

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

July 16, 2021

The six hundred ninety sixth meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on July 16, 2021, via ZOOM Webinar, was called to order by Mr. David Barkin at 9:02 AM.

Board Members

Present:	David H. Barkin	Board Member, Chairman, Architect
	Laurann Asklof	Board Member, Public Member
	Angela D. Cahill	Board Member, Architect
	Philip H. Cerrone	Board Member, Architect
	Twig Holland	Board Member, Public Member

Board Members

Not Present: None

Vacancies: None

DCP Staff Present:	Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.	License & Applications Specialist
	Pamela Brown	Director, Investigations Division
	Janita Hamel	Supervising Special Investigator, Investigations Division
	Leslie O'Brien	Communications and Legislative Program Manager

Others Present:	Gina Calabro	AIA Connecticut
	Alana Konefal	Candidate for Licensure
	David R. Provencher	Candidate for Licensure
	Darlene R. Whitmore	Candidate for Licensure

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions, and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division, Richard M. Hurlburt, Director.

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1. Review of minutes of the May 21, 2021 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting

Concerning Agenda Item 6D. Discussion concerning proposed NCARB Resolutions for the Annual Business Meeting, Resolution 2021-04: Sunset of Resolution 2000-1 (Opposition to Interior Design Licensing); Mr. Barkin would like the last sentence to be changed to read “Mr. Barkin has objections on this matter.”. As such, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as amended herein. (Asklof/Cahill)

2. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today

There were no comments or concerns addressed.

3. DCP Investigation Division Complaint Status Report

Ms. Pamela Brown introduced Ms. Janita Hamel who addressed the Board concerning the report covering the period January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021. The Board had no comments on the report and thanked Ms. Hamel for this update.

4. DCP Legal Division Items

1. Mr. Barkin stated that Ms. Paulette Annon from the Legal Division will not be attending today’s meeting due to a conflict with her schedule. Any Legal Division items will be addressed by her at the Board’s next meeting scheduled for September 17, 2021

2. Mr. Barkin noted that issue he is raising here is a continuation of the discussion held at the Board’s last meeting under Agenda Item 6G. Proposed Memorandum regarding continuing education units to all current license holders.

Mr. Barkin stated that new Statutory Language was passed which creates a conflict with the existing regulations. The Statutes now indicate that the continuing education units (CEU) reporting date is now three (3) months prior to the license renewal date. This means that the new CEU reporting period is now May 1st through April 30th the following year. This is in contrast to the existing regulations that state the CEU reporting period is on a calendar year basis which was, and is, the Boards preference primarily because this time period is consistent with the transcript services, such as the AIA, that are already set up to report on an annual basis.

In response to Mr. Barkin, Ms. Leslie O’Brien addressed the Board confirming that the law that just passed supersedes the regulations although the Board can talk about changing the law in the future. She noted that the purpose of this change addresses a problem the Department is having with continuing education across the professions. The License Services Division asked that the CEU reporting date be changed across the Board to 3 months prior to renewal of the license to give the licensee a buffer to catch up with their CEU’s if they have an issue before they renew. This change was

made in an effort help reduce the amount of time spent on chasing after licensees who have renewed without completing their required CEU's.

Ms. O'Brien would prefer any future discussions about changing the Law include the License Services Division. She also noted that this Board is not the only Board/Commission that has a conflict with this new change and their existing regulations. Ms. O'Brien needs to meet with License Services to try and resolve this issue. She apologized to the Board, on behalf of the Department, for the lack of communication with them on this change. Mr. Barkin stated that he now has to amend the notice to the licensees regarding this new time frame for the reporting of continuing education credits.

It was decided to have a meeting prior to the Boards next regularly scheduled meeting (set for September 17, 2021) to include Mr. Barkin (on behalf of the Board), Ms. O'Brien, and the License Services Division to try and resolve this matter in time for next year's Legislative Session. Ms. O'Brien will coordinate setting up this meeting and Mr. Barkin will then report back to the Board in September. The Board thanked Ms. Obrien for meeting with them today. Ms. O'Brien' noted the importance of the inclusion of the License Services Division in establishing the Department's Legislative Package since they are responsible for implementing the mechanics of many of the changes such as continuing education requisites.

5. Old Business

5A. Update of proposed changes to Connecticut Statutes Chapter 390 – Architects.

Continuation of discussion concerning licensed architects in Connecticut performing the work of Interior Designers; specifically, the logistics to be addressed by the Department relating to existing interior design certificates currently held by Connecticut licensed architects. It was confirmed at a previous Board meeting that this proposal is a statutory change.

Ms. O'Brien stated that language in the H.B. 6100, Section 6, eliminates the need for licensed Connecticut Architects to register as Interior Designers. She noted that Section 20-295(b) now states that an architect licensed in this State may perform the work of an Interior Designer, as defined. The focus of the discussion was use of the title "Interior Designer". If an architect can perform the work, then they are permitted to use the title. Mr. Barkin noted that this is the main point of this issue. Mr. Barkin asked if architects will now be listed on a roster for Interior Designers as well. Ms. O'Brien believes they will be and will confirm this information with the Department and get back to the Board. This Item will be carried over to the Board's next meeting agenda.

5B. Minority Designation as considered by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) relative to firms practicing architecture.

Mr. Barkin stated that nothing has transpired on this matter. Mr. Barkin needs to start this conversation with the Department of Consumer Protection and the Department of

Administrative Services/Procurement Legal. He gave Ms. O'Brien the background information on this issue highlighting the conflict concerning ownership requirements in terms of stock percentages between Architectural company's as defined in the Statutes and Minority-Owned companies.

Ms. O'Brien stated that this matter is not within the purview of the Department of Consumer Protection. She also noted that this conflict in ownership is very common across the professions. Mr. Barkin suggested that perhaps someone from DCP can define, in a memorandum form, what an architectural firm is according to the Statutes. He noted that matter has created confusion on contracting issues when trying to hire a Minority Architecture Firm. Mr. Barkin agrees that this matter is a DAS issue and how they define "Minority" and the need for consistency with how Consumer Protection defines an architectural firm so that there are no "loopholes". Discussion continued on the conflicts of the definitions of architectural companies by the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) and the Department of Administrative Services (DAS).

Ms. Cahill suggested that the Board can issue a memo stating that DAS change their definition of a minority owned firm to be consistent with DCP requirements or the Board can recommend that DAS change how they credential Minority Owned Firms. Mr. Barkin offered to prepare a draft, on behalf of the Board, to submit to the Department of Administrative Services addressing this matter to be reviewed by the Board. Discussion on this Agenda Item will continue at the next Board meeting.

6. New Business

6A. 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 an architect in the State of Connecticut and offered their congratulations on achieving this professional milestone. (Holland/Asklof)

1. Thomas Barker
2. Alana Konefal

Ms. Konefal was in attendance and thanked the Board.

3. Matthew R. Jurgens
4. David R. Provencher

Mr. Provencher was in attendance and thanked the Board.

5. Darlene R. Whitmore

Ms. Whitmore was in attendance and thanked the Board.

6B. Applications for licensing by waiver of examination; the following individuals were approved under Section 21a-8 of the General Statutes 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; it was noted by the Board that the applications are listed for informational purposes.

1	Abbey, Jason	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 108015)
2	Agron, Melinda Marlen	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 830308)
3	Ahlstrom-Volskis, Kristi	Waiver of Examination; Colorado	(NCARB File No. 112906)
4	Amato, Lance Evan	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 107791)
5	Antenucci, Gabriel	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 121572)
6	Babel, Jeremy Travis	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 602354)
7	Barksdale, William Malcolm	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 96471)
8	Blochberger, Jim	Waiver of Examination; Aizona	(NCARB File No. 57942)
9	Bongiorno, Lori Ann	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 820087)
10	Bourassa, Mark Daniel	Waiver of Examination; New Hampshire	(NCARB File No. 100731)
11	Bridle, Luke Andrew	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 137907)
12	Browning, James W.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 673136)
13	Bucher, Jr., Robert J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 88963)
14	Budetti, Robert	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 67166)
15	Chhapra, Nayyareen Home	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 118415)
16	Christensen, Shannon R.	Waiver of Examination; Montana	(NCARB File No. 117989)
17	Clanahan, Zachary Todd	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 129883)
18	Clegg, Graham	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 96815)
19	Collins, Randall P.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 75740)
20	Cooper, Todd	Waiver of Examination; Colorado	(NCARB File No. 111371)
21	DesRosier, Joseph Earl	Waiver of Examination; Minnesota	(NCARB File No. 108181)
22	Fisher, Bryan	Waiver of Examination; Maryland	(NCARB File No. 96883)
23	Fisher, Milton J.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 136956)
24	Fisk, Lloyd	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 69339)
25	Fox, Evan	Waiver of Examination; Missouri	(NCARB File No. 97688)
26	Frisch, Daniel	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
27	Galante, Theodore	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 63959)
28	Gallup, Timothy M.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 30146)
29	Garbarini, Craig D.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 75226)
30	Gears, Jeffrey David	Waiver of Examination; Minnesota	(NCARB File No. 215333)
31	Gleason, Thad M.	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 106550)
32	Halliwell, Kendra Jo	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 101786)
33	Hopkins-Clegg, Kristin	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 97474)
34	Jiraneck, Katherine Elizabeth	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 674839)
35	Lee, M. David.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 850242)
36	Manes, Joshua M.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 132549)
37	Marmolejos, Pedro	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 96072)
38	Marotta, Matthew	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 128138)
39	Mayer, Madelaine	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
40	Mulas, Claudia L.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 693641)
41	Murdoch, Scot	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 86623)
42	Nelson, III, James Charles	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 91234)

43	Newman, Elaine	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 862111)
44	Paradowicz, Jinhwa P.	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 109197)
45	Parker, III, Edell Carson	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 738168)
46	Paroly, Richard	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
47	Paul, Kevin Mark	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 863552)
48	Petrakaki-Spyropoulos, Maria	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 862712)
49	Portis, Eddie	Waiver of Examination; North Carolina	(NCARB File No. 75124)
50	Ritchie, Michael Francis	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 321633)
51	Rojas, Paola AndreaYanez	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 103865)
52	Roosth, Stuart I.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 442573)
53	Savarese, Desiree M.	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 102668)
54	Scarinci, Joseph Anthony	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 303313)
55	Schnepf, Matthew	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
56	Shore, Brian	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 17576)
57	Solek, Christopher	Waiver of Examination; Australia	(NCARB File No. 856458)
58	Song, Paul	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 714280)
59	Springer, Gregory R.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 104075)
60	Thomas, Leslie	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 122775)
61	Towne, Sean Eric	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 88531)
62	Warnock, Paul	Waiver of Examination; Utah	(NCARB File No. 80317)
63	Whalen, Stephen	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 862218)
64	Wujcik, Bruce	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	Direct
65	Zalewski, Mirela	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 131261)

6C. Applications for the Corporate Practice of Architecture; the Department approved the following applications under Section 21a-8 of the General Statutes; it was noted by the Board that the applications are listed for informational purposes.

1. CORE DG LLC
155 West Market Street Ste 200
York, Pennsylvania 17401-1327
James E. Baumgardner
Connecticut Lic. No. 14908
2. Crosskey Architects LLC
750 Main Street Suite 150
Hartford, Connecticut 06103-2711
Laura Crosskey
Connecticut Lic. No. 14484
3. DPS Group Northeast Inc.
959 Concord Street Suite 100
Framingham, Massachusetts 01701-4682
Patrick J. McKelvey
Connecticut Lic. No. 14043
4. Research Facilities Design
3965 5th Avenue Suite 400
San Diego, California 92103-3107
William M. Barsdale
Connecticut License No. 15001
5. Ruard Veltman Architecture Inc.
104 Baldwin Avenue
Charlotte, North Carolina 28204-3228
Ruard A. Veltman
Connecticut Lic. No. 14885

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| 6. | Sullivan & Wilson, P.C.
444 North Michigan Avenue Suite 1850
Chicago, Illinois 60611-4034 | Mark J. Sullivan
Connecticut Lic. No. 13739 |
| 7. | Ted Baab Architect PLLC
234 South Main Street Apt 403
Middletown, Connecticut 06457-4256 | Theodore O. Baab
Connecticut Lic. No. 13882 |

Mr. Kuzmich stated to the Board that the process in place to ensure compliance with ownership requirements for corporations on their renewals has been very successful.

7. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today.

1. Ms. Calabro noted that AIA/CT has been promoting to their membership that they complete their CEU requirement by the end of December 2021. AIA/CT will be prepared for any upcoming changes relative the continuing education.
2. Mr. Barkin reminded the newly licensed architects on today's agenda that AIA/CT is continuing to hold their reception for the newly licensed architects where licensees can get their signed wall certificate.
3. Ms. Calabro stated that AIA/CT will be conducting a webinar this month regarding digital signatures on plans open to AIA members and non-members and engineers as well. Mr. Barkin thanked Ms. Calabro and Ms. Cahill for their efforts on this matter.
4. Mr. Barkin will be re-draft the memo to all Connecticut licensed architects concerning the changes in continuing education reporting which will be issued after the current renewal period has ended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 AM. (Barkin/Cahill) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, September 17, 2021 at 9:00 AM; location to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator

Upcoming Architectural Licensing Board Meeting Dates for the Calendar Year 2021:

1. September 17, 2021
2. November 19, 2021

All meetings will take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.