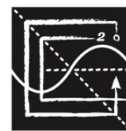


**MINUTES OF THE 2026 CENTRAL/NORTHEAST ZONE JOINT
INTERIM MEETING
Columbus, Ohio
May 15–16, 2026**



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**FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026
JOINT BUSINESS SESSION 1
Jason Suelter, P.E., S.E., Central Zone Vice President, Presiding**

Call to order

Central Zone Vice President Jason Suelter, P.E., S.E. (NE-PE) called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Suelter led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome

Past President Dean Ringle, P.E., P.S. (OH) and Jonathan Link, P.S. (OH) welcomed attendees and provided brief remarks regarding Columbus, Ohio.

Roll call of member boards

Central Zone Secretary Colleen Scholl, P.E. (WI) performed the roll call of member boards for the Central Zone. She noted that a quorum of member boards was present, with all zone boards represented.

Northeast Zone Secretary Jeanne Nebre, P.S. (MD-PS) performed the roll call of member boards for the Northeast Zone. She noted that a quorum of member boards was present, with 18 of the 20 Northeast Zone boards represented. The Vermont PE and Vermont PS boards were not represented.

Introduction of guests and attendees

Vice President Suelter introduced the meeting guests.

Review of schedule

Vice President Suelter reviewed the schedule for the day.

Call for additional agenda items

Vice President Suelter asked for additional agenda items. None were noted. Delegates voted to accept the agenda.

NCEES officer and CEO reports

President's report

President Elizabeth Beckett, P.E. (AK) provided a report.

President-Elect's report

President-Elect Samuel Wilson, DBA, P.E. (DC) provided a report.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Karl Tonander, P.E. (NM) provided a report.

CEO's report

Chief Executive Officer Davy McDowell, P.E., provided a report.

NCEES committee and task force reports

ACCA

Advisory Committee on Council Activities member Deveron Sanders, P.E. (MI-PE) provided a report on the committee's preliminary activities.

Vice President Suelter recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Vice President Suelter called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

Education

Committee on Education member Sallye Perrin, P.E. (MD-PE) provided a report on the committee's preliminary activities.

EPP

Committee on Examination Policy and Procedures member Garth Thomas, P.E. (WV-PE) provided a report on the committee's preliminary activities.

EPE

Committee on Examinations for Professional Engineers member Colleen Scholl, P.E. (WI) provided a report on the committee's preliminary activities.

EPS

Committee on Examinations for Professional Surveyors Chair Joseph Wichert, P.S. (NH-PS) provided a report on the committee's preliminary activities.

Finance

Committee on Finances Chair Kelly Fedele, P.E., P.S. (MI-PS) provided a report on the committee's preliminary activities.

Law Enforcement

Committee on Law Enforcement member Tammy Rollins (MD-PS) provided a report on the committee's preliminary activities.

Licensure

Committee on Licensure member Michael Conzett, P.E. (NE-PE) provided a report on the committee's preliminary activities.

MBA

Committee on Member Board Administrators member Leslie Rosier-Tabor, P.E. (WV-PE) provided a report on the committee's preliminary activities.

Vice President Suelter recessed the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

JOINT BUSINESS SESSION 2**Jason Suelter, P.E., S.E., Central Zone Vice President, Presiding**

Vice President Suelter called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

NCEES committee and task force reports

The meeting continued with committee and task force reports.

UPLG

Committee on Uniform Procedures and Legislative Guidelines member Dhruba (DJ) Biswas, P.E. (NJ) provided a report on the committee's preliminary activities.

Mission Initiatives Task Force

Mission Initiatives Task Force member Marcus Hampton, L.S. (MN) provided a report on the task force's preliminary activities.

Special Committee on Bylaws

Special Committee on Bylaws Chair Jon Wilbeck (NE-PE) provided a report on the committee's preliminary activities.

Structural Practice Task Force

Structural Practice Task Force member Eric Wheeler, S.E. (IL-SE), provided a report on the task force's preliminary activities.

Full committee reports are available on the NCEES website.

Vice President Suelter recessed the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

NORTHEAST ZONE BUSINESS SESSION 1

Azuanuka (Azu) Etoniru, P.E., P.L.S., Northeast Zone Vice President, Presiding

Call to order

Vice President Etoniru called the Northeast Zone meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

Approval of 2025 Northeast Zone annual meeting minutes

Sallye Perrin, P.E. (MD-PE) made a motion, which was seconded by James Purcell, P.E. (NJ) to approve the 2025 Northeast Zone annual meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Committee reports

Nominating Committee

James Purcell, P.E. (NJ), acting chair of the Nominating Committee in the absence of Nominating Committee Chair Barry Lucas, P.E. (DC), acknowledged the members of the Nominating Committee: Barry Lucas, P.E. (DC); Jane Hardy (CT); Windsor Tracy, P.L.S. (PA); and Jennifer Wootten (DE-PE). He then opened the floor for the zone secretary nominations. Thomas (TJ) Frazier, P.L.S. (MD-PS) nominated Jeanne Nebre, P.S. (MD-PS) for zone secretary. The motion was seconded by Robert Kudlawiec, P.E. (PA) and Sallye Perrin, P.E. (MD-PE). Having no other nominations, Purcell moved that Nebre be elected zone secretary by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously.

Leadership Development Committee

Rosaleen (Rosey) Nogle, P.E. (NY), chair of the Leadership Development Committee, acknowledged the members of the Leadership Development Committee: Dhruva (DJ) Biswas, P.E. (MD-PE); John Diebold, P.L.S. (VT-PS); Shallan Fitzgerald, P.E. (MA); Magdy Hagag, P.E. (NJ); Barry Lucas, P.E. (DC); Lisa Peterson, Ph.D., P.E. (PA); Kimberly Powers, P.E. (ME-PE); David Reinhold, P.E. (DE-PE), and Lesley Rosier-Tabor, P.E. (WV-PE). She mentioned the concerns for lower participation in the Northeast Zone. Peterson and Nogle conducted a feedback survey of those present and able to participate. They plan to share the results of the poll in the next zone meeting.

Site Selection Committee

Sallye Perrin, P.E. (MD-PE), chair of the Site Selection Committee, acknowledged the members of the Site Selection Committee: Joyce Hastings, P.L.S. (MA); Robert Kudlawiec, P.E. (PA); Barry Lucas, P.E. (DC); and Jeanne Nebre, P.S. (MD-PS). She provided the report from the committee regarding the history of states that have previously hosted since 1997 and the planned hosts for the coming years. Omaha, Nebraska, will be hosting the all-zone interim meeting on April 22–24, 2027. Maryland will be hosting the joint interim meeting with the Central Zone on May 4–6, 2028. The Pennsylvania board will be voting on hosting for 2029, and the New Jersey board will be voting on hosting for 2030 this coming June. The Maine board is also voting on hosting for 2031.

Awards Committee

Eric Greppo, P.E. (NY), chair of the Awards Committee, acknowledged the members of the Awards committee: DJ Biswas, P.E. (MD-PE); Joyce Hastings, P.L.S. (MA); Robert Kudlawiec, P.E. (PA); and Jeanne Nebre, P.S. (MD-PS). He presented the 2026 Northeast Zone Distinguished Service Award to Michael Brinkash, P.L.S. (PA).

NCEES Foundation

Paul Tyrell, P.E., P.L.S. (MA), member of the NCEES Foundation board of directors, provided a report on the current year's submissions and spending limit. The NCEES Foundation board will meet in June to select funding recipients.

Appointment of the Resolutions Committee

Vice President Etoniru appointed James Purcell, P.E. (NJ) to the Resolutions Committee.

Vice President Etoniru noted that since there were no other items pending for the individual Northeast Zone meeting, reconvening the meeting for another Northeast Zone business session the following day would not be necessary. Vice President Etoniru concluded Northeast Zone Business Session 1 at 4:43 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

JOINT BUSINESS SESSION 3

Jason Suelter, P.E., S.E., Central Zone Vice President, Presiding

Call to order

Central Zone Vice President Jason Suelter, P.E., S.E. (NE-PE) called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Forum reports

Reports were provided for the forums held earlier.

- Engineering: Rosaleen (Rosey) Nogle, P.E. (NY) provided a report on the Engineering Forum.
- Surveying: Dean Ringle, P.E., P.S. (OH) provided a report on the Surveying Forum.
- Member board administrators: Lesley Rosier-Tabor, P.E. (WV-PE) provided a report on the MBA Forum.

New business

Vice President Suelter extended thanks to the Ohio Board for hosting. Northeast Zone Vice President Azuanuka (Azu) Etoniru, P.E., P.L.S. (MA) introduced the Resolutions Committee. James Purcell, P.E. (NJ) presented the report from the Resolutions Committee.

Invitation to 2027 all-zone interim meeting

Vice President Suelter announced that the 2027 all-zone interim meeting will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, on April 22–24, 2027.

Adjournment

Vice President Suelter adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Jeanne Nebre, P.S.
NCEES Northeast Zone Secretary

Colleen Scholl, P.E.
NCEES Central Zone Secretary