

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

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The six hundred and eighty second meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on January 17, 2014, was called to order by Chairman Mr. S. Edward Jeter at 9:05 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

Board Members

Not Present: None.

Vacancies: None.

Others Present:	Robert M. Kuzmich	Department of Consumer Protection (DCP)
	Steven J. Schwane	Department of Consumer Protection
	Peter R. Huntsman	Attorney General's Office
	Diane Harp Jones	AIA/CT
	Bruce Spiewak	AIA/CT
	Tanner White	A.R.E. Candidate
	Tom Danis	A.R.E. Candidate
	Michael Ayles	IDP State Coordinator
	Russell Learned	AIA/CT

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1. Old Business

1A. Submission of the minutes of the November 22, 2013 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting; for review and approval. After a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as submitted. (Briggs/Hurd)

1B. Continuation of discussion concerning Letter dated January 3, 2013 from Anthony L. D'Andrea, Chairman, Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors; for discussion by the Board. Mr. Jeter advised the Board that a meeting has been set for February 4, 2014 with Mr. Jeter, Mr. D'Andrea, and Mr. Schwane immediately after the scheduled Professional Engineers and Land Surveyor's Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Jeter will report back to the Board at their next meeting scheduled for March 21, 2014. Mr. Jeter advised the Board of his strategy in presenting the Board's position on this matter.

1C. Unbound NCARB Council Record from Mr. Thomas William Danis; report from Mr. Robert B. Hurd on his evaluation of this application. Mr. Hurd reviewed the applicant's file and sent a report to the Board which was distributed to them today's meeting. Mr. Hurd detailed the applicant's employment and work history. He noted that Mr. Danis exceeded the minimum work hours required for completion of IDP. Mr. Hurd believes that the applicant has covered the subjects he lacks not having a professional degree by his level of responsibility in his work. In response to question from Mr. Barkin, Mr. Danis detailed the courses he took relating to architectural design in an effort to supplement the curriculum of his degree. Therefore, under Regulation Section 289-3a (3), Mr. Hurd recommends the Board allow the candidate to sit for the Architectural Registration Examination. *Ms. Briggs first motioned which was seconded by Mr. Jeter. The motion carried noting that Mr. Hurd abstained from the vote.*

1D. Continuation of discussion concerning A.R.E. Candidates sitting for the examination prior to their completion of NCARB's Intern Development Program requirements; for discussion by the Board. The Board was given statistical data from the NCARB concerning the pass/fail rates of candidates allowed to sit prior to completion of NCARB's Intern Development Program. Should the Board decide to

implement this change, Mr. Schwane reviewed the process, in detail, needed to take place for the Board to make changes to their Regulation to implement this change in response to a request from Ms. Harp Jones. Mr. Huntsman supplemented the explanation to Ms. Harp Jones and the Board. Mr. Schwane noted that in his experience, this process is very cumbersome and may take one year or longer to complete.

The Board discussed NCARB's Model Regulation relative to this subject and the specific section of the Board's Regulation that needs to be changed in order to implement this change. They also noted that NCARB's data does not specify exactly when candidates may begin the examination process.

2. New Business

2A. Mr. Russell Learned from Centerbrook Architects to address the Board concerning Interns sitting for the Architectural Registration Examination prior to completion of NCARB's Intern Development Program requirements; for discussion by the Board. Mr. Learned is the IDP coordinator in his office and has been for the past 15 years. He cited the Interns in his office and their path to licensure. Many of these Interns are taking their examinations in other States, such as New York, to begin the examination process prior to completion of IDP. He noted that many Interns believe that this is the time in their lives to get the examination under their belt, so to speak, before other aspects of their lives make the examination process more difficult. Mr. Learned noted that the examination still must be completed and if an Intern is not ready, the examination will show the same. He stated that Connecticut is losing many of their Interns because this State does not permit taking the examination process before IDP is completed. Mr. Learned encouraged the Board to consider taking steps to allow this process to begin.

Mr. Hurd noted his personal path to licensure in addition to the same for a close colleague of his. Examples of Interns paths through the examination process were discussed by the Board. The Board agreed that this State may be losing their competitive edge if they don't change their laws to accommodate changing times. Further, it was suggested to use this premise as a discussion point (to make to the legislature) in favor of making the change.

After more extensive discussion, the Board voted to draft new language to change the Regulation to allow Interns in Connecticut to begin the examination process prior to completion of NCARB's IDP. The Board agreed that an Intern must first complete their degree and that NCARB's Model should be used as reference in this process. Mr. Schwane will draft language for the Board to consider for their next meeting scheduled for March 21, 2014. (Barkin/Briggs)

2B. Unbound NCARB Council Record from Mr. Tanner White for review by the Board for consideration to sit for the Architect Registration Examination; Mr. White is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Kuzmich explained to the Board that through a clerical error, Mr. White's application was mistakenly approved by the Board last year as having passed the examination. His NCARB Unbound Council Record was marked "hold" by NCARB and placed on the agenda for the Board as having passed the examination when, in fact, he had not.

Mr. White contacted Mr. Kuzmich and this error was corrected and his application is now before the Board today for consideration to sit for the Architectural Registration Examination. Mr. White gave the Board a history of his employment and his understanding of the law at the time he first arrived in Connecticut relative to his qualifications to sit for the examination. Since then, he noted the law has changed and does not allow a candidate with his qualifications and educational background an opportunity to apply for admission to the examination.

Mr. Hurd noted that Mr. White was apparently unintentionally misinformed by NCARB from the information on their website and is not sure how that happened. He also advised Mr. White that the current law does allow a candidate with his background to be considered by the Board for examination and cited the Section of the Regulation that permits this process. It was noted by Mr. Kuzmich that the Department has Mr. White's application and NCARB Unbound Council Record. Mr. Hurd volunteered, on behalf of the Board, to step down and review Mr. White's application and report back to the Board at their next meeting scheduled for March 21, 2014.

2C. The following candidates has passed the *Architect Registration Examination* and are recommended by the Department of Consumer Protection for licensing as an Architect in the State of Connecticut; it is noted that Mr. Kuzmich requested the Board's consideration to add the application of Ms. Lauren B. Braren to their Agenda as having passed the *Architectural Registration Examination*. The Board voted, unanimously, to add her application to their agenda. *(Briggs/Barkin)*

*After a thorough review of their applications, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individuals for licensing as architects in Connecticut.
(Briggs/Barkin)*

1. Augustina Lasala-Ruffo
2. Lauren B. Braren

2D. 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	Anderson, Allison H.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 13464)
2	Birl, Jason	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 76314)
3	Brandfonbrener, Joshua	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
4	Coleman, James P.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 85869)
5	Fernandez, Joseph	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 714446)
6	Hughes, Barbara L.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	Direct
7	Jarvis, James A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 29657)
8	Jones, III, Maitland	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
9	Jones Michael D.	Waiver of Examination; Michigan	(NCARB File No. 80650)
10	Kalashian, Kraig	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 69401)
11	Leder-Luis, Julio C.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
12	Leff, Marc D.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
13	Loftus, James E.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 43865)
14	Lucas, Ricard A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 217154)
15	Maiuolo, Antonio	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 94692)
16	Merkulova, Eugenia	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
17	Murdough, Thomas G.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 113634)
18	Olson, Steven R.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 52020)
19	Schoch, Stephen L.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 101857)
20	Sheerin, David	Waiver of Examination; California	Direct
21	Shoemaker, Mark R.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 124833)
22	Sidford, Andrew M.	Waiver of Examination; New Hampshire	(NCARB File No. 54119)
23	Stanley, Kimberly Neale	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 107291)
24	Torgerson, John D.	Waiver of Examination; Tennessee	(NCARB File No. 106116)
25	Tortorella, Robert	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
26	Wasinger, Lynne, Renee Kyner	Waiver of Examination; North Carolina	(NCARB File No. 107780)
27	Young, Jerry D.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 90537)

2E. Application for the Corporate Practice of Architecture; the Department has reviewed and recommends for approval the following application; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following application for the Corporate Practice of Architecture in Connecticut. (Briggs/Jeter)*

360 Architecture – CT, Inc.
 300 W. 22nd Street
 Kansas City, Missouri 64108

Gary J. Nelson, CEO
 Connecticut Lic. No. 11565

2F. Complaint Report from the Trade Practices Division concerning Complaints associated with the Architectural Licensing Board; for the Board's review. The Board commented on the nature of some of the complaints and thanked the Department for their efforts in producing this report in the format the Board wants to see.

2G. Update from the Department's Legal Staff regarding any Board issues or otherwise.

1. Mr. Schwane provided the Board with an update on the status on the proposed changes to the regulation regarding the use of electronic seals. The changes have been approved by the Office of Policy and Management and are now with the Governor's Office. To date, the Department has not received a response from them. He will check with Mr. Gary Berner, the Department's Legislative Liaison, on the status of the Governor's Office review. Mr. Schwane will provide both Ms. Harp Jones and Mr. Barkin with PDF format copies of these regulation changes in an effort to determine the status of these revisions with the Governor's Office

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

1. Mr. Jeter advised the Board of the next NCARB Regional Meeting which will take place in March of 2014 in San Antonio, Texas. NCARB will fund two delegates and NECARB will fund one delegate in addition to the Member Board Administrator. Mr. Barkin suggested that the Board rotate attendance at these meetings so that all Board Members have the chance to participate. The Board agreed that this is a favorable approach. Ms. Briggs noted that NECARB will try to fund additional delegates as a result of an increase in their reserved monies.

2. Mr. Spiewak addressed the Board regarding their Declaratory Ruling relative to the five thousand square foot decision in response to questions from Building Officials around the State. Mr. Spiewak's originally raised his concern to the Board at their September 27, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Mr. Hurd confirmed to Mr. Spiewak that there were no changes made to this document and that **the Declaratory Ruling remains as originally issued.** The Board again referenced the minutes of their September 27, 2013 Meeting regarding the language of Mr. Spiewak's original question to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, March 21, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.; State Office Building; Room 117; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator