

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2013

The six hundred and eighty first meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on September 27, 2013, was called to order by Chairman Mr. S. Edward Jeter at 10:04 AM in Room No. 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Board Members

Present:	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: None.

Vacancies: None.

Others Present:	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
	Bruce Spiewak	AIA/CT
	Michael J. Armstrong	NCARB
	Katherine E. Hillegas, CAE	NCARB
	Douglas J. Morgan,	NCARB

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions, and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information, contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135 or Fax (860)-706-1255.

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1. Old Business

1A. Submission of the minutes of the July 19, 2013 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting; for review and approval. Board Counsel Mr. Peter Huntsman noted an error in the minutes. On page 2, second paragraph, fourth line, the word "so" shall be changed to "saw". As such, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as corrected herein. (Hurd/Briggs)

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. Jeter reviewed the details of this matter for the benefit of the Board's guests at today's meeting from the NCARB. Mr. Jeter and other Board Members explained the ramifications of this letter which is now on public record and concerns this Board very much. A letter was written from this Board to the Engineers Board Chair expressing their concern to which they received no response. The Engineer's Board also stated at their meeting that they see nothing wrong with this letter and see no reason for change. An attempt was made by Mr. Jeter to meet personally with the Engineer's Board Chairman to no avail. Phone calls and e-mails from Mr. Jeter to the Chairman of the Engineer's Board were not returned. Ms. Harp Jones stated, for the record, that this letter has become an issue for many of AIA/CT's members.

Ms. Briggs suggested that perhaps the best solution to this matter would be a meeting with the Commissioner in person including all representatives from both Boards, their Counsel, and representatives of AIA/Connecticut. It was suggested that this meeting could take place at the next regular meeting of the Engineers Board scheduled for October. Mr. Schwane noted that the Commissioner will not be in the State at the time of the next meeting of the Engineers Board. As such, Ms. Briggs motioned to request that Mr. Kuzmich generate a request from the Architects Board to the Engineers Board to have their representative meet with the Commissioner along with a representative from the Architects Board to discuss this matter; specifically the incidental practice of Architecture and Engineering. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hurd and carried unanimously.

1C. Draft of proposed language, from Mr. Steven Schwane, to be added to Architect License Renewals; for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Schwane presented the Board with language to be included on license renewals which states that the Department recommends that Architects review the Statutes and Regulations concerning the practice of Architecture in Connecticut to avoid any possible violations which may result in action against their license including suspension or revocation. The Board voted unanimously to accept this language. (Briggs/Hurd)

2. New Business

2A. Correspondence from Ms. Kathy Hillegas, dated July 24, 2013, concerning Proposed Changes to the NCARB Intern Development Program; for review and discussion by the Board. Ms. Hillegas noted that NCARB's Board of Directors has voted to approve these changes. The Board discussed how NCARB's changes to the Intern Development Program recognize and reflect the current practice of the profession and encourage participation in the same by the nature of the programs flexibility. NCARB is trying to remove unnecessary impairments on the path to licensure. The Board voted unanimously to endorse the recommendations of the NCARB concerning their Intern Development Program. (Briggs/Hurd)

2B. Correspondence from Ms. Kathy Hillegas, dated August 8, 2013, concerning the Updated Mutual Recognition Agreement between NCARB and CALA; for review and discussion by the Board. Ms. Briggs first motioned to endorse the Mutual Recognition Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hurd.

For the benefit of the Board Mr. Armstrong explained the details of this document. He noted the Canadian Government made significant changes to their requirements for licensing in terms of education, experience, and examination. As such, the NCARB conducted a detailed study of their changes. After extensive discussion with the Canadian authorities it was decided that a one year experience in a Canadian Applicant's home Province was required before granting reciprocity with a United States Entity. It was noted that this impacts only the newly licensed architects. NCARB believes this additional requirement equalizes the qualification between the two Countries. As such, the Canadian Authorities also requires the same of American Architects seeking reciprocity with Canadian Provinces.

Mr. Armstrong stated that is the intent for the existing Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) to expire at the end of this year at which point, NCARB hopes to achieve a fifty percent (50%) acceptance by all their Member Boards by the end of this year for this agreement to become effective. This timeline will be extended if necessary. Mr. Armstrong gave this Board the statistics of what other State Boards are in favor and those that are not as well as concerns with this new proposed MRA that have been expressed.

After discussion on the action this Board needs to take, the Board voted unanimously to take such steps as necessary to adopt the Letter of Undertaking as required by Connecticut Law in order for it to be effective. (Briggs/Hurd)

2C. 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)

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| 1. Carmelo Ferla | 3. Laura Taglianetti |
| 2. Andrew Hunt | 4. Andrew M. Tarpill |

2D. 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/Hurd)

1	Baekey, Andrew B.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 701940)
2	Bentley, Jo Ann	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 45751)
3	Brooks-Pilling, Tom	Waiver of Examination; Missouri	(NCARB File No. 47748)
4	Burns, Jr., Laurence C.	Waiver of Examination; Arkansas	(NCARB File No. 32135)
5	Catalano, Thomas P.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
6	Chada, Sanjiv	Waiver of Examination; New Hampshire	(NCARB File No. 110771)
7	Childers, Rollie D.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 44654)
8	Clancy, John B.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 82769)
9	Clever, Gregory S.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 63197)
10	Cvejanovich, Robert	Waiver of Examination; Virginia	(NCARB File No. 33476)
11	Ewen, Anthony E.	Waiver of Examination; Maryland	(NCARB File No. 42847)
12	Fowler, Chad E.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 89586)
13	Gnish, Jason D.	Waiver of Examination; Arizona	(NCARB File No. 96477)
14	Golomme, Kevin A.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 99940)
15	Goodwin, Michael	Waiver of Examination; Maryland	(NCARB File No. 62261)
16	Grillo, John M.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
17	Iaria, Stephen T.	Waiver of Examination; Minnesota	(NCARB File No. 92402)
18	Jankiewicz, Dennis R.	Waiver of Examination; Michigan	(NCARB File No. 23244)
19	Johnson, Karla S.	Waiver of Examination; Vermont	(NCARB File No. 139646)
20	Johnson, Richard S.	Waiver of Examination; Rhode Island	(NCARB File No. 135941)
21	Kosiorek, Josph C.	Waiver of Examination; Maryland	(NCARB File No. 67494)
22	Kuharski, Allison	Waiver of Examination; California	Direct
23	Ladds, Christian J.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 45725)
24	Lang, Erik	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 76445)
25	Lang, Joseph W.	Waiver of Examination; Arizona	(NCARB File No. 47221)
26	Lougheed, Ronald A.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 76074)

27	Mann, David J.	Waiver of Examination; North Dakota	(NCARB File No. 47568)
28	Orgera, Robert K.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 529194)
29	Pigford, Richard I.	Waiver of Examination; Alabama	(NCARB File No. 56328)
30	Pollard, Vicki J.	Waiver of Examination; South Carolina	(NCARB File No. 72777)
31	Woolridge, Rex H.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 26197)
32	Roach, Daniel	Waiver of Examination; Oregon	(NCARB File No. 54031)
33	Rosenblum, Todd	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
34	Schaub, Andrew W.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 82664)
35	Slocum, Craig A.	Waiver of Examination; Virginia	(NCARB File No. 99345)
36	Smerina, Joseph	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 75530)
37	Triplett, Jana Bee	Waiver of Examination; Missouri	(NCARB File No. 64484)
38	Underwood, Andrew R.	Waiver of Examination; Tennessee	(NCARB File No. 100280)
39	Warshefski, Jr., Robert J.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 82900)

2E. 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 applications for the Corporate Practice of Architecture in Connecticut. (Briggs/Hurd)*

Architectural Group International, Inc.
15 W 7th Street
Covington, Kentucky 41011

Timothy B. Seaman, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 10699

Aventine, Inc.
68 Southfield Avenue
2 Stamford Landing, Suite 100
Stamford, Connecticut 06902

Heidi Perham, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 12736

CPH Architect, Inc.
500 West Fulton Street
Sanford, Florida 32771

John A. Baer, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 11257

Hoffman Planning, Design & Construction, Inc.
122 E. College Avenue, Suite 1G
Appleton, Wisconsin 54911

Miles S. Girouard, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 12633

HMD Group PA PC.
10556 NW 26th Street, Suite D-101
Doral, Florida 33172

Wilfredo F. Perez, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 8982

2F. Complaint Report from the Trade Practices Division concerning Complaints associated with the Architectural Licensing Board; for the Board's review. Mr. Jeter noted the reason for two reports is that one reflects complaints of this year and the second report on complaints that are still open. Ms. Briggs stated that Complainants names should not be on this report as told to the Department many times before. Ms.

Briggs would also like a definition on what “file and monitor” means on future editions of this report along with an explanation of the protocol for the same. The Board also notes that the format of these reports is more in line with what they have been asking for in the past.

2G. Update from the Department’s Legal Staff regarding any Board issues or otherwise.

1. Mr. Schwane had no updates for the Board.

2. Mr. Huntsman update the Board on a call he received regarding a corporation which originally incorporated in Massachusetts and are reincorporating as a Connecticut Corporation and asked the Board what their protocol is for this procedure. The Board simply requires a written notification of their change of State of Incorporation.

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

1. Ms. Harp Jones thanked Mr. Barkin and Mr. Jeter for their attendance at AIA/CT’s recently held Event for newly licensed architects by means of written examination as Connecticut Candidates. She expressed how much the Board’ presence at these meetings means to these individuals.

2. Ms. Harp Jones asked the Board for a means to ensure that renewing architecture corporations update the Department on their compliance with Connecticut especially in terms of stock percentage ownerships at the time of their renewals. A checkbox type graphic on the renewal forms was discussed as a possible way of accomplishing this.

3. In response to a question from Mr. Hurd, Mr. Schwane noted that the proposed changes to the Architect’s Regulation regarding Electronic Seals has been submitted to the Department’s Legislative Liaison, Mr. Gary Berner, and has been approved by him. The documentation for the next step towards their implementation is now being undertaken by a different Department Staff Attorney.

4. Mr. Bruce Spiewak addressed the Board concerning questions he received about clarifications concerning the Board Declaratory Ruling 93-1 and the lack of consistency, uneven enforcement, and lack of education of this language by Building Officials in different Towns and Cities. He gave the Board an example of such a situation. He will pursue this issue with State Building Officials Office but wanted confirmation from the Board that no changes have been made to this language to which the Board confirmed that there were no such changes made.

5. Mr. Mike Armstrong from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards addressed the Board. He gave the Board an introduction to his duties at NCARB as well as his professional background.

Mr. Armstrong emphasized his concern over the importance of his staff personally meeting with their Member Boards to improve their services and communication to them. He also addressed the efforts of NCARB to advance efficiency in their use of Volunteer Professionals relative to Committee Meetings which require travel.

The Architectural Registration Examination was discussed in terms of the computer software used to implement the test sections and the form of the examination in terms of case studies in lieu of the present graphic vignettes. The new Examination will be called ARE 5.0 and the target date for implementation is the Fall of 2015. NCARB is also very aware of the transitions of existing candidates into this new examination and the potential for them to lose credit for test sections already passed. One possibility being discussed is running two separate examinations thereby avoiding translation problems entirely. Mr. Armstrong also noted that NCARB will be capping back fees for former Certificate Holders wanting to reinstate their NCARB Members Status in consideration of the current economy.

The Board thanked Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Douglas Morgan, and Ms. Kathy Hillegas for their efforts in visiting the Connecticut Architectural Licensing Board, in action, and for their diligent efforts to better improve NCARB's services to Connecticut and all of their member Boards.

6. The Board changed the date of their next Regular Meeting from November 15, 2013 to November 22, 2013 to accommodate a conflict in schedules. Mr. Kuzmich will confirm this change by e-mail to all Board Members.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, November 22, 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