

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

January 21, 2022

The six hundred ninety ninth meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on January 21, 2022, via ZOOM Webinar, was called to order by Mr. Philip H. Cerrone, Acting Chairperson at 9:02 AM.

Board Members

Present:	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: Board Member, Architect

DCP Staff Present:	Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.	License & Applications Specialist
	Janita Hamel	Supervising Special Investigator, Investigations Division

Others Present:	Suzzane Pertusiello	Examination Candidate
	Jeremy Hill	Candidate for Licensure
	Wesley Wright	Candidate for Licensure
	Gina Calabro	AIA Connecticut
	Manny Machado	AIA Connecticut
	Michael Ayles	

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

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The Board voted to appoint Mr. Philip H. Cerrone as their Acting Chairperson going forward until such time as the Governor appoints a permanent replacement.
(Cahill/Asklof)

1. Review of minutes of the November 19, 2021 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the November 19, 2021 minutes as written. (Holland/Cahill)

2. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today

There were no comments or concerns addressed.

3. DCP Investigation Division Complaint Status Report

The Board noted that the complaint process has improved much over the last year and the format of the reports is now easier to understand. Also, the Board is pleased that overall, the number of complaints is down. Ms. Janita Hamel addressed the Board and noted the timeframe of the report and that no new complaints have been added nor have any of the complaints been settled. The complaints shown on the report as open are being addressed by the Legal Department.

4. DCP Legal Division Items

There was no representative from Legal present at today's meeting. Therefore, no discussion was held on this agenda item.

5. Old Business

5A. Application from Ms. Suzanne I. Pertusiello to sit for the Architect Registration Examination.

Mr. Kuzmich gave the Board a history of her application for the Board at the request of Mr. Cerrone. Ms. Pertusiello addressed the Board giving them a summary of her work history and educational background. She cited her work experience in New York City and her current work as an Interior Designer on residential projects. She has collaborated with several contractors and engineers explaining their involvement on load bearing portions of various projects and the interface of this with her work on the same.

Ms. Pertusiello believes her additional work experience, gained since she last applied to the Board, combined with her education and the completion of the NCARB training requirements makes her ready to sit for the Architect Registration Examination. She wants to further her career and better serve her clients and be a better designer. She has explored the possibility of going back to school and wants to be more than "just an Interior Designer".

Mr. Cerrone displayed her NCARB Record on the ZOOM platform for all to view. He noted that a concern the Board has about her application is that the most of her work is residential in scope and she does not display the diversity needed to sit for the examination. Ms. Pertusiello cited other commercial projects she worked on early in her career in New York City. She noted that her residential work has primarily been only over the last three years approximately. Her work on commercial projects was always interiors since she is not licensed but she worked alongside many licensed design professionals.

Ms. Cahill asked for clarification on the process of reviewing her application. Mr. Cerrone and Mr. Kuzmich reviewed the history of the previous Board's evaluation including the written assessment done of Ms. Pertusiello's application by former Board Member Mr. Robert Hurd. They also put into perspective her current application which is now before the Board for their evaluation and the options the Board has in proceeding with the same.

Ms. Cahill suggested an additional interview with the applicant to address her specific work experience as it pertains to construction documents and code requirements for example. This may be to the candidate benefit's as opposed to the Board taking a vote on her application today. Mr. Cerrone summarized the Board position stating that essentially, they are looking to see that the amount of work experience the candidate has compensates for fact that she does not meet the degree requirement.

The Board agreed that Ms. Cahill's suggestion is appropriate and as such, will proceed in this manner. Mr. Cerrone volunteered to interview Ms. Pertusiello and do an evaluation before the next Board Meeting. The Board will then make their decision at this meeting. Ms. Pertusiello thanked Mr. Cerrone and expressed her appreciation for doing this.

With regard to the candidate stating earlier that she wants to further her education, Ms. Holland suggested to Ms. Pertusiello that she not state that she "does not want to be just an Interior Designer". Ms. Holland believes that this statement is dismissive of the profession. Ms. Pertusiello agrees and stated that she did not mean to comment against this profession and noted that she works with many Interior Designers on her projects.

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. (Cahill/Holland)

1. Jeremy Adam Hill; Mr. Hill thanked the Board for their time and consideration.
2. Karen Wenschhof

3. Wesley Carrol Wright; Mr. Wright thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

The following candidates were added by vote of the Board to Agenda Item 6A.at today's meeting (Holland/Cahill):

4. Alexis Erin Hoff

5. Austin Jay Lankford

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

1	Adekanmbi, Alexander A.	Waiver of Examination; Michigan	(NCARB File No. 71102)
2	Anastacio, Alberto	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 99586)
3	Batchelor, Samuel Putnam	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 114906)
4	Brosnan, Patrick J.	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 699604)
5	Burse, John	Waiver of Examination; Missouri	(NCARB File No. 66081)
6	Connell, Jeffrey S.	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 858137)
7	De Angel, Yanal	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 99306)
8	Gaetano, Steven C.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
9	Gee, Truman D.	Waiver of Examination; Colorado	(NCARB File No. 275153)
10	Himmelsbach, John H.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
11	Johnson, Alena Sakalouski	Waiver of Examination; Minnesota	(NCARB File No. 157234)
12	Johnson, Stuart A.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 120100)
13	Knisely, Michael D.	Waiver of Examination; Washington	(NCARB File No. 41358)
14	Makoid, Blaze Chester	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 855795)
15	Michel, Matthew David	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 852965)
16	Morris, Erin J.	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 109769)
17	Plenge, Kevin Benjamin	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 173594)
18	Rorschach, Donald Jackson	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 81234)
19	Rosa, Erico N.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 828551)
20	Salcedo-Fernandez, Julio	Waiver of Examination; New York)	(NCARB File No. 91721)
21	Siemer, John	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 313573)
22	Tomassetti, Steven J.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 90880)
23	Torborg, Constance Pugh	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 868375)
24	Villegas, Gregory Michael	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 707549)
25	Wall, Thomas Bulkley	Waiver of Examination; Missouri	(NCARB File No. 459933)
26	Wiegand, Travis David	Waiver of Examination; Minnesota	(NCARB File No. 133636)

6C. 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.

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| 1. | Logic DA LLC
802 North 109th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226-3740 | Adam J. Stein
Connecticut Lic. No. 15086 |
| 2. | Charlan, Brock & Associates Inc.
1770 Fennell Street
Maitland, Florida 32751-8635 | Craig D. Garbarini
Connecticut Lic. No. 15023 |

6D. Applications for the Joint Corporate Practice of Architecture and Professional Engineering; the Department approved the following applications under Section 20-306b of the General Statutes: the Board acknowledged the below applications and noted that they are listed for informational purposes.

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| 1. | CT Design Group PC
13 North 23 rd Street
Billings Montana 59101 | Robert Arthur
Connecticut Lic. No. PEN.25167
Shannon Christensen
Connecticut Lic. No. ARI.15010 |
| 2. | SST Architecture & Engineering PLLC
756 Hasson Avenue
Collingswood New Jersey 08108 | Alkeshkumar D Taylor
Connecticut Lic. No. PEN.32563
Stephen L Schoch
Connecticut Lic. No. ARI12889 |

7. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today.

1. Mr. Cerrone noted the NCARB Regional Summit meeting will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina and will most likely be a combination of an in-person and virtual meeting. Ms. Asklof will attend this meeting virtually and Mr. Cerrone will attend in-person should the circumstances warrant.
2. Mr. Cerrone noted that Connecticut is hosting the NCARB Regional Meeting this Fall and discussed possible hotel accommodations. The Board is not yet certain of the dates, but Mr. Cerrone will inquire.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 AM. (Holland/Asklof) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, March 18, 2022, at 9:00 AM and will be held by ZOOM Webinar.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, Architect Emeritus
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.