

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

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SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

The six hundred and eighty sixth meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on September 19, 2014, was called to order by Board Member Mr. Robert B. Hurd at 9:07 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 (participation by telephone conference call)
	Pauline S. Morales	Board Member

### **Board Members**

**Not Present:** None.

**Vacancies:** None.

<b>Others Present:</b>	Robert M. Kuzmich	Department of Consumer Protection (DCP)
	Steven Schwane	Staff Attorney
	Lynn Fiore	Staff Attorney
	Peter R. Huntsman	Attorney General's Office
	Bruce Spiewak	AIA/CT
	Diane Harp Jones	AIA/CT
	Suzanne Pertusiello	Licensing Candidate

*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 August 1, 2014 and August 29, 2014 Architectural Licensing Board Meetings; for review and approval. After a thorough review, the Board approved the minutes as submitted. (Briggs/Morales)

1B. Appearance before the Board by Ms. Suzanne Pertusiello for consideration to continue her Architect Registration Examination as a Connecticut Candidate; for review and discussion by the Board.

Ms. Pertusiello addressed the Board stating that she would like to apply for authorization to sit for the Architect Registration Examination in route to Architectural Licensure in the State of Connecticut.

She has completed a four year pre-professional architectural degree from Lehigh University (Bachelor of Arts) graduating in 1996. She has worked as an Architectural Designer in various firms and completed the NCARB Intern Development Program requirements. She was issued an NCARB Certificate in 2003 and her NCARB Record Number is 105385. Ms. Pertusiello was authorized to sit for the A.R.E. in New York State in 2003 and has not sat for any sections to date.

Since 2003, she has continued working as an Architectural Designer. During this time, she passed the National Council of Interior Design Qualification Examination and was issued an NCIDQ Certificate. Ms. Pertusiello would like to sit for the A.R.E. as a Connecticut Candidate and is presenting her qualifications to the Board today for their consideration. The primary issue with this application is Ms. Pertusiello's lack of an accredited degree in architecture. Therefore, the Board must review and approve the same for her to sit for the examination.

After further discussion, Mr. Hurd volunteered to step down and review Ms. Pertusiello's file on behalf of the Board. Ms. Pertusiello was directed to submit the Application for Architect's License and fee to the Department. In addition, she shall contact the NCARB and have them forward to the Connecticut Board her complete **NCARB Council Record** which will then be forwarded to Mr. Hurd.

Any additional information that Ms. Pertusiello would like Mr. Hurd to have will be sent by e-mail to Mr. Kuzmich who will then transmit the same to him to be included in her file for review. Provided the material is received in time, Mr. Hurd will present his report to the Board at their November 21, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

1C. Report from Mr. David H. Barkin regarding his evaluation of Mr. Stuart Allen's application and file for licensing as an Architect in Connecticut; for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Barkin spoke with Mr. Allen and will be meeting with him in the very near future. As such, the Board postponed further action on this application until their November 21, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

## **2. New Business**

2A. E-mail from Ms. Portia Watson Elmer dated July 31, 2014 and her cover letter to the Board dated July 30, 2014 for consideration to sit for the Architect Registration Examination; for review and discussion by the Board. The primary issue with this request concerns her lack of a completed NCARB Council Record; in particular, the Intern Development Program requirements. She was admitted by the California Board to sit for the Architect Registration Examination but lost her eligibility in May of this year. Due to a variety of circumstances, all her work experience in architecture was not counted due to changes in NCARB's IDP reporting rules. She is asking the Board to consider accepting her prior work experience in substitution for current IDP documented time. Ms. Elmer would like to sit for the A.R.E. as a Connecticut Candidate and is presenting her qualifications to the Board today for their consideration.

After further discussion, Mr. Jeter volunteered to step down and review Ms. Elmer's file on behalf of the Board. Ms. Elmer will be directed to submit the Application for Architect's License and fee to the Department. In addition, she shall contact the NCARB and have them forward to the Connecticut Board her complete **NCARB Council Record** which will then be forwarded to Mr. Jeter. Provided the material is received in time, Mr. Jeter will present his report to the Board at their November 21, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.

2B. The following candidates have passed the Architect Registration Examination and are recommended by the Department of Consumer Protection for licensing as an Architect in the State of Connecticut; after a thorough review of their applications, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individuals for licensing as architects in Connecticut. (Briggs/Morales)

1. Prajakta Jadhav
2. Gwen L. Mulcahey

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/Barkin)***

1	Cardozo, Russell W.	Waiver of Examination; Virginia	(NCARB File No. 111828)
2	Coleman, Michael D.	Waiver of Examination; Alabama	(NCARB File No. 82423)
3	Cupkovic, Noel L.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 114840)
4	Curtis, Thalassa A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 66505)
5	Fair, Robert D.	Waiver of Examination; Rhode Island	(NCARB File No. 44333)
6	Gilchrist, John J.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	Direct
7	Griffith, Mark	Waiver of Examination; Hawaii	(NCARB File No. 52051)
8	Heidtke, David P.	Waiver of Examination; Louisiana	(NCARB File No. 80722)
9	Hoang, Phu D.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 126512)
10	Jepsen, Robert P.	Waiver of Examination; Virginia	(NCARB File No. 50772)
11	Kacur, Justin R.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
12	Lisle, Geoffrey A.	Waiver of Examination; Indiana	(NCARB File No. 72736)
13	Lucic, Katia	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 84045)
14	Montalbano, Joseph	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 70064)
15	Nelson, Julia M.	Waiver of Examination; Virginia	Direct
16	Poisson, Todd R.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
17	Rawlings, Timothy S.	Waiver of Examination; Arizona	(NCARB File No. 97524)
18	Rawlins, Christopher B.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 91191)
19	Roberts, Jeanne K.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	Direct
20	Selke, Derek L.	Waiver of Examination; North Carolina	(NCARB File No. 91738)
21	Stalzer, Thomas	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 118595)
22	Tulumello, Giuseppe	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 101170)
23	Van Tine, Kenneth V.	Waiver of Examination; Michigan	(NCARB File No. 63911)
24	Zephir, Jeffrey R.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 67045)

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

Sowinski Sullivan Architects, P.C.  
25 Mohawk Avenue  
Sparta, New Jersey 07871

Suzanne Sowinski Sullivan, CEO  
Connecticut Lic. No. 10549

Wight Carlson Architectural Services, Inc.  
155 Federal Street, Suite 700  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Richard A. Carlson, CEO  
Connecticut Lic. No. 12701

2E. Applications for the Joint Corporate Practice of Architecture and Professional Engineering; the Department has reviewed and recommends for approval the following applications; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following applications for the Joint Corporate Practice of Architecture and Professional Engineering in Connecticut. (Briggs/Morales)*

Frankfurt-Short-Bruza Associates, P.C.  
5801 Broadway Extension, Suite 500  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

Gary W. James, President  
Connecticut Lic. No. 29912

Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, P.C.  
1065 Avenue of the Americas, 6<sup>th</sup> Flr.  
New York, New York 10018

Patrick E. MacLeamy, CEO  
Connecticut Lic. No. 9609

2F. Complaint Report from the Trade Practices Division concerning Complaints associated with the Architectural Licensing Board; for the Board's review. The Board acknowledged receipt of the report and reviewed the same in detail.

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

1. Mr. Schwane introduced Ms. Lynn Fiore as his replacement since he will be retiring on September 30, 2014 as he previously stated to this Board. He expressed his gratitude to the Board and the other Professional Boards and Commissions he had the privilege to work with over his thirty one year tenure with the Department of Consumer Protection. The Board thanked Mr. Schwane for his advice, council, and perseverance with the many issues they have dealt with over the years. Mr. Schwane was given a round of applause by all present today.

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

1. Ms. Diane Harp Jones, representing AIA/CT, addressed the Board on behalf of one of their members regarding his practice in Canada. This member is originally licensed in Connecticut and requests a letter of Good Standing from this Board in support of his licensure in Canada. This discussion also led to a request from AIA/CT for an update from the Department of Consumer Protection on the status of the signing of the Letter of Undertaking in Respect of the Mutual Recognition Agreement between the National Council of Architectural Registration Board and the Canadian Architectural Licensing Authorities. Connecticut' participation in this agreement would greatly benefit individuals such as Ms. Jones's constituent in pursuing licensure and work in Canada.

This Board voted to authorize the signing of this Document over a year ago and it was given to the Office of the Commissioner for his review and approval prior to the Board signing the document. Mr. Kuzmich will pursue the status of this document and

report back to the Board in the very near future. The Board also voted unanimously to authorize that a letter of Good Standing be issued to the AIA/CT member Ms. Jones is representing today. (Jeter/Briggs) As an aside, Mr. Barkin suggested that Ms. Jones's constituent contact his local legislators to expedite the review and signing of this document.

2. Mr. Jeter noted that some of the issues addressed by the Board today concerning the applications for candidates to sit for the Architect Registration Examination may, in part, relate to the recent and proposed changes made by the NCARB relating to the Intern Development Program.

*The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, November 21, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.; State Office Building; Room 117; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.  
Board Administrator