

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

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MARCH 20, 2015

The six hundred and eighty eighth meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on March 20, 2015, was called to order by Chairman Mr. S. Edward Jeter at 9:05 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 (Acting Chairman for today's meeting.)
	S. Edward Jeter	Chairman (participation by telephone)
	Pauline S. Morales	Board Member

Board Members

Not Present: None.

Vacancies: None.

DCP Board Staff	Robert M. Kuzmich	Department of Consumer Protection
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Others Present:	Diane Harp Jones	AIA/CT
	Michael Ayles	NCARB Architect Licensing Advisor/Connecticut

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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1A. Submission of the minutes of the January 16, 2015 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting; for review and approval. After a thorough review, the Board approved the minutes as submitted. (Briggs/Barkin

1B. Continuation of discussion concerning the application and file of Ms. Suzanne Pertusiello for consideration to continue her Architect Registration Examination as a Connecticut Candidate; Ms. Pertusiello has contacted the Department by e-mail on January 28, 2015 stating that she will be away on vacation this date and asked that her appearance be rescheduled to the Board's May 2015 Meeting. Mr. Hurd motioned to have the Board postpone further action on this item until their May 2015 Meeting.

1C. Update from the Department concerning 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 Requirement; as presented by Staff Attorney Mr. Steven Schwane in March of 2014 and approved by the Board on May 2, 2014.

Mr. Berner notified the Board by e-mail that he is unable to attend today's Board Meeting due to previous Department commitments associated with the current legislative session. He provided the Department and the Board with the following information.

Mr. Berner's e-mail noted that the Department's newly appointed Commissioner has a very lengthy list of items that he must now consider; among which are the proposed amended regulations. Although he had hoped to have had the opportunity to discuss these with the Commissioner prior to today's meeting, this did not happen. Further, he hopes this meeting will be very soon since the topic of agency regulations has become a higher priority recently. He expects to be able to provide the Board with an update in the near future. The Board asked that Mr. Berner be notified to attend their May 2015 Meeting and provide the Board with an update.

Ms. Harp Jones representing AIA/Connecticut and Mr. Michael Ayles, NCARB Architect and Licensing Advisor-Connecticut stressed the importance of expediting these regulation changes. Mr. Ayles stated that he has suggested to other potential Connecticut Architect Registration Examination candidates to sit for the to apply to other States which permit candidates to begin the testing process simultaneous with completing their NCARB Intern Development Program requirements since Connecticut law does not permit this process.

Ms. Harp Jones from AIA/Connecticut suggested the possibility of a meeting with Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection along with the Board Chairman to discuss the importance of these proposed regulation changes if there are more delays in moving these forward.

1D. Report from Mr. Robert B. Hurd regarding his review of correspondence received from Mr. Louis Campana, RA, AIA concerning his request for licensure in Connecticut to practice architecture; for discussion by the Board. Mr. Hurd presented the Board with his written report for prospective candidate for licensure Louis Campana. He reviewed the candidate's educational and professional background noting that Mr. Campana has been licensed in New York State as an architect since November of 2014.

Ms. Morales had questions regarding Mr. Campana's collegiate degree to which Mr. Hurd explained that his degree is considered a pre-professional degree in architecture and speculated that the candidate choose this educational path in order to allow him to enter the profession faster since New York State has different educational requirements for licensure.

Ms. Morales also questioned whether allowing a candidate with this background is in effect lowering the licensure standards for the State. Mr. Hurd noted that to the contrary, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards is currently considering a Resolution which will provide a path for national certification for applicants with similar educational backgrounds as that of Mr. Campana. In effect, Connecticut is ahead of the curve by having this process in place in their current law.

It was also noted by Mr. Barkin that applicant's applying for licensure with this alternate educational background are very thoroughly evaluated by this Board their qualifications to sit for the Architect Registration Examination. After more discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Campana to sit for the Architect Registration Examination. (Briggs/Barkin)

1E. E-mail from Mr. Raymond S. Steadward, Jr., Building Official - Town of Bloomfield dated December 3, 2014 concerning the stamping of plans by Interior Designers; continuation of discussion by the Board.

The Board asked for more information on this item from Mr. Steadward at their last meeting held January 16, 2015. In response, Mr. Steadward sent them an e-mail dated March 6, 2015 stating that has a general question regarding the legality for him to accept plans for a tenant fit-out for a 6000 sq. ft. Assembly remodel with no structural work from an interior designer?

His question is that the Architect statute seems to override the Interior Designer statute. Mr. Steadward asked if there should be language at the end of Architect

Statute Section 20-293 that states words to the effect "or a registered interior designer working within the parameters of 20-377k"? or is that modification not the intent?

After significant discussion, the Board refereed this matter to their legal counsel and asked that he be present at their May 7, 2015 meeting to further discuss this issue. They also asked Mr. Kuzmich to convey this information to Mr. Steadward and to let him know that the Statute allows the local Building Official, at his discretion, to require a seal for any building regardless of the exceptions

2. New Business

2A. 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/Barkin)

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| 1. David C. Ainsworth | 4. Adam Palmer |
| 2. Ana P. Koleva | 5. Jeffrey A. Pinheiro |
| 3. Kevin P. McFarland | 6. Benjamin D. Simmons |

2B. 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	Angulo, Luis A.	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 131178)
2	Bell, Jeffrey G.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 124920)
3	Bell, Robert F.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 59376)
4	Brady, Matthew J.	Waiver of Examination; California	Direct
5	Brock, Gary F.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 24786)
6	Brown, II, William T.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 68077)
7	Cale, Elvis J.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 92495)
8	Cappeller, Jane F.	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 271833)
9	Carson, Todd C.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 149934)
10	Charron, Adam P.	Waiver of Examination; Alabama	(NCARB File No. 96415)
11	Choa, Christopher J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 90022)
12	Duet, Vincent P.	Waiver of Examination; Louisiana	(NCARB File No. 100633)
13	Girardin, Benjamin	Waiver of Examination; Colorado	(NCARB File No. 84343)
14	Godwin, James A.	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 70671)
15	Gori, Viren H.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 65054)

16	Grueneis, Sherri	Waiver of Examination; Montana	(NCARB File No. 107092)
17	Hysell, Thomas L.	Waiver of Examination; Minnesota	(NCARB File No. 116805)
18	Joslin, Alan R.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 62196)
19	Kay, Dora W.	Waiver of Examination; Virginia	(NCARB File No. 784728)
20	Kinsella, David A.	Waiver of Examination; New Hampshire	(NCARB File No. 74678)
21	Martelli, Kimberly T.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 103456)
22	May, III, James D.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 87996)
23	Mikesell, William R.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 33719)
24	Olson, Rebecca L.	Waiver of Examination; Minnesota	(NCARB File No. 125220)
25	Parker, Jonathan E.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 107001)
26	Phometsi, Mothusi P.	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 93411)
27	Rengel, Richard J.	Waiver of Examination; Washington	(NCARB File No. 46463)
28	Schreiber, Lawrence S.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 87996)
29	Sears, Robert B.	Waiver of Examination; South Carolina	(NCARB File No. 89864)
30	Selligman, Glen A.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 68239)
31	Sherwood, Leigh S.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 52368)
32	Stein, Jonathan D.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 759368)
33	Ventrone, Jr., Richard A.	Waiver of Examination; Rhode Island	(NCARB File No. 112633)
34	Weston, Ronald C.	Waiver of Examination; District of Columbia	(NCARB File No. 52386)
35	Wilson, W. Alan	Waiver of Examination; Alabama	(NCARB File No. 50429)

2C. 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)*

Elder Design, Ltd.
1300 S. Mint Street, Suite 300
Charlotte, North Carolina 28203

Elliot Clay Elder, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 13111

Fabo Enterprises, Inc.
429 University Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Brian G. Fabo, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 13092

Historical Concepts CT, LLC
125 S. Congress Street, Suite 1820
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Aaron T. Daily, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 13088

SCI Architects, P.C.
1000 Commerce Park Drive
Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701

Murray Beynon, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 13039

At the request of the Department, the Board voted to accept and add the following application for the Joint Corporate Practice of Architecture and Professional Engineering. (Briggs/Morales) *The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following application for the Joint Corporate Practice of Architecture and Professional Engineering in Connecticut. (Briggs/Morales)*

Burns & McDonnell Consultants, Inc.
9400 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, Missouri 64114

Jeffrey W. Ganthner
Connecticut Lic. No. 12747

2D. Complaint Report from the Trade Practices Division concerning Complaints associated with the Architectural Licensing Board; for the Board's review.

Mr. Hurd reviewed the complaint report noting that there are no open complaints shown. He reviewed the complaints for the benefit of Mr. Jeter who is participating by telephone conference and does not have a copy of this report since it was given to the Board at today's meeting.

Ms. Harp Jones from AIA/CT addressed the Board that stating that she has met with Mr. Rick Maloney prior to today's meeting. She cited a closed complaint letters she received in duplicate from the Department's investigator. She highlighted some complaints that she has filed with the Department that are presumably open and not shown on this report given to the Board. On complaint in particular involves an individual whom the Department has investigated in the past.

Ms. Harp Jones cited a particular matter involving an individual advertising himself as an architect when he is not, as an example, and is asking the Board what more she can do with the Department. She is asking for more detail from the Department on cases they have closed for her benefit. She is speaking on behalf of the architect members who are concerned about their livelihoods in recognition of individuals performing architecture illegally. Ms. Harp Jones is not comfortable with how her complaints are being closed without being provided any detail as to the same.

Mr. Hurd noted that the complaint format, however, is exactly what the Board has been asking for and complimented the Department for this. Mr. Jeter suggested that the Board consider putting in writing their procedural requests. The Board agreed that this is an excellent recommendation. Mr. Hurd suggested that each Board member document their procedural requests and then review and consolidate the same and give this written document to Mr. Maloney.

In conclusion, the Board asked that Mr. Maloney attend the Board's May Meeting to further discuss the concerns raised today.

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

1. Mr. Hurd raised discussion on the issue brought to the Board's attention by the NCARB concerning the U. S. Supreme Court issued decision in the matter regarding the *North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners vs. Federal Trade Commission*. Mr. Hurd does not believe there is any real concern for this Board operating in the same manner as the North Carolina Board Dentistry Board. Mr. Hurd compared this Board to the North Carolina Board noting that the Architects Board is under the Department of Consumer Protection and therefore a State Agency and is comprised both professional and public members appointed an executive of State Government. Mr. Hurd believes that this Board is not operating in a restraint of trade fashion as is under question with the North Carolina Board

2. The Board changed the date of their May meeting originally scheduled for Friday, May 15, 2015 to Thursday, May 7, 2015 to avoid a scheduling conflict with the AIA National Convention which some Board Members will be attending. The meeting location and start time remain the same.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m. (Briggs/Morales) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 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