

Meeting Minutes
South Dakota Board of Technical Professions
420 S. Roosevelt St., Aberdeen, South Dakota
August 14, 2026, 9:30 a.m. CDT

Alex Fischer called the meeting to order at 9:31 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; MaLisa Loeschke, Program Assistant; Jaime Matthews, Senior Secretary; Jerry McCabe, Legal Counsel; Nancy Hoines; Jenny Gabbels; Carl Olimb; Melissa Cannata.

Biegler made a motion to adopt the agenda as published. Callaghan seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Fischer opened the floor for public comments.

Nancy Hoines announced PDH opportunities:

- SD Engineering Society will be having a meeting October 14-15 in Brookings, SD.
- SDSPLS will host the national fall meeting October 18-20 in Deadwood, SD.
- SDSPLS will host the 44th Annual Convention January 6-8, 2027 in Mitchell, SD.

Jenny Gabbels and Carl Olimb, both with Augustana University, spoke about their plans to offer an ABET-accredited engineering program starting Fall 2027. The program would offer a Bachelor of Engineering with specialties in Civil, Mechanical, and Electrical. They are looking for members for an advisory board as well as steps to become accredited.

Dekkenga made a motion to approve the June 12, 2026, meeting minutes. Carda seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Dekkenga made a motion to approve the board's financial statements for June 2026 and July 2026. Biegler seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

The board reviewed the activities report ending July 2026.

Rules review committees for each profession gave updates on changes that are planned.

Carda and Aumer attended the NCARB annual meeting June 25-27 in Minneapolis, MN. Licensing changes for NCARB are being made at the national level to remove competency barriers that may require changes in South Dakota rules and laws. Fischer suggested a representative from NCARB present the changes to the board when the implementation time is closer.

Aumer reported on the timing of the new database. The transition is going well with a tentative go live date in September. Aumer will have training with board members who approve applications when the system is ready.

Aumer also updated the board on staffing changes. Jaime Matthews has been hired as Senior Secretary.

Upcoming Meetings

Organization	Date	Meeting	Location	Attendees	Funded by:
2026 Meetings					
NCEES	August 18-21	Annual Meeting	Henderson, NV	Biegler, Aumer	NCEES
CLARB	August 27-29, 2026	Annual Meeting	Calgary, Alberta <i>Region 3</i>	Carda	CLARB
NCARB	Oct 9-10, 2026		Memphis, TN	Aumer, Fischer	NCARB

BOARD FUTURE MEETING DATES (All Times are Central Time)

October 16, 2026 9:30 a.m.

December 11, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Callaghan made a motion that the board adjourn the meeting. Carda seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

The board adjourned at 10:31 a.m.