

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

November 19, 2021

The six hundred ninety eighth meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on November 19, 2021, via ZOOM Webinar, was called to order by Mr. David Barkin at 9:01 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. Pamela Brown	License & Applications Specialist Director, Investigations Division
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Others Present:	Sam Davis Michael Davis	Candidate for Licensure
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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 September 17, 2021 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the September 17, 2021 minutes as written. (Holland/Cerrone)

2. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today

There were no comments or concerns addressed.

3. DCP Investigation Division Complaint Status Report

Mr. Barkin noted the two (2) Settlement Agreements on the report and the resolution for each. The remaining complaints remain open dating back to 2018. Ms. Cahill had questions of the fine noted on the report or one case. Mr. Barkin provided details on this case since it is now closed. Ms. Brown noted that this complaint was settled within the Legal Division and the respondent now has an active license.

The Board discussed the renewal procedure in place for architects by the Department. In addition, they discussed more details of one particular closed complaint listed, the associated fines, and potential ramifications relating to the nature of the complaint. Ms. Brown gave the Board more details on the amount of the fine.

Ms. Cahill is pleased that the overall number of complaints are down and noted the significant delay in resolution on some of the open complaints.

4. DCP Legal Division Items

There was no discussion held since there was no representation from the Legal Department at the meeting. Mr. Kuzmich noted that he was informed by Ms. Paulette Annon that Ms. Cynthia Fernandez will be the new Staff Attorney assigned to this Board going forward.

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.

Mr. Barkin moved that the Board take this item of the agenda since he does not anticipate much cooperation between the DCP and DAS on this matter in the future. Mr. Cerrone noted his participation on the NCARB Committee for Interior Architecture as well as a recent call from the AIA Interior Design Task Force. He noted a very strong position by held by them in opposition to the Interior Design profession in general. Mr. Cerrone also noted the NCARB's efforts to reconcile the differences between the professions. He is in agreement that this item should be removed from the agenda since nothing will be done about this in the near future.

Mr. Barkin noted recent correspondence sent to all licensed architects in the State from the Department regarding a law change stating that all licensed Connecticut architects who perform interior design work can do so without obtaining a separate registration. Mr. Kuzmich offered additional clarification on this notification. It was confirmed that the Board has now concluded their discussion on this issue and the matter is settled.

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

Mr. Barkin gave the Board a summary of this matter noting that DAS would allow a firm to identify themselves as a Minority Firm based on an operating agreement but not based on the actual firm ownership. He stated that this matter is more for the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and not the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to address. He further explained the perspectives from both Departments on this issue. The Board decided to take this item off their agenda until such time as there may be further discussion needed.

6. New Business

6A. Application from Ms. Suzanne I. Pertusiello to sit for the Architect Registration Examination.

Mr. Barkin gave the Board the history of her first application to them noting that former Board Member Mr. Robert Hurd evaluated her application and made recommendation to the Board that she sit for the examination. However, the Board decided to require that she come before them since the Board Chairman, at the time, considered her experience in architecture to be “thin” and wanted to interview the applicant in person.

Mr. Barkin noted that the applicant satisfied NCARB’s experience requirement but lacks an accredited degree. Although she was asked to come before the Board in the past, she never did so. Mr. Barkin questioned what the Board is being asked to do at this point? Mr. Kuzmich noted that she is, again, asking to sit for the examination based upon additional work experience she has obtained since her first application. She was given the opportunity to come before the Board today but did not. Mr. Barkin stated one option the Board has is to reconsider approving her application based upon Mr. Hurd’s evaluation. The other option is for an Architect Member of the Board to stand down and reevaluate her experience. Mr. Barkin would have expected her to be before the Board today to explain her additional work experience. Ms. Pertusiello’s recently submitted NCARB Record shows no additional work experience.

After considerable discussion, the Board determined that although her work experience required by the NCARB is satisfied, her updated NCARB Council Record shows no new, additional, work experience since her last Council Record was reviewed by the Board in 2014. Further, the Board’s previous request to provide details of her work experience in person has not been done. She now states she has accrued more work experience since her 2014 application none of which is before the Board today.

After reviewing their options, with the assistance of Mr. Kuzmich, it was determined that the Board requires her to attend their next meeting scheduled for Friday, January 21, 2022. The Board will discuss the following:

1. Her work experience since her original application was submitted in 2014.
2. Architect references from this additional time period.
3. Explanation of how this additional work experience compensates for the lack of an accredited degree.
4. Additional information the applicant believes will be helpful for the Board to evaluate her credentials.

The Board will provide the applicant with these points of discussion prior to the meeting and require that she provide them with her response in writing before the meeting so the Board can review the same.

6B. 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. (Cahill/Asklof)

1. Samuel Edward Davis; Mr. Davis thanked the Board for their approval.

Mr. Barkin noted to Mr. Davis that AIA/CT usually hosts a meeting in January where they recognize the newly licensed Connecticut Architects (by written examination). These individuals are presented with a Wall Certificate by the Board Chairperson or other Board Member. Ms. Cahill explained the process in more detail to Mr. Davis.

2. Edward Edelman
3. Michelle Harrigan Miller
4. Hernan Andres Pagan

The Board added the following candidate to the meeting agenda:

5. Randy J. Begin

6C. 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; the Board acknowledged the below applications and noted that they are listed for informational purposes.

1	Alt, James M.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 28617)
2	Alvarez, Jose	Waiver of Examination; Louisiana	(NCARB File No. 88629)
3	Apigian, Michelle	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 91035)
4	Baskin, Michael Alan	Waiver of Examination; Rhode Island	(NCARB File No. 57771)
5	Carr, Christopher	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 130500)
6	Charlan, Charles L.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 30807)
7	Cluff, Michael Allen	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 109064)
8	Coerper, Olaf Heinz Eric	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
9	Cortez, Matthew F.	Waiver of Examination; Kansas	(NCARB File No. 109567)
10	Diamond, Jan Allen	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
11	Dong, Yao	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 624403)
12	Fink, Brian K.	Waiver of Examination; Arizona	(NCARB File No. 71325)
13	Fisher, Keith P.	Waiver of Examination; Maryland	(NCARB File No. 82214)
14	Flowers, Joshua	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
15	Furwa, Joseph L.	Waiver of Examination; Michigan	(NCARB File No. 77761)
16	Goodrick, Sean C.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 103736)
17	Harper, David Michael	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 54412)
18	Hartwick, Brandon	Waiver of Examination; Michigan	(NCARB File No. 731668)
19	Haschel, Aaron R.	Waiver of Examination; Indiana	(NCARB File No. 62981)
20	Heal, Stanley Lance	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 413293)
21	Kavanagh, Jessica H.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 96289)
22	Lang, Drew	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
23	Litman, Steven	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 44402)
24	Luna, Juan Gabriel	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 82977)
25	Machicao, Heather M.	Waiver of Examination; Missouri	Direct
26	Maifield, April Sue	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 75367)
27	Maleri, John	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 110037)
28	McCracken, Gregory A.	Waiver of Examination; Washington	Direct
29	McKinney, Geoff	Waiver of Examination; Colorado	(NCARB File No. 837114)
30	Mead, Maurice David	Waiver of Examination; Maryland	(NCARB File No. 84940)
31	Morris, Bruce Edward	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 45186)
32	Musial, Noel	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 136062)
33	Neal, Scott R.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 242113)
34	Nugent, William Scott	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 77668)
35	Nussbaum, Stephanie	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 109093)
36	Oka, Craig D.	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 69612)
37	Olmeda, Ruben	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 90198)
38	Pagano, Alfred Francis	Waiver of Examination; Oklahoma	(NCARB File No. 199493)
39	Parsons, Randall	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 109567)
40	Politi, Thomas M.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 119818)
41	Purdy, Hannah Harding	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 105772)
42	Reilly, Richard Michael	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 91645)
43	Rolontz, R. Morgan	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
44	Rosado, Luz Del Mar	Waiver of Examination; Virginia	(NCARB File No. 94128)
45	Sachs, Laura Beth	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
46	Sanchick, Danielle	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 683733)
47	Sands, Jeffrey Michael	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
48	Schappert, Matthew Francis	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 109353)
49	Schauwecker, Ronald Dean	Waiver of Examination; Missouri	(NCARB File No. 61624)
50	Stoddard, Christopher Brian	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 728228)
51	Szalewicz, Benjamin C.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 96855)

52	White, David Allen	Waiver of Examination; DC	(NCARB File No. 113424)
53	Wienberg, Julie	Waiver of Examination; Missouri	(NCARB File No. 68594)
54	Wong, Angela Siu-Kan	Waiver of Examination; California	Direct
55	Ziemer, Derek J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 607093)

6D. Applications for the Corporate Practice of Architecture; the Department approved the following applications under Section 21a-8 of the General Statutes: the Board acknowledged the below applications and noted that they are listed for informational purposes.

1. ACS Architectural Construction Services Inc. David L. Rhodes
101 Shipyard Way Suite B Connecticut Lic No. 9523
Newport Beach, California 92663-4447

2. Ayers Saint Gross Architecture PC Glenn W. Birx
1040 Hull Suite 100 Connecticut Lic. No. 10421
Baltimore, Maryland 21230-5346

3. BLRB Architects, Corp Seth Anderson
1250 Pacific Avenue Suite 700 Connecticut Lic. No. 14059
Tacoma, Washington 98402-4318

4. Kenneth Boroson Architects LLC Kenneth A. Boroson
315 Peck Street Connecticut Lic. No. 4150
New Haven, Connecticut 06513-2933

5. Mercier Kuc Studio LLC Robin Mercier Kuc
450 Yale Avenue Connecticut Lic. No. 15048
New Haven, Connecticut 06515-2234

6. Millennium Design Associates Inc Joseph A. DeLuca
1599 Washington Street Suite 1A Connecticut Lic. No. 11296
Braintree, Massachusetts 02184-8161

7. The Musial Group, PA Noel S. Musial
191 Mill Lane Connecticut Lic. No. 9009
Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-2920

8. Perkins Eastman Architects DPC Lawrence B. Perkins
115 5th Avenue Connecticut Lic. No. 5652
New York, New York 10003-1004

9. Shore Design PLLC David R. Provencher
8 Potter Hill Drive Connecticut Lic. No. 15027
Guilford, Connecticut 06437-2176

6E. Mr. Barkin reminded the Board that going forward they will need to nominate a temporary Chairperson to preside over their future meetings and to sign the Wall Certificates for the newly licensed since he is resigning from the Board effective November 22, 2021. He answered questions from Ms. Asklof on the process of getting a new Chairperson appointed. The duties of the Chairperson were discussed. It was also noted that AIA Connecticut is working to put together a list of qualified candidates.

Mr. Barkin stated that he can and is willing to sign the Wall Certificates for the newly licensed architects since he was the Chairperson at the time they were all licensed. The Board agreed to this and also decided to elect a temporary Chairperson at each meeting going forward.

Ms. Cahill noted AIA has dissolved their Regions so there is no longer a Regional Group convening. This benefits Connecticut because they will now have a standing representative at the National Level whereas before this position used to rotate among the New England States. AIA has sent out a request to fill this new position called "Strategic Counselor" at the AIA National Level with a term of 2 or 3 years. Mr. Barkin applied for this position and was accepted.

Mr. Barkin noted that he has enjoyed his time on this Board; especially working with the current Members. The Board thanked Mr. Barkin for his 13 years of dedicated service.

6F. Mr. Cerrone updated the Board on the recent NCARB Regional Meeting that he and Ms. Asklof attended. He noted that the Bylaws have been changed for the Director's terms from three years to two years which now coincides with the National Level Terms.

The next NCARB Spring Regional Meeting will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina on March 3 - 5, 2022 which is when voting will take place for the Regional Offices. The NCARB Annual Meeting will take place June 2 - 5, 2022 in Austin, Texas.

There was much discussion on how to cut back on the budget such as changing the frequency of meetings and the length of the same. The NCARB Regional Fall Meeting will be held in Connecticut next year. Mr. Cerrone asked the Board Members to begin thinking about the planning for this meeting.

6G. The Board asked if their January 14, 2022 Board meeting can be moved to January 21, 2022 to accommodate Member's schedules. Mr. Kuzmich will try to move the date and advise the Board of the same.

7. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today.

There were no further comments or concerns addressed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM. (Barkin/Holland) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, January 21, 2022, at 9:00 AM and will be held by ZOOM Webinar.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator

Upcoming Architectural Licensing Board Meeting Dates for the Calendar Year 2022:

1. January 21, 2022 (to be held remotely by ZOOM Webinar)
2. March 18, 2022
3. May 20, 2022
4. July 15, 2022
5. September 16, 2022
6. November 18, 2022

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