

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

-MINUTES-

JANUARY 19, 2018

The six hundred seventy fourth meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on January 19, 2018, was called to order by Chairman Mr. David H. Barkin at 9:02 AM in Hearing Room J., 450 Columbus Boulevard, North Building, Hartford, Connecticut.

Board Members

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| Present: | David H. Barkin | Board Member, Chairman, Architect |
| | Angela D. Cahill | Board Member, Architect |
| | Philip H. Cerrone | Board Member, Architect |
| | Twig Holland | Board Member, Public Member |
| | Laurann Asklof | Board Member, Public Member |

Board Members

Not Present: None

Vacancies: None

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich License/App. Specialist, DCP

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| Others Present: | John Neumon | Director, DCP |
| | Gina Calabro | AIA/CT |
| | Michael Ayles | AIA/CT, NCARB Architect Licensing Advisor |

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1. Review of minutes of the December 15, 2017 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting.

Ms. Asklof noted a correction on page three of the minutes. In the third paragraph, the word “she” shall be inserted before the word “looked”. As such, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected herein. (Cerrone/Holland)

2. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today.

Ms. Gina Calabro introduced herself to the Board as the new Executive Director of AIA/Connecticut. She gave the Board a brief history of her professional background. She offered her assistance to the Board in any capacity she or AIA/CT can and will be attending their future meetings. The Board welcomed her and looks forward to working with her in the future.

3. Old Business

3A. Items for review and discussion requiring Statutory/Regulatory changes:

1. CEU Requirements; Phil Cerrone noted to the Board that has gathered the CEU requirements for all the states in the country. He stated that the average amount of continuing education required per State is about twelve hours. He is still working on compiling information on the states procedures for auditing licensees and the consequences for not being in compliance.

Mr. Barkin advised that a timetable for accomplishing their list of statutory and regulatory changes should be created. The Board will then work with the Department for their review. He noted that this should be completed by this summer over the course of the next two meetings.

It was decided to invite Ms. Leslie O’Brien, Legislative Director, from the Department to their next meeting to advise the Board on moving forward with their proposed changes. The Board also asked Ms. Calabro for AIA/Connecticut’s assistance in accomplishing the proposed regulatory and statutory changes

2. Increase fines available to ALB; Mr. Barkin provided a spreadsheet summary of the fines and penalties for all the surrounding states in NECARB’s Region 1. It was noted that Connecticut is generally in-line with some of the States but much lower as compared to other states. The Board believes that their fines should be increased to make their enforcement more effective.

3. Review NCARB Model Law against our CT Statutes / Regulations; Mr. Barkin noted this item is a work in progress and will be addressed by the Board at future meetings.

4. Review late fees and rules for years lapsed - rescinding licenses; Mr. Barkin reviewed Connecticut's requirements and noted that he believes that they are generally very onerous to the licensee. Mr. Cerrone noted some of the other surrounding states requirements, in comparison, and will forward this information in writing to the Board in the future.

The Board discussed the title of "emeritus architect". It was noted that some states have this provision which allows the individual to use the title of architect while being retired but cannot practice. The Board also discussed this issue relative to reinstatement of their license as it relates to continuing education. Mr. Barkin will further research this matter checking other States requirements and the NCARB Model Law and get back to the Board in the future.

Mr. Barkin asked that further discussion on "Emeritus Status License" and discussion of the use of derivative terms of title "architect" be added to the Board's list of items for further discussion.

3B. Other items for review and discussion:

1. Collaborate with AIAS on "Freedom by Design" program. Ms. Cahill talked with the University of Hartford AIAS Chapter President and noted that he is interested in setting up their Chapter. She described the time frame and methodology by which they plan to accomplish this.

Ms. Cahill discussed the Intern Task Force noting their current make-up and that their title has been renamed to the Architectural Experience Program (AXP)/Architect Registration Examination (ARE) Task Force". She noted the group's function and their meeting timeframe.

The Board discussed variations of use of the term "architect". Mr. Michael Ayles noted that this matter has been previously researched by the NCARB. He also noted that individual states each have their own variation on the use of this title. Mr. Ayles identified AIA's position statement on use of the title (or variation thereof) "architect" from May 17, 2017. Mr. Ayles will forward the internet links to Mr. Kuzmich for distribution to the Board.

Mr. Barkin noted that use of the term "architect" should be addressed by this Board and the Department in the future and noted some of the ways by which they may accomplish this.

Mr. John Neumon, Director, Investigations Division also clarified this subject using more general examples of what the Department has encountered in the past. In addition, Ms. Asklof gave the Board clarification on this topic as it relates to the legal profession. After more dialog, it was decided to add this item under "Old Business" on future agendas for further discussion by the Board.

4. New Business

4A. The following candidate has passed the Architect Registration Examination and is recommended by the Department of Consumer Protection for licensing as an Architect in the State of Connecticut; the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individual for licensing as an architect in Connecticut and offered their congratulations on achieving this professional milestone. (Cahill/Cerrone)

1. Amarantha Zyanya Quintana-Morales

4B. 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 Department's actions on the below listed applications.

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| 1 | Blanchett, Mia L. | Waiver of Examination; Minnesota | (NCARB File No. 67765) |
| 2 | Brucz, James | Waiver of Examination; New York | (NCARB File No. 256593) |
| 3 | Du Bose, Sabre S. | Waiver of Examination; Georgia | (NCARB File No. 112900) |
| 4 | Duncan, Dale R. | Waiver of Examination; Oklahoma | (NCARB File No. 52443) |
| 5 | Eng, Ronald J. | Waiver of Examination; New York | (NCARB File No. 104930) |
| 6 | Fry, Jacob | Waiver of Examination; New York | (NCARB File No. 143319) |
| 7 | Gale, Kelly L. | Waiver of Examination; New Hampshire | Direct |
| 8 | Heddinghaus, Tobias D. | Waiver of Examination; Missouri | (NCARB File No. 133342) |
| 9 | Key, Jr., Randolph S. | Waiver of Examination; South Carolina | (NCARB File No. 121334) |
| 10 | Lang, Steven J. | Waiver of Examination; New Jersey | (NCARB File No. 174714) |
| 11 | McCormick, James C. | Waiver of Examination; Illinois | (NCARB File No. 138587) |
| 12 | Pruitt, Robert J. | Waiver of Examination; South Carolina | (NCARB File No. 55590) |

4C. 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 Department's actions on the below listed applications.

1. ARS Architecture, Inc. Brian Scheuzger
330 Roberts Street Connecticut Lic. No. 13498
East Hartford, Connecticut 06108
2. Designlab Architects, Inc. Robert Miklos
35 Channel Center Street, #103 Connecticut Lic. No. 11210
Boston, Massachusetts 02210

4D. DCP Investigation Division Complaint Status Report;

(A). Board to review quarterly report when provided. Mr. John Neumon distributed a written copy of this report to the Board and gave them more details on the cases noted

therein. Mr. Barkin introduced Ms. Calabro to Mr. Neumon noting the history between AIA/CT and the Department in working together on complaints they have filed.

4E. Any correspondence and/or business received in the interim.

No items were discussed.

5. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today.

There were no further comments from anyone present at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM. (Cerrone/Asklof) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, March 16, 2018 at 9:00 AM; 450 Columbus Boulevard, North Building, Hearing Room J, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator

Upcoming Architectural Licensing Board Meeting Dates:

1. March 16, 2018
2. May 18, 2018
3. July 20, 2018
4. September 14, 2018
5. November 16, 2018