STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

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-MINUTES-

NOVEMBER 18, 2011

The six hundred and seventy first meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on November 18, 2011, was called to order by Mr. S. Edward Jeter at 8:38 AM in Room No. 121 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Board Members Present:	David H. Barkin	Board Member (participation by
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	Carole W. Briggs	Board Member
	Robert B. Hurd	Board Member
	S. Edward Jeter	Chairman/Board Member
	Pauline S. Morales	Board Member
Board Members		
Not Present:	None	
Vacancy:	None	
Others Present:	Robert M. Kuzmich	Department of Consumer
		Protection
	Steven J. Schwane	Department of Consumer
		Protection
	Peter R. Huntsman	Attorney General's Office
	Diane Harp Jones Bruce Spiewak	AIA/CT AIA/CT

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1. Old Business

<u>1A. Submission of the minutes of the September 16, 2011 Architectural Licensing Board</u> <u>Meeting</u>; for review and approval. On page five, Item 2D, Mr. Jeter noted that the language as written does not communicate adequately the essence of the discussion. The paragraph shall be amended to read as follows;

1. Mr. Schwane stated that on August 1, 2011, he corresponded with Mr. Gary Berner, the Department's Legislative Liaison, regarding the Boards request for their specific legislation. Mr. Berner's response was as expected noting that he feels the Department will, again, be very limited in terms of what they present as their package and will most likely not include the Board's requests. Based upon this information, the Board will assume that their package has to go through another entity in order to have a chance to be heard.

After a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as amended herein. (Briggs/Hurd)

<u>1B. Report from Mr. David H. Barkin regarding request from Mr. Ahmed Dadi for</u> <u>consideration to sit for the Architect Registration Examination</u>. Mr. Barkin stated that he has had no success in trying to communicate with Mr. Dadi. Mr. Kuzmich he has also tried to contact him without success. *As such the Board voted, unanimously, to table this matter until such time as Mr. Dadi responds.* (Hurd/Briggs).

<u>1C. Draft letter concerning "Use Of The Term Architect"</u>; update from Mr. Peter Huntsman and Ms. Carole Briggs on the status of their re-draft of this letter. Ms. Briggs noted that neither she nor Mr. Huntsman have worked on this letter and asked that Mr. Jeter e-mail her the draft of the same as presently written. Ms. Harp Jones noted that AIA/CT members have already expressed their appreciation for the Boards efforts on this matter in advance of the letter being issued. *The Board voted*, *unanimously*, *to table this item until their next meeting scheduled for January* 20, 2012. (*Briggs/Jeter*)

2. <u>New Business</u>

2A. Diversity Training presentation by Ms. Peggy Zabawar of the Department of Administrative Services. Ms. Peggy Zabawar from the Department of Administrative Services made a presentation to the Architectural Licensing Board on Sexual Harassment Prevention and Diversity. She noted that the State is committed to providing an environment free from discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. Ms. Zabawar explained that Boards and Commissions are held to the same standards as employees of the State in relating to one another and the public, and as such, Board or Commission Member behavior opens the State to the same liability.

2B. 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)

5. Jessica A. Vitali

1. Cristina A. Circiumarescu	4. Brian M. Stone

2. David Noe

3. Margaret R. Sledge

<u>2C. Applications for licensing by waiver of examination</u>; 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;

1.	Amor, William A.	Waiver of Examination; Arizona	(NCARB File No. 7167)
2.	Berson, John E.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 355133)
3.	Bracker, Kenneth	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 91885)
4.	Cholvibul, Thanyapat	Waiver of Examination; Maryland	(NCARB File No. 97410)
5.	Cicetti, Melissa	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
6.	Ciraco, Jr., Vittorio	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 73262)
7.	Crispino, James T.	Waiver of Examination; Michigan	(NCARB File No. 131055)
8.	Curley, III, W.J. Patrick	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
9.	Gillen, Brian T.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	Direct
10.	Graham, David J.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 69371)
11.	Holzheimer, Jon D.	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 78327)
12.	Hulsey, Stephen E.	Waiver of Examination; Arizona	(NCARB File No. 117263)
13.	Lewis, Philip S.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	Direct
14.	Lissett, Anne	Waiver of Examination; Quebec	(NCARB File No. 395493)
15.	Mac, Brian J.	Waiver of Examination; Michigan	Direct
16.	Margulies, Fred	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 130762)
17.	Marigliano, Lee R.	Waiver of Examination;; New York	Direct
18.	Morris, Robert K.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 37369)
19.	Nelson, Richard H.	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 77024)

20.	Oppenhuizen, Mark A.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 34723)
21.	Rose, Peter	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 62650)
22.	Semling, Gary M.	Waiver of Examination; Montana	(NCARB File No. 55808)
*23.	Smith, Thomas G.	Waiver of Examination; Utah	(NCARB File No. 32754)
24.	Tsomides, Constantine L.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 12460)
25.	Valgora, Gerald L.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 112682)
26.	Vestri, Ronald	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 34569)
27.	Wunderlich, Gary M.	Waiver of Examination; Missouri	(NCARB File No. 73229)

*Prior Action taken against applicant as will be explained by the Department.

Mr. Schwane addressed the Board regarding the application for Mr. Thomas G. Smith. His file contains some past enforcement history in the State of Utah in 1992. Both he and Mr. Kuzmich have looked into this situation and feel that it is not significant. The enforcement action involves the applicant signing drawings prepared by others without first having enacted the proper review procedures in place at that time in the State. Mr. Smith was given a two year probation period which has since been completed. *As such, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the above listed individuals for licensing as architects in the State of Connecticut. (Briggs/Hurd)*

<u>2D. Applications for the Corporate Practice of Architecture</u>; 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*. (*Briggs/Hurd*)

<u>GWWO, INC./ARCHITECTS</u>	Alan E. Reed, CEO
800 Wyman Park Drive, Suite 300	Connecticut Lic. No. 12251
Baltimore, Maryland 21211	

<u>Touloukian Touloukian Inc.</u> 153 Milk Street Boston, Massachusetts 02109 Theodore Touloukian, CEO Connecticut License No. 12230

2E. The Department has set the following dates for the Architectural Licensing Board for the Calendar Year 2012: the Board acknowledged these dates.

1. January 20, 2012	4. July 20, 2012
2. March 16, 2012	5. September 21, 2012
3. May 18, 2012	6. November 16, 2012

<u>2F. Report from Trade Practices Division concerning Complaints associated with this</u> <u>Board</u>; for the Board's information. Mr. Kuzmich noted that he received correspondence from Mr. Keith Lombardi noting that there are no new closed cases to report o the Board at present. Mr. Jeter stated that he has written a letter to Mr. Maloney of the Trade Practices Division asking that the report format go back to that which was issued by the Department's former Board Liaison to the Commissioner. Mr. Hurd stated that the Board's intention is simply to keep abreast of the ongoing investigations so that they can be assured that consumer complaints are respected and acted upon and that those that do the wrong thing are not skating the Board.

<u>2G. Update from the Department's Legal Staff regarding any Board issues or</u> <u>otherwise</u>. Mr. Schwane noted that he has no updates for the Board at this time.

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

1. Ms Harp Jones asked the Board if the State of Connecticut has future plans to accept credit cards for payment for walk-in consumers. Mr. Kuzmich noted that he is not aware of any plans for the Department to accept credit cards in the near future.

2. Ms. Morales inquired regarding the upcoming NCARB Meeting in New Haven and Hartford. Mr. Hurd will be attending the meeting at the University of Hartford and Mr. Jeter will be attending the meeting at Yale University in New Haven. Mr. Jeter noted that the meeting is run by Mr. Martin Smith from NCARB. The meeting involves the NCARB process as it pertains to architect interns. Ms. Morales expressed interest in attending these meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 AM. (Briggs/Hurd) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for <u>Friday, January 20, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.;</u> <u>State Office Building; Room 121; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A. Board Administrator