

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

-MINUTES-

NOVEMBER 21 2014

The six hundred and eighty sixth meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on November 21, 2014, was called to order by Chairman Mr. S. Edward Jeter at 9:07 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)
	Peter R. Huntsman	AAG
	Michael Ayles	IDP State Coordinator
	Stuart Allen	Licensing Candidate
	Bruce Spiewak	AIA/CT

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1. Old Business

1A. Submission of the minutes of the September 19, 2014 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting; for review and approval. After a thorough review, the Board approved the minutes as submitted. (Briggs/Hurd)

1B. Report from Mr. Robert B. Hurd regarding his evaluation of Ms. Suzanne Pertusiello application and file for consideration to continue her Architect Registration Examination as a Connecticut Candidate; for review and discussion by the Board.

Mr. Hurd detailed his review of this candidates file and noted that he interviewed her by telephone. Her reasons for not completing her professional degree were the typical reasons this Board has heard before; primarily the cost of the additional education. Her degree is in architecture with a minor in urban studies and her work experience has been in interior design and interior architecture. Ms. Pertusiello has established an NCARB File in 2003 and at that had approximately four years of approved training working with licensed design professionals.

Mr. Jeter believes her background in architecture appears to be very “thin” with not much documented experience in large and medium scale projects. Ms. Morales asked for more clarification on her work experience with Perkins Eastman doing educational projects. In response, members of the Board detailed what educational project work entails. Further, they believe that this type of work constitutes excellent architectural training. Ms. Morales also questioned her work in interior design and why the candidate has not aligned herself more with becoming an interior designer. Mr. Hurd responded with examples of her work experience as it pertains to interior design and noted that this Board has encountered a long standing divergence of opinion from the design professional community as it relates to the licensing of interior designers. That aside, Ms. Pertusiello’s work as an independent consultant has brought her to a point where she wants to expand herself professionally by getting a license in architecture. Mr. Hurd believes that the candidate is qualified has earned the right to take the Architectural Registration Examination.

It was noted that the candidate has satisfied and in fact exceeded the overall Intern Development Program work experience requirements. The remaining parts of the process of licensing for this candidate to satisfy are the educational and examination components. This Board is trying to determine if her life experience makes up for her lack of an accredited degree and allow her to sit for the Architectural Registration Examination. The Board has a difference of opinion regarding the diversity of her work experience and can she really practice as a an architect when she gets her license keeping in mind that the license is unlimited and covers all types of buildings.

Ms. Briggs first motioned to allow Ms. Pertusiello to sit for the A.R.E. The motion was and seconded by Mr. Barkin. Ms. Morales still questions the candidates work experience as being real architecture and the Board now resumed their discussion on the type of work experience Ms. Pertusiello has accrued. After more discussion, the Board decided to have Ms. Pertusiello appear before them at their next meeting scheduled for January 16, 2015 to address additional concerns that arose from today's discussion. As such they postponed further action on their motion until after this 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 noted this candidate is present at today's meeting and available for any questions from the Board. Mr. Barkin presented the Board with and overview of the candidate's educational background and work history. He also note that the candidate is licensed in Wisconsin as his base State and also hold a license in New York State obtained through reciprocity. Mr. Barkin also stated the candidate has earned 92 credit hours towards a Master's Degree in Architecture and fell just eight credits short of graduating.

Ms. Briggs complimented Mr. Barkin on his report for this candidate and motioned to approve Mr. Allen to sit for the Architectural Registration Examination as a Connecticut Candidate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hurd. Ms. Morales asked the candidate why he did not complete his degree to which he responded that he had several incomplete grades due to incomplete papers which he now regrets. The courses not completed became incomplete by the University of Illinois by virtue of time passed. The motion carried noting that Mr. Barkin abstained from the vote.

2. New Business

2A. Letter of Undertaking in respect of the Mutual Recognition Agreement between the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards and the Canadian Architectural Licensing Authorities; update from the Department of Consumer Protection.

Mr. Kuzmich gave the Board a history of their discussion on this matter. He stated that this Agreement has been fully approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection on behalf of the Department and is on the Board's agenda today for their review and signature of acceptance of this Agreement. As such, Ms. Briggs first motioned to accept this Agreement as approved by the Department of Consumer Protection. Mr. Hurd seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

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 (including the candidate added to the agenda at this meeting) for licensing as architects in Connecticut. (Hurd/Briggs)

1. Benjamin J. Robinson
2. Bartosz S. Toczylowski
3. Tanner White

The Board added the following individual by unanimous vote to the names of examination candidates listed under Agenda Item 2B:

1. William Kessinger

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/Hurd)*

1	Appleman, Nathan A.	Waiver of Examination; Mississippi	(NCARB File No. 78251)
2	Acord, Gary M.	Waiver of Examination; Nevada	(NCARB File No. 41043)
3	Baakman, Rudolph J.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 785769)
4	Barr, Ronald	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 57964)
5	Boyne, Daniel R.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 118208)
6	Carda, Sarah E.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 79383)
7	Carey, Christian C.	Waiver of Examination; Vermont	(NCARB File No. 62898)
8	Chalmers, Thomas C.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 207333)
9	Collier, Ned A.	Waiver of Examination; Maine	(NCARB File No. 106985)
10	Costine, Jr., William J.	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 121690)
11	Daily, Aaron T.	Waiver of Examination; Kentucky	(NCARB File No. 69808)
12	Dorman, Tyson	Waiver of Examination; District of Columbia	(NCARB File No. 109818)
13	Engle, Brain V.	Waiver of Examination; District of Columbia	(NCARB File No. 90583)
14	Fabo, Brian G.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 59246)
15	Farrell, James T.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 131197)
16	Fetzer, Tanya M.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 129613)
17	Fielden, Robert A.	Waiver of Examination; Nevada	Direct
18	George, George K.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
19	Gomez, Guillermo M.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
20	Gray, John W.	Waiver of Examination; Virginia	(NCARB File No. 102053)
21	Holden, Carl E.	Waiver of Examination; Maryland	(NCARB File No. 38439)
22	Kamus, John	Waiver of Examination; Arizona	(NCARB File No. 36772)
23	Katsanos, Richard E.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 707644)
24	Kim, Tong H.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 85698)
25	Kornfeld, Jr., Robert J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
26	Lea, John T.	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 62050)

27	Lebkisher, Jon	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 74893)
28	Lewis, Heather E.	Waiver of Examination; Wisconsin	(NCARB File No. 95894)
29	Loose, William D.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 72756)
30	McAlpine, Robert F.	Waiver of Examination; Tennessee	(NCARB File No. 46684)
31	Mongold, Neal J.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	Direct
32	Peterson, Eric P.	Waiver of Examination; Minnesota	(NCARB File No. 58044)
33	Regojo, Nilo C.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 253293)
34	Rowbottom, Timothy P.	Waiver of Examination; Missouri	(NCARB File No. 67430)
35	Sachs, II, Harold R.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 74543)
36	Sheets, Jason C.	Waiver of Examination; Colorado	(NCARB File No. 75607)
37	Siemasko, Thaddeus S.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 32843)
38	Su, Qiang	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 88669)
39	Vandeloecht, Louis W.	Waiver of Examination; District of Columbia	(NCARB File No. 138913)

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/Hurd)*

HEWV Architects P.C.
120 Atlantic Street
Norfolk, Virginia 23510

Jane Cady Rathbone, CEO
7Connecticut Lic. No. 12972

Larson Architectural Group Inc..
1000 Commerce Park Drive
Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701

Robert J. Gehr, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 11009

Lifecare Design Inc.
1429 Park Street Suite 201
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Hermann Cortes-Barrios, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 5120

2E. Complaint Report from the Trade Practices Division concerning Complaints associated with the Architectural Licensing Board; for the Board's review. Mr. Spiewak on behalf of AIA/CT questioned the format of this report. Specifically, the report lacks the details of the resolution of many of the complaints as has been noted in the past. Ms. Briggs noted that many of these complaints never came before the Board and were handled directly by the Department. The Board interacted only if the matter involved a settlement agreement or some other type of stipulation they had to approve. The complaints listed on this report before the Board today indicate that the Department investigated and found no merit. However, Ms. Briggs would like confirmation that the complainants are being notified of the results of their investigations. Mr. Jeter will e-mail Ms. Fiore to confirm that the complainants are being informed of the Department's findings.

Ms. Briggs noted that the complaint report should have an open date or at least a date that goes back a minimum of three years to be sure the report is all-conclusive.

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

1. Mr. Kuzmich noted to the Board that the Ms. Fiore notified him that she will not be able to attend today's meeting. Further, Mr. Kuzmich was informed that unless there is a specific reason for her to be in attendance, Ms. Fiore will otherwise not be attending these meetings on a regular basis. Ms. Briggs and Mr. Jeter, on behalf of the Board, would like a representative from the Legal Department to be present at all meetings. Mr. Hurd also expressed his discontent with the Department's decision to not have a Department Legal Representative at every meeting. The Board members are volunteers and work hard at what they do and in return should be provided support by the Department. It was noted that they typically only meet six times annually.

2G. The Department has set the following dates for the Architectural Licensing Board for the Calendar Year 2015: the Board reviewed and accepted these dates.

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| 1. January 16, 2015 | 4. July 17, 2015 |
| 2. March 20, 2015 | 5. September 18, 2015 |
| 3. May 15, 2015 | 6. November 20, 2015 |

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

1. Ms. Briggs stated that it is our Board's turn to host the upcoming Fall NECARB Regional Meeting and asked the Board to discuss possible locations for the same. It was decided that New Haven, Connecticut will be the location. The date for this event is tentatively set for the first weekend in October 2015.

2. Mr. Spiewak asked the Board for an update on the status of the Electronic Seal regulation change. Mr. Hurd noted that although the Hearing was held over a month ago, the review process still needs to be addressed by the Legislature and has a long way ago.

3. Mr. Hurd reminded the Board about the proposed changes to the Regulation concerning examination eligibility relative to A.R.E. Candidates sitting for the examination prior to their completion of NCARB's Intern Development Program requirements; as presented by Staff Attorney Mr. Steven Schwane in March of 2014.

Mr. Schwane asked the Board technical questions regarding the potential of examination changes through the years ahead relative to how the regulations should

reflect this. The Board further discussed the structuring of the language to ensure that the qualifications to sit for the Architect Registration Examination stay the same as they are at present and not “inadvertently open a window that shouldn’t be opened”. Ms. Briggs suggested to the Board that they should also look at cleaning up out dated language and other general housekeeping type changes to make the language current to modern times. After more discussion, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the *Regulation Draft, Version A* subject to the edits made by the Board at this meeting.

The regulation was redrafted by Mr. Schwane who stated that he made some minor revisions to these documents which address NCARB’s Direct Registration process relative to applications not conforming to these requirements. After some brief discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the draft as presented to them at their May 2, 2014 meeting. Mr. Kuzmich was instructed to inform Mr. Schwane of the Board’s decision and instruct him to advance the regulation approval process per the Board’s directive.

Mr. Hurd wants to know the status of this proposed change and requested that this item be on the Board’s next meeting agenda set for January 16, 2015 and hopes that this item has made progress.

4. Ms. Briggs reminded the Board that NCARB has requested from all Boards statistical data on candidates recently licensed by them and the method in which they became licensed. NCARB is hoping to build a comprehensive database for all their Member Boards to benefit.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE;

JANUARY 16, 2015

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The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, January 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.; State Office Building; Room 117; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator