

**ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD**

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State of Connecticut  
Department of Consumer Protection  
Occupational & Professional Licensing Division  
165 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

The six hundred and eighty seventh meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on May 21, 2009, was called to order by Chairman Mr. S. Edward Jeter at 8:32 AM in Room No. 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	David H. Barkin Carole W. Briggs Robert B. Hurd S. Edward Jeter Lucille Trzcinski	Board Member Board Member Board Member Chairman/Board Member Board Member
<b>Board Members Not Present:</b>	None	
<b>Others Present:</b>	Jerry Farrell, Jr.  Robert M. Kuzmich  Steven J. Schwane  Michael J. Berger Diane Harp Jones	Commissioner, Department of Consumer Protection License and Applications Specialist/Department of Consumer Protection Administrative Hearings Attorney/Department of Consumer Protection Examination Candidate AIA/CT

*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 March 27, 2009; for review and approval. Mr. Barkin noted that Mr. Spiewak was present at the meeting and shall be noted as such. In addition, Mr. Jeter noted that on page six, Corporation Chief Executive Officer William Rawn's last name is misspelled and shall be corrected. *The Board vote to approve the minutes as amended herein. (Hurd/Barkin) It is noted that Mr. Jeter abstained from the vote.*

1B. Request for consideration to sit for the Architect Registration Examination by Mr. William T. Harke; for discussion by the Board. Mr. Hurd presented the Board with a Candidate Prospective he prepared as a part of his review for Mr. Harke application. Mr. Hurd noted the candidate has 12 years of work experience of which five years constituted his approved internship and the other seven stand in lieu of his fifth year of scholastic training. Upon speaking with the candidate's mentor, Mr. Hurd was told very emphatically that he believes he will pass the exam. *After more discussion, the Board voted to approve Mr. Harke's application to sit for the Architect Registration Examination. (Briggs/Jeter) It is noted that Mr. Hurd abstained from the vote.*

## **2. New Business**

2A. Swearing of new Public Board Member Ms. Lucille Trzcinski in succession to Mr. Joseph R. Russo. Commissioner Farrell introduced Ms. Trzcinski to the Board noting that she has much civic and government service to her credit and is a longtime friend of his. The Board welcomed her and looks forward to working with her. As an aside, the Commissioner personally offered his services to the Board should they require further assistance beyond the Department's staff.

2B. NCARB Council Record of Mr. Emmanuel Juan for admission to the Architect Registration Examination at the request of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards; for review by the Board. Mr. Kuzmich explained that this record came directly from the NCARB and is presented to the Board at their request. Mr. Hurd reviewed the candidate's credentials aloud to the Board. It was noted that this candidate successfully completed the *Intern Development Program* requirements and that not all of his work experience is architecture related. Mr. Hurd offered to review this application for the Board. *The Board voted, unanimously, to accept Mr. Hurd's offer. (Briggs/Jeter)*

2C. Resolutions To Be Acted Upon at the 2009 NCARB Annual Meeting and Conference; for review and action. *The Board voted, as indicated below, on the following proposed resolutions to be acted upon at the 2009 NCARB Annual Meeting and Conference:*

Resolution 2009-1 – Model Law Amendment – Clarifying the Definition of “Responsible Control”; **supported.**

Resolution 2009-2 – Handbook for Interns and Architects Amendment – Applying Five-Year Rollin Clock to Previously Passed Divisions and Authorizations to Test; **supported.**

Resolution 2009-3 – Handbook for Interns and Architects Amendment – Transfer Specific Education Requirements and the Education Standard to the Education Guidelines; **supported.**

Resolution 2009-4 – Handbook for Interns and Architects Amendment – Transfer the Intern Development Program Requirements to the IDP Guidelines; **supported.**

Resolution 2009-05 – Revocation of Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Membership for Failure to Pay Annual Membership Dues; **the Board took no position on this resolution and will allow the Chairman to vote, as he sees appropriate, at the time this Resolution is discussed on the meeting floor.**

2D. Delegate Credentials letter, dated April 15, 2009, from NCARB; for discussion by the Board. **The Board voted, unanimously, to appoint Mr. S. Edward Jeter, Chairman of the Board, Ms Carole W. Briggs, Public Member, and Mr. David H. Barkin, Architect Member as their official delegates at the 2009 NCARB Annual Meeting and Conference.**

2E. E-Mail correspondence from Mr. Fernando Pastor dated April 13, 2009 presented to the Board at the request of AIA/CT; for discussion by the Board. The Board discussed his e-mail and it is their recommendation that Mr. Pastor should pursue NCARB Accreditation through their Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect process. The Department will provide Ms. Harp Jones with a contact for Mr. Pastor at the *National Council of Architectural Registration Boards*. Mr. Barkin noted that there is presently a controversy concerning the “AIA International Associate” designation. This title is being petitioned by foreign architects to drop the term “associate” creating yet more inconsistency with international licensure.

2F. E-Mail correspondence from Mr. Michael J. Berger dated April 15, 2009; Mr. Berger is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Berger distributed copies of his portfolio to the Board for their review. He explained that he lacks a professional degree in architecture and detailed his work experience for the Board. Mr. Berger noted that he applied and was accepted to Master’s Degree Programs at University of Pennsylvania, Syracuse University, and Northeastern University in 2005 but had to defer at the time for financial reasons. Mr. Berger has completed NCARB’s *Intern Development Program* requirements but only recently started his NCARB Record. NCARB has told Mr. Berger they will not transmit his Record without Board approval. Mr. Berger will arrange to have his NCARB Record transmitted to the Department at the Board’s request prior to

their next meeting scheduled for July 17, 2009. Mr. Barkin offered to review this application for the Board. Mr. Hurd will provide Mr. Barkin with his review forms that he uses in his evaluations. Mr. Hurd noted that he usually interviews the applicant and sometimes interviews his supervisor/IDP Mentor. *As such, the Board voted unanimously to request Mr. Berger's IDP Record from NCARB on or after July 1, 2009 and authorize Mr. Barkin to step down to review the file and make a recommendation to the Board at their July Board meeting, if possible. (Hurd/Briggs)*

2G. Update from the Trade Practices Division regarding Complaints; for the Board's information. Mr. Kuzmich noted that there have not been any updates since the last Board meeting.

2H. Update from Mr. Steven Schwane from the Consumer Protection's Legal Division regarding any Board issues. See Agenda Item 2N.

2I. 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. (Hurd/Briggs)

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| 1. Marc G. Andre               | 4. Shawn Mohovich    |
| 2. Melissa Arminio             | 5. Kathryn L. Potts  |
| 3. Nicholas P. Michnevitz, III | 6. Andrea M. Torizzo |

2J. 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. (Hurd/Briggs)*

1.	Accordo, Gaspare	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 157653)
2.	Bonin, Jeremy	Waiver of Examination; New Hampshire	(NCARB File No. 87430)
3.	Bratichak, John M.	Waiver of Examination; Washington	(NCARB File No. 67105)
4.	Cake, John	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 62535)
5.	Caputo, Angelo R.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 90251)
6.	Chevlin, Geoffrey A.	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 102282)
7.	Curtis, Richard P.	Waiver of Examination; New Hampshire	(NCARB File No. 28146)
8.	Dadaro, Krist	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
9.	Glasser, Mark E.	Waiver of Examination; Virginia	(NCARB File No. 44856)
10.	Gorgati, Vinicius	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 86777)
11.	Hallahan, Cecelia	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 97212)

12.	Han, Robert C.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 112407)
13	Lesesne, David L.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	Direct
14.	Ling, David R.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 107037)
15.	Logan, Jeff	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 139244)
16.	Loverud, Andrew R.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 108420)
17.	Martin, John C.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 75668)
18.	Molsberry, Matthew M.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 127587)
19.	Munz, Clifford L.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
20.	Neely, Brian H.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 93254)
21.	Nicklaus-Garton, Diana	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 77932)
22.	O'Connell-Foster, Joanne	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 82915)
23.	Pitkin, Alex C.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 113740)
24.	Poinelli, Philip J.	Waiver of Examination; Rhode Island	(NCARB File No. 49033)
25.	Pomarico, Michael A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 62726)
26.	Sadler, Don	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 34234)
27.	Silverman, Lawrence E.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 83748)
28.	Sloane, Todd C.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 57336)
29.	Springer, Donald S.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
30.	Taylor, Terence D.	Waiver of Examination; Maryland	(NCARB File No. 56220)
31.	Todd, Gordon L.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 52517)
32.	Trupka, Dennis J.	Waiver of Examination; Kansas	Direct
33.	Tuttle, Nathan	Waiver of Examination; Rhode Island	(NCARB File No. 106133)
34.	Wang, Shean C.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 91745)
35.	Young, Robert H.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 62204)

2K. Application of Mr. Michael C. Henry for an Architect license in Connecticut by Waiver of Examination; for review by the Board. After a lengthy discussion, the Board determined that Mr. Henry's application for an Architect License by Waiver of Examination could not be approved as submitted because he does not meet the criteria set forth in Connecticut's Statutes.

The *General Statutes of Connecticut* Section 20-291 specifically states that "No person shall receive a license under the provisions of this chapter until such person has passed an examination in such technical and professional subjects as may be prescribed by the board,..". The examination referenced is the Architect Registration Examination which Mr. Henry has passed in part. The Board noted that he has the option of either passing the remaining sections of the examination or applying for an *NCARB Certificate Record* by means of the Broadly Experienced Architect method and then reapplying to the Board with an *NCARB Certificate Record*.

2L. 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: (Hurd/Briggs)*

ArchitecturePlus International, Inc.  
2709 Rocky Point Drive, #201  
Tampa, Florida 33607

Juan F. Romero, CEO  
Connecticut Lic. No. 11802

James G Rogers Architects, PC  
44 North Main Street  
South Norwalk, Connecticut 06854

James G. Rogers, III, CEO  
Connecticut Lic. No. 6715

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

CDI Architects Group LLC  
1717 Arch Street, #3500  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2768

George A. Minko, Jr., Vice President  
Connecticut Lic. No. 11550

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

1. Ms. Jones noted that AIA/CT will be sending three letters of complaint to the Department's Trade Practices Division in the very near future. She also asked the Board if there is any way to educate the General Public regarding the law as it pertains to the practice of architecture. Ms. Jones noted that many of the questions she receives comes from small businesses that do not understand that through their advertisements for business, may inadvertently be illegally offering architectural design services and breaking the law.

Mr. Barkin questioned if the Board's previously issued Declaratory Rulings address any of Ms. Harp Jones concerns and also asked how many of these Rulings have been issued. Mr. Kuzmich noted that some of the information in these Declaratory Rulings have since been incorporated into the Statutes.

Ms. Briggs stated that perhaps a Public Service announcement would aid in this matter. She suggested the possibility of issuing a standardized type document explaining some of the basic rules of providing architectural design services. Such a document can be distributed to the public by many means such as the Department's website. Mr. Kuzmich and Mr. Schwane will investigate this possibility.

2. Mr. Schwane noted that the State Library has resubmitted their revised Regulation to the Regulation Review Committee and they should be on their June agenda.

3. Ms. Briggs noted that although she appreciates the opportunity to be traveling to Chicago for the upcoming *NCARB Annual Meeting*, such travel at a time when Connecticut State employees are being furloughed is inappropriate and sending the wrong message. It was noted that her expenses are paid for by the *NCARB* as a part of the *NCARB's* National dues the State pays annually.

*The meeting adjourned at 10:09 AM. (Briggs/Barkin) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, July 17, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.; State Office Building; Room 121; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.  
Board Administrator