

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

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JULY 19, 2013

The six hundred and eightieth meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on July 19, 2013, was called to order by Chairman Mr. S. Edward Jeter at 9:12 AM in Room No. 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

### **Board Members**

<b>Present:</b>	David H. Barkin	Board Member
	Carole W. Briggs	Board Member
	Robert B. Hurd	Board Member
	S. Edward Jeter	Chairman
	Pauline S. Morales	Board Member

### **Board Members**

#### **Not Present:**

**Vacancy:** None

<b>Others Present:</b>	Robert M. Kuzmich	Department of Consumer Protection (DCP)
	Steven J. Schwane	Department of Consumer Protection
	Peter R. Huntsman	Attorney General's Office
	Diane Harp Jones	AIA/CT

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## **1. Old Business**

1A. Submission of the minutes of the May 17, 2013 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting; for review and approval. After a thorough review of the minutes by all Board Members, the Board voted to approve the minutes as written. It was noted that Ms. Briggs abstained from the vote. (Hurd/Barkin)

1B. Continuation of discussion concerning Letter dated January 3, 2013 from Anthony L. D'Andrea, Chairman, Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors; for discussion by the Board. Mr. Huntsman noted that the Engineering Board received this Board's letter written to them and saw no reason to take any further action. The Engineer's Board does not see a problem with the letter they sent to the City of Hartford.

At this point, it was noted that this Board's position was stated in writing and clear. As such, the Board now discussed their options, among which, was a written response from the Commissioner noting that the some of the Engineering Board's conclusions are in error. Another option was for the Architects' Board to send a letter to the City of Hartford stating their response but after further consideration, it was decided this would not be the best course of action.

After further discussion, it was decided to have Mr. Jeter meet with Mr. D'Andrea and discuss the Board's position face-to-face. Mr. Jeter asked that he be provided with a copy of Mr. Chandler's letter that was sent to the City of Hartford for his reference prior to the meeting.

1C. Continuation of discussion concerning the State of Nevada Registration Quiz; for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Barkin wanted to share how Nevada attempts to assure that their licensees understand Nevada licensing law that is not a part of their law. The implementation of this examination was done by policy and not in their law specifically. He explained the mechanics of the test and the administrative aspects of the same.

The validity of the examination was discussed among the Board in terms of its effectiveness to licensees. After extensive discussion on this topic, the Board understands the intent of the administration of such an examination in Connecticut but also considered Department limitations which may challenge its implementation. At the suggestion of Ms. Diane Harp Jones of AIA/CT, the Board voted to have a declaration on the renewal forms for architects. This declaration will state that the Department recommends that the licensee review current statutes and regulations concerning the practice of Architecture in Connecticut and may reference the ramifications resulting from violations of these laws. (Hurd/Briggs)

## 2. New Business

2A. Letter to Mr. Peter R. Huntsman, dated June 10, 2013, from Ms. Priyanka Nandi concerning her request for written confirmation that her employment doesn't require licensing as an architect; for review and action by the Board. Mr. Huntsman explained the details of this matter to the Board and presented them a draft letter detailing a comparison between the duties of her job and what the statute defines as architecture. Mr. Huntsman made it clear that this draft response is based solely upon the details of her job as given to him. Mr. Hurd noted that the draft of Mr. Huntsman's letter perfectly answers her questions and exemplifies the posture the Board wishes to take. Mr. Huntsman clarified that this letter cannot come from his office and must come from the Board.

After more discussion, the Board voted unanimously to accept Mr. Huntsman's draft response. Mr. Jeter will sign this letter on behalf of the Board and send it to Ms. Nandi. (Hurd/Briggs)

2B. The following candidates has passed the *Architect Registration Examination* and is recommended by the Department of Consumer Protection for licensing as an Architect in the State of Connecticut; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individuals for licensing as architects in Connecticut.* (Briggs/Hurd)

1. Agostinucci, Stephen A.
2. Cleveland, Kenneth E.
3. DeSousa, Rui A. C
4. Nardi, Christopher T.

2C. Applications for licensing by waiver of examination; the following individuals are recommended by the Department of Consumer Protection for licensing as architects in the State of Connecticut on the basis of waiver of examination with an NCARB Certificate Record or by Direct Endorsement; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individuals for licensing as architects in the State of Connecticut.* (Briggs/Jeter)

1	Avery, Richard	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	Direct
2	Barber, Danny W.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 34052)
3	Beachy, Sean B.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 69631)
4	Bell, Benjamin T.	Waiver of Examination; Oregon	(NCARB File No. 67357)
5	Brenneise, Holly	Waiver of Examination; Minnesota	(NCARB File No. 60686)
6	Briggs, Gerald	Waiver of Examination; Maryland	(NCARB File No. 23921)
7	Clements, Jr., John R.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 137309)
8	Cold, Stephen R.	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 59424)
9	Crocker, Jeffrey S.	Waiver of Examination; Nebraska	(NCARB File No. 71648)
10	D'Elisa, Kristine K.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
11	Dilmaghani, Esmail	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 100009)

12	Eichenlaub, Brian F.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	Direct
13	Ennis, Kristina L.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	Direct
14	Ford, Mark P.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 105537)
15	Gershon, Patrick S.	Waiver of Examination; Virginia	Direct
16	Halsema, R. James	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 46056)
17	Hapstak, Peter	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 140963)
18	Harding, V, John H. H.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 133647)
19	Holtermann, Eric	Waiver of Examination; West Virginia	(NCARB File No. 395053)
20	Katreczko, Alexander J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 689684)
21	Layman, Michael S.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 59455)
22	Lawson, Melissa M.	Waiver of Examination; Rhode Island	(NCARB File No. 87881)
23	Leavitt, Jonathan	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 684824)
24	Levey, Douglas J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 43437)
25	Lobo, Sharon	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 119909)
26	Loeschke, Jr., Richard J.	Waiver of Examination; Maryland	(NCARB File No. 115841)
27	Lynch, John P.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 42435)
28	Onderdonk, III, John A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
29	Pereiras, Manuel J.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 101436)
30	Ruggie, Graham L.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 84420)
31	Saizan, Lori P.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 48081)
32	Sas, Michael S.	Waiver of Examination; Washington	(NCARB File No. 120578)
33	Sgarzi, Christopher A.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 88498)
34	Smith, Israel D.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 82168)
35	Thiel, David	Waiver of Examination; Kentucky	(NCARB File No. 60730)
36	Tyndall, Joseph A.	Waiver of Examination; Arizona	(NCARB File No. 32659)
37	Vassalotti, II, James E.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 28913)
38	Vogel, Philip C.	Waiver of Examination; Minnesota	Direct
39	Waltz, Paul D.	Waiver of Examination; Arkansas	(NCARB File No. 75457)
40	Williams, Jeramy	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 118604)
41	Wurl, Scott D.	Waiver of Examination; Wisconsin	(NCARB File No. 81569)

2D. Application for the Corporate Practice of Architecture; the Department has reviewed and recommends for approval the following application; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following application for the Corporate Practice of Architecture in Connecticut. (Briggs/Hurd)*

*Eric J. Smith Architect, P.C.*  
5 Union Square West, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10003

Eric J. Smith, CEO  
Connecticut Lic. No. 6634

2E. Complaint Report from the Trade Practices Division concerning Complaints associated with the Architectural Licensing Board; for the Board's review. Mr. Jeter noted that he met with Mr. Maloney to explain the format in which the Board wants to see the report. Although the report as given to the Board today is in the correct format, they doubt the fact it shows no pending complaints. Ms. Harp Jones questioned perhaps the fact that the report does not show AIA/CT's complaints may be because she has not been submitting her complaints on official Department Complaint forms.

Ms. Briggs suggested that AIA/CT provide the Department with an updated spreadsheet showing all her organizations pending complaints and get this information to the Trade Practices Division. Mr. Hurd finds it very hard to understand why the Department would not want to provide the Board with the information they need to help do their job and protect the public. Mr. Jeter will follow up with Mr. Maloney once Ms. Jones forwards AIA/CT's list of complaints.

2F. Update from the Department's Legal Staff regarding any Board issues or otherwise.

1. Mr. Schwane had no items to report to the Board.

2G. Any correspondence and/or business received in the interim.

1. Ms. Harp Jones formally thanked Mr. Jeter, Mr. Hurd, and Mr. Barkin for representing the Board and Department in attending AIA/CT's recent event together with the members of the National Council of Architectural Boards to benefit Connecticut's Architectural Interns.

2. Mr. Barkin stated that he is now a part of the *National Council of Architectural Registration Board's Broadly Experienced Architect (BEA) Committee* which reviews and approves the *Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect Program (BEFA Program)*. The Board congratulated Mr. Barkin and thanked him for his service.

***The meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m. (Briggs/\_\_\_\_\_) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, September 27, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.; State Office Building; Room 117; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.  
Board Administrator