

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

-MINUTES-

JANUARY 16, 2015

The six hundred and eighty seventh meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on January 16, 2015, was called to order by Chairman Mr. S. Edward Jeter at 9:02 AM in Room No. 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Board Members

Present:

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| Carole W. Briggs | Board Member |
| Robert B. Hurd | Board Member |
| S. Edward Jeter | Chairman |
| Pauline S. Morales | Board Member |

Board Members

Not Present:

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| David H. Barkin | Board Member |
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Vacancies:

None.

Others Present:

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| Karen Layman | Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) |
| Richard M. Hurlburt | Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) |
| Richard E. Maloney | Department of Consumer Protection |
| Peter R. Huntsman | Office of the Attorney General |
| Diane Harp Jones | AIA/CT |
| Bruce Spiewak | AIA/CT & Himself |

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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1. Old Business

1A. Submission of the minutes of the November 21, 2014 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting; for review and approval. Mr. Jeter noted that Mr. Kuzmich has previously corrected an error in the Board's draft of the minutes sent to them prior to today's meeting. This draft indicated that Mr. Jeter had participated by telephone call when, in fact, he was present at the meeting. The Board has the corrected draft at today's meeting. As such, they voted to approve the minutes as submitted to them at today's meeting. (Briggs/Hurd)

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 is scheduled to appear before the Board today as requested by the them at their November 21, 2014 Board Meeting. The applicant was not present at today's meeting. Therefore the Board voted to postpone action on this agenda item until the applicant is present; perhaps at their March Meeting. (Hurd/Briggs)

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. There was no update given from the Department on this item at today's meeting. Therefore the Board voted to postpone action on this agenda item. (Briggs/Jeter)

2. New Business

2A. Letter dated December 1, 2014 from Mr. Louis Campana, RA, AIA concerning his request for licensure in Connecticut to practice architecture; for discussion by the Board. Mr. Hurd noted from the applicant's letter that the candidate is asking the Board for consideration to be licensed and does not qualify for licensing in Connecticut by direct endorsement because he is licensed less than ten years and does not qualify for an NCARB Certificate Record because he lacks an accredited degree. Mr. Hurd volunteered to step down to review the candidate's application on behalf of the Board. Mr. Hurd will contact Mr. Kuzmich for any further information he may have regarding this application.

As an aside Mr. Hurd stated his disappointment in the extreme lack of communication given to architectural students regarding the requirements for professional licensing relative to the need for an accredited degree. He is also astounded that any candidate would knowingly pursue a non-accredited degree in the hopes of pursuing a professional career as a licensed architect.

2B. 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; for discussion by the Board. Mr. Hurd noted the credentials of Mr. Steadward and explained to the Board that he has received an application for a building permit from an interior designer for a nine thousand square foot building with apparently no structural changes. Mr. Steadward suggests that he is looking for more credentials than that of an interior designer. Ms. Briggs stated that information presented to the Board today leaves many questions unanswered such as the buildings use group.

Mr. Hurd noted that the statutes give the Building Official the power to ask for the seal of an engineer or architect whenever he feels the complexity of the building warrants such. Ms. Briggs claims Mr. Steadward states a conflict in the current law which she does not see and that he has not identified to the Board based upon the information they have before them today. The statute allows for interpretation and gives the building official the right to ask for more credentials of the project's author of record if he believes there is the need for the same.

Mr. Spiewak referred the Board back to a Declaratory Ruling issued by the Board predating the current Board which addresses the designing of plans exceeding five thousand square feet by individuals other than architects. Mr. Hurd would like more information from Mr. Steadward on what he needs from the Board and to give them more details as required in order to provide better assistance. For example, is this a general issue triggered by a particular situation or an effort to resolve a specific situation currently at hand? The Board has asked Mr. Kuzmich to follow up with Mr. Steadward with a telephone call addressing the Board's questions. The Board tabled this matter pending further information from Mr. Steadward. Mr. Spiewak also noted to the Board that the correspondence given to the Board from Mr. Steadward states that drawings have been stamped by the interior designer for which the law does not provide.

2C. 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/Hurd)

1. Stuart C. Allen

4. Ryan Salvatore

2. Joshua C. Grochowski

5. Stephen J. Sullivan, Jr.

3. Heather M. Saint

2D. 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)*

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| 1 | Baline, Ira M. | Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts | (NCARB File No. 714925) |
| 2 | Bekat, Ismail B. | Waiver of Examination; Colorado | (NCARB File No. 709642) |
| 3 | Berg, Christopher E. | Waiver of Examination; New York | (NCARB File No. 747270) |
| 4 | Celmer, Robert R. | Waiver of Examination; Michigan | Direct |
| 5 | Clark, Trent W. | Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts | (NCARB File No. 58791) |
| 6 | Elder, Elliot C. | Waiver of Examination; Alabama | (NCARB File No. 43738) |
| 7 | Eng, Cynthia M. | Waiver of Examination; Colorado | (NCARB File No. 134341) |
| 8 | Hess, David W. | Waiver of Examination; New York | (NCARB File No. 79089) |
| 9 | Hyman, Ted A. | Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts | (NCARB File No. 60403) |
| 10 | Knott, Kerry L. | Waiver of Examination; Tennessee | (NCARB File No. 47230) |
| 11 | Koch, Charles L. | Waiver of Examination; New Jersey | (NCARB File No. 39183) |
| 12 | Kubicek, Robert W. | Waiver of Examination; Arizona | (NCARB File No. 50637) |
| 13 | McCann, Kimberly D. | Waiver of Examination; Florida | (NCARB File No. 93110) |
| 14 | Misiura, Steven W. | Waiver of Examination; New Jersey | (NCARB File No. 730028) |
| 15 | Olshim, Sam | Waiver of Examination; Maryland | (NCARB File No. 76659) |
| 16 | Rodriguez, Christopher | Waiver of Examination; New Jersey | (NCARB File No. 63473) |
| 17 | Rogers, Craig P. | Waiver of Examination; Maryland | (NCARB File No. 37101) |
| 18 | Romm, Stuart M. | Waiver of Examination; Colorado | (NCARB File No. 24301) |
| 19 | Rose,, Alan G. | Waiver of Examination; New York | (NCARB File No. 31036) |
| 20 | Santiago, Felicia | Waiver of Examination; Texas | (NCARB File No. 77987) |
| 21 | Schaffer, Charles J. | Waiver of Examination; California | (NCARB File No. 699415) |
| 22 | Schnaare, Michael C. | Waiver of Examination; Missouri | (NCARB File No. 119943) |
| 23 | Texter, Christopher S. | Waiver of Examination; California | (NCARB File No. 3578104) |
| 24 | Tuck, Christopher A. | Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts | (NCARB File No. 78377) |
| 25 | Uraine, Steven J. | Waiver of Examination; California | (NCARB File No. 40106) |
| 26 | Vali, Erin | Waiver of Examination; New York | (NCARB File No. 95549) |
| 27 | Voicheck, Jill | Waiver of Examination; North Carolina | (NCARB File No. 120886) |
| 28 | Wills-Lipscomb, James D. | Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts | (NCARB File No. 50766) |
| 29 | Wright, Stephen C. | Waiver of Examination; DC | (NCARB File No. 95740) |

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

GPD Engineering and Architecture
Professional Corporation
520 South Main Street, Suite 2531
Akron, Ohio 44311

Darrin Kotecki, President
Connecticut Lic. No. 25714
Mark Salopek, Vice President
Connecticut Lic. No. 12282

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

Mr. Rick Maloney addressed the Board regarding the complaint report. He spoke to the Board's question about addressing the complainant giving them examples of correspondence used by the Department in their complaint investigations. He noted that the complainant may not also be given notice of the Department's final disposition. He stated that this depends on who the complainant is and where the Department is on their investigation on the case.

Mr. Maloney addressed the Board on the situation his Division is faced with regarding staffing and the problems this presents relative to the Board's request that every complainant be advised of the Department's final disposition of their complaint. Ms. Harp Jones from AIA/CT addressed all present regarding AIA/CT's experiences in dealing with the Department's complaint's investigations. Mr. Maloney stressed the staffing issue, again, relative to the Board's issues. Both the Board and Department share a common goal in protecting the consumer. Mr. Maloney noted that he will make every effort to advise complainants of the final disposition of their complaint. Ms. Morales also expressed her concern regarding communication between the Department and the respondent and complainant. In response, Mr. Maloney stated Department protocols and policies which must be followed in their investigations. Mr. Maloney asked the Board for their consideration in the challenges his Division is facing regarding volume and workload.

Mr. Jeter praised the efforts of AIA/CT in their diligence in the filing of complaints with the Department and noted that this is not always the case with other States based upon his involvement with NCARB. It was also noted that the Department needs to communicate all complaints to NCARB that have been referred to other States.

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

1. Ms. Harp Jones stated that AIA/CT does not attempt to police the architecture profession but very often encounter individuals intentionally misleading the consumer into thinking they can legally offer the practice of architecture. Ms. Jones asked the ramifications these individuals receive from the Department. Mr. Maloney noted that the Department's response is dependent on the nature of the case. He advised Ms.

Jones to call him and he can open up a particular case file and provide more details for her.

2. Ms. Morales asked if AIA/CT has their own rules and regulations over some of the individuals AIA/CT is complaining about. Ms. Harp Jones noted that the individuals in reference are not architects and as such, they have no jurisdiction over their actions.

3. Ms. Briggs stated that she believes it would be beneficial for Mr. Kuzmich to attend NCARB's national functions and that these functions are fully funded by the NCARB.

4. Mr. Hurlburt noted that Mr. Gary Berner, the Department's Legislative Liaison was not aware that he was needed to be in attendance at today's meeting to update the Board on the status of their proposed regulation changes. In addition, Mr. Hurlburt noted that all proposed regulation changes are on hold temporarily until the Department's new Commissioner has had the chance to review the same. Mr. Berner will be glad to attend the Board's next meeting to give them an update.

Mr. Hurd is concerned about keeping the regulation changes moving in recognition of the arduous task of approval process. He also noted the importance of these changes which deal with when a candidate can sit for the Architect Registration Examination as brought to the Board's attention this past November by the an AIA/CT Member who is also the State's Intern Development Coordinator. Mr. Hurd gave Mr. Hurlburt the history of the development of these regulation changes.

5. The Board discussed their attendance at the upcoming NCARB Regional Summit in March 2015. Ms. Briggs stated her wish to attend since she will be running for a regional office. Mr. Hurd mad the Board aware of the February 6, 2015 deadline for registering their attendees.

6. Mr. Jeter noted that New England Council of Architectural Registration Boards is asking for an update on the Board Members telephone numbers for their records. The Board Members gave Mr. Jeter their contact information.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE;

MARCH 20, 2015

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The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. (Briggs/Hurd) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 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

Note: Mr. Kuzmich was not in attendance at this meeting. Ms. Layman from the Department of Consumer Protection attended this meeting in his absence.