Chris Miller- Spoke on the topic of Land Surveyor education, suggested any regulations allow pathway for a new surveyor to be completed in eight years. Supports adding a Mechanical Engineer seat on the board and the proposed "regulation" (statute) to add it. Spoke on the Arctic Engineering education requirements for licensure, supports keeping it as a necessary part of the licensing process; however, does support the concept of a short course with the necessary breadth and depth.

Catherine Fritz (email)- On the topic of Interior Design (ID) regulation and SB54, only representing herself and not Alaska AIA; recommends ID regulation to be a Title Act, using Pennsylvania as an example, where the term "certified" is used for IDs and "licensed" for architects. Listed other concerns about SB54 as currently worded including the use of the term "practice", the need for comity (and its practicality), Corporate Authorization and lack of Executive Administrator salary increase.

Aaron Blaisdell- Spoke on the topic of Land Surveyor education, noted it is becoming increasingly difficult to seek quality education while on the job. Surveying programs do not attract large numbers of students, subsequently there are less programs available. No data that Aaron is aware of that education makes a better surveyor. The second item was regarding being able to offer services without being licensed in Alaska; feels that there is a gray area on whether one may propose on a project without a license.

11. Lunch Break

12. New Business (continued from above)

A. CIDQ Presentation- presented by Matt Barusch and Dana Nunn

CIDQ is a membership comprised of regulatory boards across the U.S. and Canada for interior designers. Primary service is to write and administer the NCIDQ exam. CIDQ is a part of ICOR, which also includes NCARB, NCEES and CLARB. ICOR supports interior design regulation.

Garness asked about title acts vs practice acts and which they found was working and not working. Barusch replied that title acts with permitting privileges has been the most predominate at the state level and have been working out very well. Garness inquired further about overlap of practice between architects and interior designers, CIDQ is attempting to address these areas with a Practice Overlap Task Force. Nunn spoke to the overlap of practice providing

some examples in what she does and does not do as an Interior Designer. CIDQ has model law language that can help guide the board.

Beckett Johnston inquired if the NCIDQ exam was fixed form or LOFT (Linear-on-the-fly testing), Nunn replied that the exam was from a pool of questions (LOFT). Additionally, it was asked what term was used in other states as opposed to “registered” as currently proposed in SB54. Barusch replied that “registered” was the most common. The final question was regarding decoupling; currently applicants approach CIDQ for registering for the NCIDQ exam in other jurisdiction, if Alaska requires the board to approve applicants to sit for the exam, CIDQ could work with the Alaska board on the process.

Leonetti asked if CIDQ participated in SB54. Barusch replied they support it, but did not participate in crafting it. Nunn noted that ASID has worked with AIA since 2022 regarding regulation, however SB54 was not a bill that either were involved with, although AIA has provided a verbal commitment to not oppose the bill as written.

Garness inquired if CIDQ had a seal for interior designers. Barusch replied that they do not, the seal is typically prescribed by the regulatory boards.

It was requested that CIDQ send to staff the definitions they have for the profession of interior design.

E. Decoupling

Maynard commented that allowing for taking exams before experience is setting people up for failure. Beckett Johnston expressed concern that decoupling could lower the effectiveness of the exams, as allowing individuals to take the exam before they are ready will lead to a higher failure rate, which would then lead the exams to slowly be reworked in response to the high failure rates. The result would be an “academic” test and not an “experience” test. Strait was in favor of decoupling as many people have more opportunity to take the exam right out of school, where the longer they wait the less time they may have due to family and life matters.

Beckett Johnston suggested that the board could allow individuals to go direct to the exam if it has been 4 years after their degree, to remove the barrier of the board, due to its meeting schedule, not being able to approve applicants to sit for exam until after the exam has occurred for the year. Maynard suggested they could mirror what they do with FE exams, where individuals can take the exam after three years of experience, while still requiring four years before licensure.

<p>Motion: Creating a Regulation Project on Decoupling</p>	<p><i>In a Motion made by Sterling Strait, seconded by John Barry to open a regulation project to consider revisions to the topic of decoupling and how the board can improve access to testing for new registrants.</i></p> <p><i>A friendly amendment was made to form a special committee in place of starting a regulation project.</i></p> <p><i>Motion was withdrawn.</i></p>
<p>Action Item</p>	<p><i>Special Committee on Decoupling was appointed under the authority of the board chair for up to one year with Sterling Strait, Elizabeth Beckett Johnston, and John Barry as members.</i></p>

F. FE Waiver

Beckett Johnston proposed to have a regulation project to amend 12 AAC 36.090 to offer alternatives to FE exam waivers such as additional experience or education requirements.

<p>Motion: Open Regulation Project for 12 AAC 36.090, FE Waiver</p>	<p><i>In a Motion made by Elizabeth Beckett Johnston, seconded by Colin Maynard and approved via roll call vote: it was:</i></p> <p><i>RESOLVED create a regulation project to amend 12 AAC 36.090 to add additional options for waiver of Fundamentals of Engineering examination.</i></p> <p><i>YES: Barry, Beckett Johnston, Maynard, Baril, Garness, Leonetti, Strait, Rinckey, Rozier</i></p> <p><i>NO: Maxwell</i></p>
<p>Action Item</p>	<p><i>Special Committee on regulation project for 12 AAC 36.090, FE Waiver was appointed with Maynard and Garness as members.</i></p>

13. Licensing Examiner’s Report

Thirty-two applications were reviewed by the board and staff for the second quarter of FY24 (October-December). Report was made on comity and exam number of applicants.

14. Break

15. Application Review Questions

A. Sean O’Neill

Applicant is requesting to sit for the AKLS exam (scheduled April 2025) before completion of their four-year degree (set to graduate in May 2025).

**Motion:
Approve Sean
O’Neal to sit for
AKLS Exam**

In a Motion made by Colin Maynard, seconded by Paul Baril and approved unanimously via roll call vote, it was:

RESOLVED to allow Sean O’Neill to take the AKLS in April of 2025.

B. Philip Beatty

Applicant for Electrical Engineer by comity with work experience verified by a Civil Engineer is requesting approval from the board.

**Motion:
Request Two
Letters of
Recommendation
for Philip Beatty**

In a Motion made by Sterling Strait, seconded by Elizabeth Beckett Johnston and approved unanimously via roll call vote, it was:

RESOLVED to ask Philip Beatty to submit two letters of recommendation from a peer in a branch of engineering for which the applicant has applied or related branch in accordance with 12 AAC 36.105.

C. Francisco Juan Olguin -Juarez

Applicant for Mechanical Engineer by comity with work verification by a Civil Engineer is requesting approval from the board.

**Motion:
Accept Work
Verification for
Francisco Juan
Olguin-Juarez**

In a Motion made by Colin Maynard, seconded by Elizabeth Beckett Johnston and approved unanimously via roll call vote, it was:

RESOLVED to accept the work experience verification of 7 months responsible charge as verified by the civil engineer.

16. Recess for the Day

Day 2, February 13, 2025

17. Special Groups Updates

A. Land Surveyor Working Group

1. Regulation 12 AAC 36.065

Maxwell reported the working group met on January 7th and came up with proposed language for regulation 12 AAC 36.065. The purpose is how to open up another avenue for licensure for someone who does not have a four-year degree. Pathway proposed is to increase experience for reduced education. Beckett Johnston questioned why the proposed regulation has a higher credit requirement (45) than model law does (30). Additionally, it was noted that there was no minimum grade for credits taken. Strait’s concern is does this actually open up a path, or is the standard too high? Beckett Johnston noted that the proposed regulation would make Alaska the only state with such a high credit requirement. It was also noted that if Alaska becomes “too special” then the board would not have the comity pathway for those applicants coming from other jurisdictions.

Beckett Johnston proposed 30 credits in surveying science and surveying practice with 18 in mathematics and basic science, dropping the general education. Sterling supported this proposal which aligns with NCEES verbiage for a foreign degree.

Garness asked if Maxwell and Rinckey were in agreement on the language the committee proposed; Rinckey wants more research.

Action Item	<i>Working group will continue to work on research and regulation verbiage.</i>
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18. Investigative Report

Kase presented the report; fifteen open cases, one case closed with an incomplete complaint status.

The board inquired about individuals accepting or proposing on a project before they are licensed. The board wants to refer them to the investigations. Homestead inquired if the board was willing to take a more educational path prior to a cease and desist being issued. The board has distinguished in discussion regarding AS 08.48.281 that those who have already obtained a project versus those who are applying for a license. Homestead noted that there are different options available when it is an applicant versus an individual or firm that is not licensed.

Sterling asked where the board can receive a definitive answer on an interpretation of the matter.

Bonnell informed the board that staff can compile a report of specific numbers of what is coming in, and what is being said.

Homestead noted that the object is compliance, if the behavior is corrected from an educational standpoint, then that could satisfy the board's intended outcome while also conserving investigative resources. This would also create a documented inner-case management system for that individual so if there is a future issue that will need to be escalated, the board will have the ability to pursue criminal cases.

Action Item	<i>Staff will compile a report of inquiries and emails that have come in and nature of what is being said regarding offering to practice before being licensed.</i>
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Action Item	<i>Board Chair will draft a letter to Dept of Law regarding the interpretation of practicing without a license.</i>
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19. Committee Reports

A. Investigative Advisory Committee

1. Barrie Crimes- Regulation 12 AAC 36.210

Leonetti reported the committee met and reviewed the policy used by Colorado as possibly being a model for the Alaska board to look at. After discussion it was recommended to have a meeting with the Division regarding possible verbiage of the regulation and then bring that back to the board.

17. Special Group Updates (continued from above)

B. ADEC Regulations Working Group

The issue was with ADEC establishing a supervisory control roll for engineers over contractors in septic system installations. A meeting was held with the ADEC Commissioner, regulations were written and are currently out for public comment.

5. General Information (continued from above)

E. National Organization Updates

1. NCEES

NCEES definition of "responsible charge/progressive experience"- Presentation by Aaron Blaisdell, NCEES Western Zone Vice President

Model laws and model rules were provided to the board by Blaisdell. For many states in addition to NCEES, there is a definition that applies to each and every aspect of process. For example, in Washington state you have responsible charge when you are licensee, however when an intern or someone of subordinate nature you have responsible charge like actions. Blaisdell did a poll of Western Zone states and found that member boards are trying to reserve the term "responsible charge" for licensed individuals. For non-licensed individuals boards will

use terms such as “skills that are customarily done in responsible charge”, “managing projects”, “specialized knowledge and skill” or other terms from the definition of responsible charge.

Leonetti inquired how other states are addressing the issue of the use of term “responsible charge”. Blaisdell responded that most are just changing the term, issues arise when you have multiple sections of statute that try and define the term in different contexts.

Garness noted that there is a table contained within appendix A of the model rules that can be used as a template for the board to consider.

Blaisdell wanted on the record that anything he states here is his own opinion, not reflective of his position on the board of Washington State.

Action Item	<i>A working group was appointed to discuss the use of the term “responsible charge” with Garness, Leonetti and Maynard as members with a timeframe of one year.</i>
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20. Break

21. Committee Reports Continued

- C. Education Committee
 - 1. CRC Core Competencies

Maynard reported looking for organizations that would sponsor a Cold Regions Course geared towards a particular discipline. Maynard also approached UAA, had a Zoom call with professors from the mechanical department. They will take the idea of the course to their advisory council.

The board discussed creating a CRC Core Competencies course and putting out an RFP to develop a short course. It was suggested to ask the three current providers of the CRC course how much the cost would be to develop.

Action Item	<i>The education committee will continue to gather information for a possible RFP.</i>
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- B. Outreach Committee
 - 1. Newsletter

Newsletter is a work in progress.
 - 2. May 2025 Outreach Event

Nothing to report.

27. Read Applicants into the Record

Motion: Approved Applicants	<i>In a Motion made by Sterling Strait, seconded by Ed Leonetti and approved unanimously via roll call vote, it was:</i>		
	<i>RESOLVED to APPROVE the following list of applicants for registration by comity and examination with the stipulation that the information in the applicants’ files will take precedence over the information in the minutes.</i>		

License #	First Name	Last Name	Type of License
232678	Patrick	Rider	Electrical Engineer
226612	Juan Francisco	Olguin-Juarez	Mechanical Engineer

Motion: Conditionally Approved Applicants	<i>In a Motion made by Sterling Strait, seconded by Ed Leonetti and approved unanimously via roll call vote, it was:</i>		
	<i>RESOLVED to CONDITIONALLY APPROVE the following list of applicants for registration by comity and examination with the stipulation that the information in the applicants’ files will take precedence over the information in the minutes.</i>		

License #	First Name	Last Name	Type of License
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234065	Andy	Kreiter	Architect
234089	Jessica	Gatewood	Architect
234060	Aaron	Wheatall	Civil Engineer
232078	Dalan	Merriner	Civil Engineer
234062	Emily	Amato	Civil Engineer
120615	Erin	Clay	Civil Engineer
230778	Forrest	Williams	Civil Engineer
234344	Isabelle	Geddes	Civil Engineer
234006	Jackson	Waters	Civil Engineer
233915	Jacob	Hanni	Civil Engineer
232176	James	Matthews	Civil Engineer
232153	Jonathan	Horst	Civil Engineer
233838	Logan	Little	Civil Engineer
234257	Markus	Tolkkinen	Civil Engineer
233909	Matthew	Hebnes	Civil Engineer
233922	Nathan	Kaaihue	Civil Engineer
234199	Earl	Schwab	Control Systems Engineer
232226	Dakota	Walsh	Electrical Engineer
233921	Michael	Wise	Electrical Engineer
205985	Robert	Spiller	Electrical Engineer
233290	Sam	Berdahl	Electrical Engineer
233907	Aaron	Swank	Environmental Engineer
233233	Md Ibnul	Hasan	Environmental Engineer
234128	Paxson	Lowther	Environmental Engineer
233243	Rowan	Kraft	Environmental Engineer
232993	Srijan	Agganwal	Environmental Engineer
234362	Seth	Alexander	Fire Protection Engineer
233866	Nicholas	Svinicki	Land Surveyor
233283	Samuel	Horning	Land Surveyor
234251	Brendan	McCabe	Mechanical Engineer
234397	Robert	Kemper	Mechanical Engineer

26. Set Committee Dates

New chairs were set for the following committees:

- Guidance Manual Committee- Brad Rinckey
- Outreach Committee- Sterling Strait
- Planning and Implementation Committee- Colin Maynard
- Education Committee- John Barry

The following dates were set for committees:

- Legislative Liaison Committee: March 24, 2025, Noon
- Investigative Advisory Committee- April, TBD
- Other committee dates TBD

**Motion:
Emeritus Status to
Departing Board
Members**

*In a Motion made by Colin Maynard, seconded by Paul Baril and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to grant emeritus status to Jake Maxwell, Elizabeth Beckett Johnston and Randall Rozier and the relevant national organizations be notified.*

28. Upcoming Calendar

- A. February 28-March 1, 2025- NCARB Regions Summit- Philadelphia, PA
- B. May 15-17, 2025- NCEES Western Zone- Albuquerque, NM
- C. May 21-22, 2025- AELS Board Meeting, Anchorage, AK
- D. June 19-21, 2025- NCARB Annual Business Meeting- Scottsdale, AZ
- E. August 6-7, 2025- AELS Board Meeting, Anchorage or Fairbanks, AK TBD
- F. August 19-22, 2025- NCEES Annual Business Meeting- New Orleans, LA
- G. September 18-20, 2025-CLARB Annual Business Meeting- Lexington, KY

Motion:
Delegate for
NCARB Annual
Business Meeting

In a Motion made by Ed Leonetti, seconded by Colin Maynard and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to designate Paul Baril to attend the NCARB Annual Business Meeting on June 19-21, 2025.

Motion:
Delegates for
NCEES Annual
Business Meeting

In a Motion made by Ed Leonetti, seconded by Sterling Strait and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to designate Colin Maynard and up to two additional board members or if a space is available Kelly Johnson as appointed by the chair to attend the NCEES Annual Business Meeting on August 19-22, 2025.

Motion:
Delegate for
CLARB Annual
Business Meeting

In a Motion made by Paul Baril, seconded by Colin Maynard and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to designate Ed Leonetti to attend the CLARB Annual Business Meeting September 18-20, 2025.

22. Lunch Break

23. Committee Reports Continued

- D. Legislative Liaison Committee
 - 1. SB54 & 2. AELS Sunset Bill

The board discussed the bill draft of SB54, version I, sponsor substitute. Garness presented how a title act for Geologists works as a point of opposition to the current bill being a “title act with privileges”. Maynard presented the section summary for the bill, noting that version I includes feedback from the committee based on the sunset bill the board had approved previously. Maynard remarked that the title act with privileges as presented in the current and draft bill mimics a practice act for the people who are registered, however for those who are not registered may still perform the same work with the exception that they will have to go to an architect or interior designer to have documents sealed. A pure title act does not restrict certain practices for those who are not registered. Maynard questioned whether a pure title act would protect the public safety, where the proposed bill could.

Section 6 of bill did not remove the phrase “in writing” as requested by the board.

The EA Salary was not included as requested by the board.

Concern was expressed regarding the definition of the practice of interior design as presented in the bill and how it compares to how the statutes define other professions regulated by the board.

Baril suggested that the bill in terms of AELS is a title act with limited practicing privileges rather than permitting privileges, although this terminology is used by other jurisdictions with similar acts.

Beckett Johnston noted that a definition of practice is necessary as the bill provides a prohibition of practice.

Sara Chambers from the Division expressed concern over allowance of everyone being able to practice interior design regardless if registered or not, noting that normally it would be the legislature to define the difference between registered vs non-registered, in the current bill it is being left up the board.

Senator Claman presented his comments regarding the bill including extending the sunset of the AELS board and adding the regulation of registered interior designers. The Senator noted that the decision to have the board define the practice of interior design was due to their access to industry expertise. Other items included in the bill are a number of recommendations from the AELS board including adding specific seats to the board and pipelines. Senator Claman addressed concerns over section 5 of the bill, noting that the qualifying language states “for the purposes of this chapter” meaning the definition of interior design that the board would be adopting is as it applies within the AELS board as to registered interior designers.

Beckett Johnston inquired about the prohibition of practice included in the bill while the definition is not included and how this might impact enforcement.

Director Robb noted that other boards have the EA salary included in statute.

Sara Chambers suggested having the board’s attorneys with Department of Law look at some of the language in the bill in particular the term “practice of interior design” being used for both registered and non-registered interior designers and if the language may need to be modified to better suit the intent of the bill.

24. Break

23. Committee Reports Continued

D. Legislative Liaison Committee

1. SB54 & 2. AELS Sunset Bill (continued from above)

Garness requested to entertain a motion regarding moving the bill to Department of Law regarding definition of practice.

Motion:
Send SB54 to
Department of
Law for Review

In a Motion made by Ed Leonetti, it was moved to forward to the Department of Law the SB54 draft to evaluate the definition of a title within a practice act to give a recommendation to the board.

There was no second to the motion.

Garness and Baril suggested the board continue to work to find a sponsor for the sunset bill as approved by the board in their November meeting.
Strait expressed concern about the “de-exemption” of natural gas pipelines within the bill possibly causing significant impact to the business of oil and gas in Alaska. There will likely be a large opposition to this part of the bill.

Board Member Randall Rozier left the meeting at 3:27pm.

Motion:
SB54 Support

In a Motion made by Elizabeth Beckett Johnston, seconded by Colin Maynard it was moved that the board endorse the bill as presented in SB54, Version I, Sponsor Substitute, and asking staff to research "prohibition of practice" as presented in today's meeting (February 13, 2025) and bring that back to the Legislative Liaison Committee for further action.

Sterling Strait, seconded by Colin Maynard amended the motion to allow the Legislative Liaison Committee to transmit to Senator Claman the board's position that the bill needs to be refined to satisfy natural gas pipeline companies and the NTSB concerns. Amendment approved unanimously via roll call vote.

The main motion made by Elizabeth Beckett Johnston, seconded by Colin Maynard and approved via roll call vote:

RESOLVED as amended to endorse the bill as presented in SB54, Version I, Sponsor Substitute, and asking staff to research "prohibition of practice" as presented in today's meeting (February 13, 2025) and bring that back to the Legislative Liaison Committee for further action.

	<p>YES: Leonetti, Maynard, Strait, Beckett Johnston, Barry, Rinckey, Maxwell NO: Baril, Garness Absent: Rozier</p>
<p>3. Lapsed/Expired license No Discussion.</p>	

25. Review Action Item List

29. Board Member Comments

<p>Motion: Extend Meeting</p>	<p><i>In a Motion made by Elizabeth Beckett Johnston, seconded by Ed Leonetti and approved unanimously, it was:</i> RESOLVED to extend the meeting agenda to 4:15pm.</p>
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Jake Maxwell thanked the board for the experience. Elizabeth Beckett Johnston noted how much the board has changed over her time of the board: reformed continuing education, updated the mentoring program, updated application processes from paper review to electronic, enabling the board to have more time and discussion to advance the professions. Sara Neal thanked the departing board members for their service and thanked the board for their time to the board. Board members expressed their appreciation for Sara Neal as the departing Executive Administrator for the board.

30. Adjourn

<p>Next Meeting:</p>	<p>May 21-22, 2025</p>
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Respectfully submitted:



Joseph Bonnell, Executive Administrator

Approved:



Jeff Garness, Chair
Environmental and Civil Engineer
Alaska Board of Registration for Architects,
Engineers, and Land Surveyors

Date: May 21, 2025