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Occupational & Professional Licensing Division  
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The six hundred and ninety first meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on January 15, 2010, was called to order by Chairman Mr. S. Edward Jeter at 8:38 AM in Room No. 121 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	David H. Barkin Carole W. Briggs Robert B. Hurd S. Edward Jeter Lucille Trzcinski	Board Member Board Member Board Member Chairman/Board Member Board Member
<b>Board Members Not Present:</b>	None	
<b>Others Present:</b>	Robert M. Kuzmich Linda Roberts Steven J. Schwane Diane Harp Jones Bruce Spiewak	Department of Consumer Protection Department of Consumer Protection Department of Consumer Protection AIA/CT AIA/CT

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## 1. Old Business

1A. Submission of the minutes of the September 18, 2009 and the November 20, 2009 Architectural Licensing Board Meetings; for review and approval. *The Board voted to unanimously approve the minutes of both meetings. (Hurd/Briggs) It is noted that Ms. Trzcinski abstained from the vote on the September 18, 2009 meeting minutes because she was not present at this meeting.*

1B. Continuation of discussion concerning Regulation changes regarding Electronic Seals and Signatures. Mr. Hurd noted that since Mr. Bruce Bockstael cannot be present at today's meeting, he moved to postpone discussion on this item until the Board's March 5, 2010 Meeting. Mr. Kuzmich noted that he spoke with Mr. Bockstael and that he is looking forward to meeting with the Board. In addition, he has information for the Board on Building Information Modeling (BIM).

## 2. New Business

2A. The following candidate 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 individual for licensing as an architect in Connecticut. (Hurd/Briggs)

1. Salvatore P. Talamo, Jr.

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/Hurd)*

1.	Bastien, Gary L.	Waiver of Examination; North Carolina	(NCARB File No. 55193)
2.	Blake, Lance M.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 55926)

3.	Brennan, John T.	Waiver of Examination; New Hampshire	(NCARB File No. 141523)
4.	Chiang, Grace N.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 92518)
5.	Cosentino, Ronald V.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
6.	Everham, Kevin J.	Waiver of Examination; Alabama	(NCARB File No. 80820)
7.	Guggenheimer, Tobias	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 60766)
8.	Henson, Scott	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 86478)
9.	Kim, Iljoong	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 131525)
10.	Mahler, John L.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
11.	Nelson, Edward R.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	Direct
12.	Penna, Alberto	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 247334)
13.	Raab, Elizabeth	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 73231)
14.	Rambo, John C.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 22223)
15.	Schmitt, Timothy J.	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 126711)
16.	Siegel, Robert E.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 72640)
17.	Siegel, Robert H.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 117911)
18.	Southwick, Richard W.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 87699)
19.	Sulton, Richard D.	Waiver of Examination; Arizona	(NCARB File No. 85472)
20.	Truisci, Mark V.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
21.	Wedlick, Dennis W.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 77780)

**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/Hurd)*

Gary J. Bruno, Architect, P.C.  
1225 Locust Avenue  
Bohemia, New York 11716

Gary J. Bruno, CEO  
Connecticut Lic. No. 11879

Kohn Pederson Fox Associates P.C.  
11 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, New York 10019

William C. Louie, CEO  
Connecticut Lic. No. 10901

**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. (Hurd/Briggs)*

CRB Architects-Engineers P.C.  
7410 N.W. Tiffany Springs Parkway  
Kansa City, Missouri 64153

Jeffrey A. Biskup, President  
Connecticut Lic. No. 15171

**2E. Update from the Trade Practices Division regarding Complaints;** a Department Representative is scheduled to address the Board. Ms. Linda Roberts addressed the Board noting that there will not be a representative from the Trade Practices Division present other than her. She stated that her research found 13 open complaints and

briefly described their nature to the Board. She further explained that the Department will be initiating a 14 - day response letter system whereby a respondent must respond within this time frame upon their receipt of this letter. Unfortunately, due to a staff shortage and prioritizing by the Department based upon the nature of the complaint, Ms. Roberts noted that many architect related complaints have been delayed in processing.

Ms. Harp Jones spoke on behalf of AIA/CT and noted her concern over the Department's limited actions against potential statutory violations by individuals and noted a prominent example of the same. She also had written documentation concerning a potential complaint that she will address after the meeting so as not to influence the Board. Ms. Jones read an excerpt from this material concerning use of the term "architect". Mr. Barkin noted that a common thread in many complaints appears to be individuals who are misrepresenting themselves as architects and any action taken by the State to stop this action now is taking preventative action for potential future health and safety risks.

The Board still requests a spreadsheet type format for complaints because it gives them a very comprehensive quick look so the Board can see when a complaint first comes in and their current status with the Department. These types of statistics are very beneficial to the Board. Ms. Roberts believes she can provide the Board with this format.

The Board briefly discussed their current authority actions against potential complainants relative to their current statutes and regulations. It was also decided to have AIA/CT compare their list of current complaints with what the Department has on file.

2F. Update from Mr. Steven Schwane from the Consumer Protection's Legal Division regarding any Board issues. Mr. Schwane distributed the latest version of the State Library Regulations. This draft has now been filed by the State Library and Mr. Schwane will give the Board an update at their next meeting. The tentative date for their review by the Regulations Review Committee is January 26, 2010.

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

1. Mr. Spiewak asked the Board for a status on the design-build issue. Ms. Briggs noted that Neil Fishman and she assembled a draft but soon realized that they could do no more than what the statute said. The statutes were very clear at that time but since then, the issue became more of what the contracts needed to be rather than what the statutory limitations are. She noted that this is not the Board's purview which is where the issue was left.

Ms. Briggs stated that both she and Mr. Fishman concluded that in a design-build matter, the architect needs to be directly retained by the Owner so that liability and

responsibility run directly from the architect to the Owner and not through the Contractor assuming that it is a construction firm that is holding the design-build contract. Both Ms. Briggs and Mr. Fishman never were able to put this issue into a Declaratory Ruling because it is a contractual provision as opposed to a statutory matter.

Mr. Spiewak is looking for a something from the Board that can act as guidance to teams that are putting together design-build proposals so that their actions don't end up being a complaint about a violation. He is asking the Board to be proactive in this matter and save uneducated architects from participating in potential illegal activities.

It was decided to distribute to the Board, prior to their next meeting, all the drafts that were compiled on this issue for their review and further discussion at the next meeting scheduled for March 5, 2010.

2. Mr. Spiewak also raised the issue of a third party selling architectural services as result of a recent personal involvement in a situation like this. Generically, the issue is can someone who is not a licensed architect sell architectural services not as an employee of the firm but as an independent sales representative and get a fee for the same.

It was decided by the Board to postpone discussion on this issue until their May 21, 2010 Board Meeting due to the fact the March 5, 2010 meeting agenda is quite full with both Mr. Bockstael from Public Works scheduled to appear as well as discussion on the design-build issue.

3. The **NECARB 2010 Tri-Regional Meeting with Regions 1, 2 and 6** was briefly discussed. It will be held in Boston, Massachusetts on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the *Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers*.

*The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM. (Briggs/Hurd) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, March 5, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.; State Office Building; Room 121; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.  
Board Administrator