

Meeting Minutes
South Dakota Board of Technical Professions
1501 S. Highline Ave., Sioux Falls, South Dakota
April 17, 2026, 8:30 a.m. MDT

Ryan Callaghan called the meeting to order at 8:41 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Cory Biegler, Ryan Callaghan, Jared Carda, Mike Coleman, Catherine Dekkenga, Colby Flynn, and Alex Fisher

Others Present: Jodi Aumer, Executive Director, Carrie Kerr, Program Assistant, MaLisa Loeschke, Senior Secretary, Jerry McCabe, Legal Counsel, and Melissa Cannata

Dekkenga made a motion to adopt the agenda as published. Carda seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Callaghan opened the floor for public comments.

Dekkenga made a motion to approve the February 20, 2026 meeting minutes. Biegler seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Dekkenga made a motion to approve the board's financial statements for February 2026 and March 2026. Coleman seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

The board reviewed the activities report ending March 2026.

Dekkenga requested that congratulatory letters and hard-copy licenses be mailed out to new licensees.

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Rules review committees for each profession gave updates to changes that are looking to be made.

Professional Engineers are looking at changing the experience requirements for comity licensure from 10 years of prior licensure with no discipline to 4 years of licensure with no discipline.

Architects agree with the engineers regarding the 10 years of licensure to the 4 years of licensure. Architects believe that changes to the requirements for the certificate on the national level from NCARB will help with some of the barriers that are seen in applications.

Land Surveyors at this time do not see that changing the experience requirements for them would be feasible at this time. They are still having conversations with professional organizations about education and experience.

Aumer reported on recent issues involving fraudulent stamps and related compliance concerns. The board discussed potential rule changes, including increasing fines for the fraudulent use of professional information. The board also reviewed the growing use of AI in professions and how it may need to be addressed in rules and statutes. Aumer noted that a new vendor has been approved, contracts are signed, and meetings will begin next week, with the new system expected to be operational within 3–6 months.

Upcoming Meetings

Organization	Date	Meeting	Location	Attendees	Funded by:
2026 Meetings					
NCEES	May14-16	Central Zone Meeting	Columbus, OH	Callaghan, Biegler, Aumer	NCEES
NCARB	June 25-27	NCARB Annual Meeting	Minneapolis, MN	Carda, Aumer, Dekkenga, McCabe	NCARB
NCEES	August 18-21	Annual Meeting	Henderson, NV	Callaghan, Coleman, Biegler, Aumer, McCabe	NCEES
CLARB	September 17-19, 2026	Annual Meeting	Calgary, Alberta <i>Region 3</i>	Carda, Dekkenga	CLARB

BOARD FUTURE MEETING DATES (All Times are Mountain Time)

June 12, 2026	8:30 a.m.
August 14, 2026	8:30 a.m.
October 16, 2026	8:30 a.m.
December 11, 2026	8:30 a.m.

Biegler made a motion that the board adjourn the meeting. Coleman seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

The board adjourned at 9:40 a.m.