

**ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD**

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State of Connecticut  
Department of Consumer Protection  
Occupational & Professional Licensing Division  
165 Capitol Avenue  
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The six hundred and seventy ninth meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on January 18, 2008, was called to order by Chairman Mr. S. Edward Jeter at 8:35 AM in Room No. 121 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

<b>Board Members Not Present:</b>	None
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<b>Others Present:</b>	Robert M. Kuzmich	License and Applications Specialist/Department of Consumer Protection
	Steven J. Schwane	Administrative Hearings Attorney/Department of Consumer Protection
	Peter R. Huntsman	Attorney General's Office
	Diane Harp Jones	AIA/CT
	Bruce Spiewak	AIA/CT

*Note: The administrative functions of this Board are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information, call Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135.*

## **1. Old Business**

1A. Submission of the minutes of the November 16, 2007; for review and approval. Ms. Briggs noted the following amendments to the minutes; page three; second paragraph, line three, change the word "affirmative" to "negative". Page three, sixth paragraph, fifth line, change the word "your" to "his". Page four, first paragraph first line, delete the "will" and substitute the word "may". Page four, first paragraph, delete the word "our" and substitute the word "a". Page five, note the CEO for *FS Architecture, P.C.* Page six, delete the typographical error letter "z" after *Smook Architecture & Urban Design, Inc.* Also on page six, list the Principal In-Charge for *LiRo Architects + Engineers, P.C.* On page seven, fourth paragraph, line three, delete the word "on" after the word "added" and on line four, add an apostrophe after "Jones". Also on page seven, fifth paragraph, line three, delete the words "due to bad advice from their Council".

*After a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2007 meeting as amended herein. (Hurd/Briggs) It is noted that Mr. Mazza abstained from the vote.*

1B. Application of Mr. David D. Cornell, III for licensing as an Architect in the State of Connecticut by written examination; for review and approval by the Board. Mr. Kuzmich reviewed the procedures approved by the Board for this application as outlined at their last meeting. Upon receipt of Mr. Cornell's Department application and fee, he enrolled him in NCARB's test database and had his *Architect Registration Examination* scores, obtained when he was a candidate of the State of New York, transferred to his newly established electronic file with Thompson Prometric which now lists him as a Connecticut test candidate. Thompson mailed the hard copies of his test scores to the Department showing Connecticut as Mr. Cornell's new base State. *As such, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Cornell's application for licensing as an architect in the State of Connecticut. (Briggs/Hurd)*

## **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 Architects in the State of Connecticut; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individuals for licensing as architects in Connecticut. (Briggs/Hurd)*

1. Craig Allen Battisto
2. Jason Patrick Collins
3. Chien-ju Lin
4. Jason Merriam
5. Steven J. Orlansky

**2B. Applications for reciprocal licensing;** 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 Reciprocity; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individuals for licensing as architects in the State of Connecticut. (Briggs/Hurd)*

1.	Allen, Susan B.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 56919)
2.	Clark, Philip R.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
3.	Elterman, Laura	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
4.	Fantacone, Thomas A.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 25502)
5.	Gore, Kevin C.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 41929)
6.	Hartwick, Raymond P.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	Direct
7.	Hotaling, Thomas M.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 35888)
8.	Howard, Jr., John G.	Waiver of Examination; Kansas	(NCARB File No. 20361)
9.	Klenk, Patrick J.	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 47842)
10.	Kronland, Howard R.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 14173)
11.	Lara, Robert J.	Waiver of Examination; Mississippi	(NCARB File No. 71310)
12.	Mehta, Parag R.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
13.	McConnell, Thomas R.	Waiver of Examination; Tennessee	(NCARB File No. 60885)
14.	Oprisch, Mark D.	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 124362)
15.	Paul, Kamal	Waiver of Examination; Newfoundland	(NCARB File No. 122417)
16.	Persico, Raffaele	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	Direct
17.	Sanchez, Madeleine	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
18.	Sandler, Pamela	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 97325)
19.	Smith, Keith H.	Waiver of Examination; Michigan	(NCARB File No. 39846)
20.	Strong, James A.	Waiver of Examination; Kentucky	Direct
21.	Zychowicz, Jr., John	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 124152)

**2C. 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: (Mazza/Hurd)*

Shremshock Architects, Inc.  
 130 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street  
 New York, New York 10019

Gerald S. Shremshock, CEO  
 Connecticut Lic. No. 7865

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

SFCS of Connecticut Inc.  
 305 South Jefferson Street

Tye Campbell, President  
 Connecticut Lic. No. 24999

Roanoke, Virginia 24011

2E. File No. 2005-7572, presented to the Board by Mr. Steve J. Schwane; concerning a complaint against a two person design firm. Mr. Schwane reminded the Board that they had his letter regarding this matter in their meeting packages. Mr. Schwane noted the reason the file dates back to 2005. He explained that former investigator Gregory Carver had initially investigated this matter and stated that the respondent had stopped; therefore, he closed the file. Mr. Schwane had reopened the file just to be sure and had the new investigator, Mr. Keith Lombardi check into this situation. Mr. Lombardi confirmed that this firm has stopped this type of advertising. *The Board voted, unanimously, to accept Mr. Schwane's recommendation and as such, took no further action in this matter. (Briggs/Mazza)*

Ms. Harp Jones asked if a letter will be issued to the complainant in this matter. Mr. Schwane wasn't sure but will address this question in a more general sense later in this meeting.

2F. File No. 2006-6357, presented to the Board by Mr. Steven J. Schwane; concerning a complaint against a Connecticut Architect who had contracted to prepare plans for a home addition.

Mr. Schwane explained that former Board Member Paul Bartlett reviewed the investigation file and advised the Department that, in his opinion, the complaint was without merit. Mr. Bartlett believed the architect did extensive work for the fee paid, and made no misrepresentations concerning the cost of building the proposed addition. He thought the \$200,000 estimate was unattainable based on the initial project "want list." He recommended dismissal of this case if the architect corrected several issues discovered during the investigation concerning the architect's limited liability company and his advertising.

At the Department's request, this architect has: 1) altered his limited liability company so that he is the sole member; and 2) changed his representations to the public to make it clear that only he is a licensed architect. Based on these changes, and on Mr. Bartlett's recommendation, the Department is asking the Board to vote take no action in this matter.

*The Board voted, unanimously, to accept Mr. Schwane's recommendation and as such, took no further action in this matter. (Briggs/Mazza)*

2G. Update from Mr. Steven Schwane from the Consumer Protection's Legal Division regarding any Board issues.

1. Mr. Schwane explained that the Board's legislation has been combined with that of landscape architects and engineers and is a part of the Department's package and their

number one priority. Ms. Harp Jones made the Board aware that she received a call from the Connecticut Home Builders Association and they intend to oppose the engineering part of the package. Mr. Schwane will advise the Department's legislative liaison Mr. Jerry Padula of this information.

2. Regarding complaints received by AIA/CT, Mr. Schwane noted that their complaints come in two classes; complaints being investigated by the Department's Investigator Keith Lombardi and the complaints Mr. Schwane actually has after the complaints have been investigated by Mr. Lombardi. Subsequent to today's meeting, Mr. Schwane has no active cases. However, after having gone through Mr. Lombardi's closed cases, he found eight cases; two settled by agreements, one by an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance, and five closed by a decision to take no further action.

Mr. Schwane would like to review this information with Mr. Lombardi and then get back to Ms. Harp Jones and then report back to the Board at their next meeting. Mr. Jeter and Ms. Briggs suggested that a chart of pending and resolved complaints be on future agendas just to give the Board a general sense of their progress. Mr. Jeter commented on the fact that a letter should be sent to complainants in all cases in an effort to give them a sense of closure.

2H. "CHRO Reviews" CHRO CRITERIA PER SECTION 46a-80; none before the Board today. It was noted by Mr. Jeter that there are no cases before the Board today.

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

1.) Request from Mr. Bruce J. Spiewak for the Architectural Licensing Board's review of existing statutory language regarding Interior Designers relative to Architectural Licensing law and Declaratory Ruling 93-1.

Mr. Spiewak was not present for this discussion but Ms. Jones ask that the Board consider this information and table further discussion until they have adequate time to review the material or perhaps until after the upcoming legislative session which may address this material if particular legislation is adopted.

Ms. Briggs noted that she believes the question being asked is if the information on the Flowchart for Construction Documents and New Construction is accurate relative to the Board's earlier Declaratory Ruling and the current statutory language relative to this information. *After more brief discussion, the Board voted, unanimously, to table further discussion on this item until their March 2008 meeting. (Briggs/Hurd)*

2.) Mr. Jeter gave the Board an update on his recent Board Chairs Meeting with the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. He noted that many of the Boards have problems with complaints and most Boards are not getting representation from the

Attorney's General's Office as they should. The Commissioner recommended that all Boards review their regulations to be sure they know the nuances of what they are regulating. It was also noted that the Department is working towards updating their website on a regular basis.

3.) **The Board has moved the March meeting date to March 12, 2008** from their original date of March 14, 2008 due to a conflict in dates with Spring 2008 Regional Meeting of NECARB in Louisville, Kentucky.

4.) Mr. Barkin raised the issue of continuing education for architects and has asked the Board to possibly discuss this matter in the future. It was noted that this topic has been discussed in the past by the Board on an informal basis because there was no real sense of need among members of the Board through the past and current tenures of the Board Chairmen.

*The Board decided to place this item on the agenda for their May 2008 meeting.* At the Board's request, Mr. Kuzmich will assemble information regarding continuing information required by other States and from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

5.) Due to the timing of the upcoming AIA Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, **the Board decided to move their May meeting from May 16, 2008 to May 23, 2008.**

***The meeting adjourned at 9:16 AM. (Briggs/Hurd) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.; State Office Building; Room 117; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.  
Board Administrator

