

ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

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The six hundred and seventy third meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on January 19, 2007, was called to order by Chairman Mr. S. Edward Jeter at 8:45 a.m. in Room No. 121 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Board Members Present:	Carole W. Briggs Robert B. Hurd S. Edward Jeter	Board Member Board Member Chairman/Board Member
Board Members Not Present:	Paul H. Bartlett Christopher Mazza	Board Member Board Member
Others Present	Robert M. Kuzmich Steven J. Schwane Peter R. Huntsman Diane Harp Jones	License and Applications Specialist/Department of Consumer Protection Administrative Hearings Attorney/Department of Consumer Protection Attorney General's Office AIA/Connecticut

Note: The administrative functions of this Board are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information, call Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135.

1. Old Business

1A. Submission of the minutes of the November 17, 2006; for review and approval. Ms. Briggs amended the minutes as follows. On page three, Item 1C., third paragraph, line five, the word “an” shall be changed to “and”. Also on page three, Item 1D., paragraph five, line three, the word “there” shall be changed to “their” and line six, the word “Departments” shall be changed to “Department’s”. ***After a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2006 meeting as amended herein. (Briggs/Hurd)***

1B. Continuation of discussion concerning electronic format and transmission of architectural drawings, seals, signatures, and other related items. Mr. Jeter noted that AIA/CT will be meeting to discuss this subject shortly and suggested to wait for Ms. Harp Jones to arrive for further details. Mr. Schwane presented the Board a draft of revisions to the existing Statutes for the Practice of Architecture addressing these changes. The new revisions appear underlined and consist mainly of statute language taken from the State of Ohio. Mr. Schwane also added the requirement that an architect must also sign, in addition to seal, all drawings. Mr. Jeter noted that the proposed revisions are not clear that the architect’s signature be across the seal. Ms. Briggs stated that the signature should not obscure the image of the seal or the architect’s license number.

Mr. Schwane noted that if these statutory changes were passed, the regulation may have to be amended in the future to accommodate the addition of electronic signatures. Statutes will override any variations in the regulation for the immediate future. If the Board approves this draft in concept, Mr. Schwane may want to further “fine-tune” the language. It was clarified that the architect’s signature should always be live whether over a live seal impression or reproduction of the same. Industry protocol has changed whereby clients and contractors ask for reproducible architect drawings for reproduction to subcontractors, consultants, etc. In this case the seal may be reproduced but it would be without a live signature.

The Board decided to continue discussions on this matter at their next meeting scheduled for March 16, 2007.

1C. Report to the Board from Mr. Robert B. Hurd, concerning his review of application from Mr. Kenneth E. Cleveland to sit for the Architect Registration Examination. Mr. Hurd noted that he is awaiting Mr. Cleveland’s IDP confirmation from NCARB. He also stated that Mr. Cleveland has worked for more than six years in architect’s offices and completed 141 credit hours for his undergraduate degree. In addition, he took 4 graduate courses in the Master of Architecture program at the University of Hartford but could not afford to continue. Mr. Hurd believes this candidate is well qualified assuming that NCARB confirms his IDP completion. Mr. Hurd noted that this should not be a problem since the number of

training units he has acquired is more than double that required by NCARB. Mr. Cleveland had some difficulty getting his paperwork to NCARB but his submission is now complete and the ball is in NCARB's court so to speak. Mr. Hurd will update the Board on his evaluation once he has received and reviewed all of Mr. Cleveland's paperwork.

2. New Business

2A. Correspondence from Mr. Harwood Loomis, Assistant Building Official, Town of Middlebury, concerning an interpretation relating to C.G.S. Section 20-298 – Exempted Activities. Mr. Kuzmich updated the Board on the nature of this correspondence. Members of the Board viewed this matter as a “cut and dry” issue and were surprised that Mr. Loomis asked the question. Mr. Hurd stated that the Exemption Section of the Statutes concisely addresses dwelling spaces for not more than two families. Six townhouses does not qualify. After some brief discussion, the Board affirmed that the project referenced in Mr. Loomis's correspondence is not exempt based upon the fact that the building is clearly more than two families and the project has more than five thousand square feet.

2B. 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 architects in Connecticut: (Briggs/Hurd)***

1. Andrea Lobo Boyle
2. John Kucera

2C. Applications for reciprocal licensing; 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 Reciprocity; ***the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individuals for licensing as architects in the State of Connecticut. (Hurd/Briggs)***

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| 1. Bemben, John P. | Waiver of Examination; New Jersey | (NCARB File No. 122900) |
| 2. Braverman, Louise | Waiver of Examination; New York | (NCARB File No. 56589) |
| 3. Buford, Robert S. | Waiver of Examination; New York | (NCARB File No. 50641) |
| 4. Burell, Andrew A. | Waiver of Examination; Alabama | (NCARB File No. 56322) |
| 5. Cann, Ross S. | Waiver of Examination; New York | (NCARB File No. 111720) |
| 6. Colciaghi, Anthony J. | Waiver of Examination; Delaware | (NCARB File No. 116446) |
| 7. Correll, Randy M. | Waiver of Examination; New York | (NCARB File No. 94842) |
| 8. Finkel, Brian W. | Waiver of Examination; New Jersey | (NCARB File No. 78153) |

9.	Fitz-Gibbon, Gerardo	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 45219)
10.	Gander, Carol D.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 93529)
11.	Hennessy, Andrew J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 106740)
12.	Hull, Christopher	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 75118)
13.	Johnson, Richard E.	Waiver of Examination; North Carolina	(NCARB File No. 13002)
14.	Landry, Jr., Richard E.	Waiver of Examination; New Hampshire	(NCARB File No. 85888)
15.	Marcille, Mark P.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 89959)
16.	Misyak-Peters, Patricia L.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 117632)
17.	Myerberg, Henry	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
18.	Neumann, Timothy D.	Waiver of Examination; Colorado	(NCARB File No. 94987)
19.	Nigro, Paul	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 34585)
20.	Patterson, John L.	Waiver of Examination; South Carolina	(NCARB File No. 12321)
21.	Raassis, Scott R.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
22.	Reep, Jr., Richard T.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	Direct
23.	Saiz, Jr., Luis	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 586780)
24.	Seiler, Douglas E.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 51577)
25.	Sobieraj, Walter A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
26.	Stettler, Mark W.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 92095)
27.	Todd, Kenneth W.	Waiver of Examination; Tennessee	(NCARB File No. 38821)
28.	Trivette, Kellie C.	Waiver of Examination; North Carolina	(NCARB File No. 73009)
29.	Wight, William D.	Waiver of Examination; Vermont	Direct
30.	Yanong, Danilo D.	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 36586)

2D. 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/Hurd)***

Baker/Wohl Architects, Inc.
2A Union Park Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02118

Margaret E. Garet Wohl, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 11244

BBS Architect P.C.
244E Main Street
Patchogue, New York 11772

Roger P. Smith, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 10948

John F. Torti Architectural
Services, P.C.
1300 Spring Street, Suite 400
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

John F. Torti, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 11174

Tecton Architects, Inc.
One Hartford Square West #103
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

David G. Foster, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 2517

Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo Architects,
A Professional Corporation
8001 Irvine Center Drive, Suite 500
Irvine, California 92618

Ronald J. Holecek, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 11246

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

HGA Architects and Engineers, LLC
701 Washington Avenue North
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401-1180

RBA Group of Connecticut, LLC
One Evergreen Drive
Morristown, New Jersey 07962

2F. Update from Mr. Steven J. Schwane from the Consumer Protection's Legal Division regarding any Board issues. Mr. Schwane noted that he is working on a case with Mr. Bartlett and that there is no new news on the Regulations proposed by the State Library other than the fact that he was contacted by the State Librarian and asked for the name of the contact at the Governor's Office.

2G. "CHRO Reviews" CHRO CRITERIA PER SECTION 46a-80; none before the Board. ***It was noted by Mr. Jeter that there are no cases before the Board today.***

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

1. Ms. Briggs asked that the ***May 18, 2007 Board meeting be moved to May 11, 2007*** due to the fact that she will be out of the country on the original Board meeting date.

2. Ms. Jones reminded the Board of the upcoming AIA/CT Joint Industry Dinner in February. She also advised the Board that she received an e-mail from the principal of large member firm concerning the use of the terms *Intern* and *Architect*. It was noted that many interns are dissatisfied with the title of "Intern". Firm principals, however, have told Ms. Harp Jones that the use of the title Architect provides incentive and motivation for their Interns to move up, pass the examination, and be called "Architect".

3. Mr. Huntsman advised of the Board a situation that has recently come to his attention. The matter involves an engineer who has issues to settle with the Engineer's Board and who was convicted of an offense related to former Rowland administration. This engineer needed a copy of his current license status to give to someone. The resulting search on the State's website revealed that he was not licensed even though the expiration date of his license was weeks away from the date he checked.

After an earlier conversation with the administrator of the Engineers Board, he was told that, in the past, during the renewal period for engineers, their "active" license status was removed from the consumer website as a function of the technical aspects of the licensing computer program used by the Department. More recently, Mr. Huntsman was told that this process is no longer in place and that the license remains "active" to consumers checking on the Department's website. Mr. Kuzmich noted that subsequent to the expiration date of the license, its status is changed to lapsed if no renewal fee has been received.

Ms. Harp Jones of AIA/CT offered to address this issue with the new DCP Commissioner at an upcoming meeting they are trying to schedule with him.

4. Ms. Harp Jones noted that currently, architect rosters cannot be sorted by last name because of the way the data fields are defined in the software used to generate the same. She would like to address this issue with the Commissioner at their upcoming meeting. Mr. Jeter agreed with Ms. Jones that there should be separate defined fields and that the technology to do so is certainly available.

Mr. Hurd asked that these issues concerning rosters and license status during renewal period be placed on the Board's March 16, 2007 Board meeting for an update.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. (Briggs/Hurd) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, March 16, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.; State Office Building; Room 121; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator