

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

-MINUTES-

SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

The six hundred and ninetieth meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on September 18, 2015, was called to order by Chairman Mr. S. Edward Jeter at 9:06 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
	S. Edward Jeter	Chairman
	Pauline S. Morales	Board Member (participation by telephone conference call)

Board Members

Not Present: None.

Vacancies: None.

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich License/ Applications Specialist

Others Present: None.

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. Review of minutes of the July 17, 2015 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting.

After a thorough review, the Board approved the minutes as submitted.
(Briggs/Barkin)

2. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today.

There were no comments from anyone present.

3. Old Business

3A. Update regarding the E-mail from Mr. Raymond S. Steadward, Jr., Building Official – Town of Bloomfield dated December 3, 3014 concerning the stamping of plans by Interior Designers.

Mr. Kuzmich stated to the Board that on August 5, 2015, he e-mailed Mr. Steadward an excerpt from the Architectural Licensing Board's Meeting minutes from May 7, 2015 which are posted on line. Mr. Kuzmich noted that essentially, the Board's Attorney stated that Statute Section 20-293 states that no official of this state or of any city, town or borough therein, charged with the enforcement of laws, ordinances or regulations relating to the construction or alteration of buildings or structures, shall accept or approve any plans or specifications that are not stamped with the seal of a licensed architect or a licensed professional engineer. Mr. Steadward thanked the Department by return e-mail for their efforts in settling this matter.

4. New Business

4A. E-Mail from Kathy Hillegas dated July 1, 2015 concerning NCARB's Request for Comments: IDP Experience Portfolio Documentation Method; for discussion by the Board. Ms. Briggs reported that the New England Council of Architectural Registration Boards supports the IDP Experience Portfolio Documentation Method. Mr. Hurd summarized this proposal for the Board. He noted that this proposal was formed to develop an approach for individuals to document valid work experience fulfilling the spirit of the Intern Development Program (IDP) but falling outside the limits of current IDP reporting requirements. Currently, licensure applicants can earn full credit for experience reported within eight months, and 50 percent credit for experience earned beyond eight months and up to five years.

Ms. Briggs stated that the NCARB is trying to make their reporting documentation consistent across the venue which the individual is using. Further, she believes that this method is consistent with current State Law. Mr. Barkin stated that his proposal

may encourage individuals to delay in getting their license. It was noted that the documentation in this method is extensive, very detailed, and in many ways parallels NCARB's Broadly Experienced Architect procedure.

Ms. Morales stated that she does not see this method as being an economical, cost effective approach for NCARB. In response, Ms. Briggs stated that cost is not an element of their approach. The cost is the burden of the Intern and this method is not intended to be a cost effective implementation rule. Mr. Hurd noted that the cost the Board addressed earlier was the cost to NCARB to administer the process.

In conclusion, the Board voted unanimously in support of NCARB's IDP Experience Portfolio Documentation Method and directed Mr. Kuzmich to communicate their position to the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

4B. Draft of Letter dated August 6, 2015 to Municipal Public Works, Engineering, Planning, and Building Officials concerning the preparation of Site Plans by Licensed Landscape Architects; for the Board's information. Upon a detailed review of this document, the Board had no issues with its content and appreciated the opportunity to review the same prior to it being mailed.

4C. 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)

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| 1. Elizabeth Bazazi | 4. Mohamed Hafez | 7. Joseph A. Schlosser |
| 2. Shanna M. Benjamin | 5. Jared J. Magoon | 8. Paula D. Tunney |
| 3. Antonia M. Devine | 6. Andrew Ostrander | |

4D. 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	Beeman, Gary A.	Waiver of Examination; Louisiana	(NCARB File No. 30098)
2	Buono, Joshua M.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 126430)
3	Chang, Suzan S.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
4	Collins, Jason	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 86849)
5	Collins, Kevin E.	Waiver of Examination; Virginia	(NCARB File No. 72222)

6	Cummings, Matthew	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	Direct
7	Fang, Dezhang	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 81087)
8	Hampton, Ethan D.	Waiver of Examination; Colorado	(NCARB File No. 110617)
9	Landsberg, Garrick B.	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 120041)
10	Layman, David J.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 50506)
11	Luzadder, Gary S.	Waiver of Examination; Alabama	(NCARB File No. 71253)
12	MacLeod, Robert N.	Waiver of Examination; Maine	(NCARB File No. 88770)
13	Marvel, Jonathan J.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 64956)
14	Nichols, Karen	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 85487)
15	Osborne, Harry T.	Waiver of Examination; North Carolina	(NCARB File No. 38404)
16	Patton, Jack D.	Waiver of Examination; Washington	(NCARB File No. 57438)
17	Pickett, Adam	Waiver of Examination; Missouri	(NCARB File No. 268093)
18	Razak, Mohamed M.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
19	Sargent, Harold E.	Waiver of Examination; Tennessee	(NCARB File No. 33610)
20	Schneider, Craig A.	Waiver of Examination; Rhode Island	(NCARB File No. 33327)
21	Schulman, Mark S.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 80952)
22	Selldorf, Annabelle M.	Waiver of Examination; Coloradoew York	(NCARB File No. 233413)
23	Serebin, Laura S.	Waiver of Examination; Iowa	(NCARB File No. 86328)
24	Sidley, Rodney L.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 44958)
25	Springs, Stephen C.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 572781)
26	Streebin, David A.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 110644)
27	Troester, Stehen L.	Waiver of Examination; Arkansas	(NCARB File No. 53065)
28	Tsairis, George A.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 89994)
29	Whitmore, Michael J.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 707631)
30	Zelnik, Bryan E.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 80819)

4E. Application of Mr. Paul R. Walter for licensing by waiver of examination – direct endorsement; for discussion by the Board with further explanation from the Department. Mr. Kuzmich explained to the Board that this candidate does not have an accredited degree and therefore cannot get NCARB Certification and is asking the Board for a waiver of the required ten year waiting period. Mr. Walter also cited the Board’s past ruling regarding a candidate with a similar educational background as his to which the Board granted a license. Mr. Hurd noted to the Board that there is a significant difference in these two applications. Mr. Walter is applying for a waiver of the examination for which he does not qualify by law. The candidate Mr. Walter cited was granted a license by admittance to the examination and not a waiver of examination.

Mr. Hurd reviewed the Board’s past procedures regarding applications similar to Mr. Walter’s application. After more discussion and a review of the current statutes and their history as it pertains to waiver of examination (reciprocity), Mr. Hurd volunteered to step down and review this application on behalf of the Board. He will either meet with the candidate in person or speak with him by telephone. As an aside, the disciplinary action in Mr. Walter’s application was discussed and the question arose as to why this action was not reflected in New York State’s licensing information

for this candidate included in his application. Ms. Briggs asked Mr. Kuzmich to investigate this question and report back to the Board.

4F. 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)***

Claren Architecture + Design, Inc.
6400 Congress Avenue, Suite 2150
Boca Raton, Florida 33487

Stephan Claren, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 13228

FreemanWhite USA PA, Inc.
8845 Red Oak Boulevard
Charlotte, North Carolina 28217

Franklin H. Brooks, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 10776

Lessard Design Inc.
8521 Leesburg Pike, Suite 700
Vienna, Virginia 22182

Christian J. Lessard, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 10209

Studio 401 Architecture, LLC
5600 Post Road, Suite 114, #204
East Greenwich, Rhode Island 02818

Cynthia L. Gerlach, Stockholder
Connecticut Lic. No. 11424

4G. 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 application for the Joint Corporate Practice of Architecture and Professional Engineering in Connecticut. (Briggs/Barkin)***

Moseley Architects of Americas, LLC
3200 Norfolk Street
Richmond, Virginia 23230

William T. Brown, Vice President
Connecticut Lic. No. 13189

4H. DCP Trade Practices Division Complaint Status Report; review of complaint report submitted by the DCP Trade Practices Division including open, closed, and dismissed cases.

Mr. Kuzmich presented the Board with an e-mail he received from Mr. Richard Maloney, Director of the Trade Practices Division, September 17, 2017. The e-mail states that there are no closed complaints for the reporting period. The Board stated that this format is unacceptable to them and noted that they want the report in the format they have extensively reviewed with Mr. Maloney in the past and in which some past reports have been submitted.

The Board also cited an e-mail they received from Mr. Richard Hurlburt, Director, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division, dated September 14, 2015 concerning Subst. Senate Bill No. 412 "AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING STATUTES." which details the content of the Complaint Reports. It was decided that Board Chairman Mr. S. Edward Jeter will correspond with Mr. Maloney in writing expressing the Board's concerns.

4I. Any correspondence and/or business received in the interim.

1. The Fall New England Council of Architectural Boards (NECARB) Fall Regional Meeting to be held in New Haven, Connecticut was discussed. Specifically, the Board focused on the funding of Board Members' attendance to this event. Ms. Briggs noted that NECARB voted to fully fund two (2) delegates. Mr. Barkin suggested that the Board consider rotating attendance to both National and Regional Meetings in fairness to all members and in recognition of limited funding/reimbursement. The Board also discussed the mechanics of the reimbursement processes through NECARB for their expenses in attendance of the New Haven Conference and upcoming NCARB/NECARB conferences.

5. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today.

There were no further comments or concerns from anyone present at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m. (Briggs/Hurd) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, November 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