

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD**

**JANUARY 17, 2020**

The six hundred eighty-eighth meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on January 17, 2020, was called to order by David Barkin at 9:01 AM in Hearing Room J, 450 Columbus Boulevard, North Building, Hartford, Connecticut.

**Board Members**

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

**Board Members**

**Not Present:** None

**Vacancies:** None

<b>DCP Staff Present:</b>	Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A. Janita Hamel Pamela Brown Julianne Avallone	License & Applications Specialist Supervising Special Investigator Investigations Division Director Legal Division Director
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<b>Others Present:</b>	Gina Calabro Joseph Jack Julia Jack	AIA Connecticut
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Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions, and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division, Richard M. Hurlburt, Director.

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## **1. Review of minutes of the November 15, 2019 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting**

The Board voted unanimously to approve the November 15, 2019 minutes as written. (Cerrone/Cahill)

## **2. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today**

None.

## **3. DCP Investigation Division Complaint Status Report**

3A. At the November 15, 2019 meeting, the Board requested that a representative from the DCP Investigations Division appear at today's meeting for discussion regarding complaint reports.

Ms. Brown and Ms. Hamel addressed the Board noting that pending cases are not able to be addressed at this time because they are ongoing. Ms. Hamel gave Mr. Barkin further clarification on complaint reports sent to the Board prior to today's meeting which covered specific time periods leading up to the present. Ms. Hamel answered questions from Mr. Barkin on specific complaints noted on the reports. He noted that the current report format is very clear and informative.

Mr. Barkin requested that Complaint Nos. 2017-125 and 2017-78 be updated for the Board at their next meeting because of the longevity of these complaints. Ms. Avallone stated that the Legal Department can provide the Board a current status of these complaints at their next meeting.

## **4. Old Business**

4A. Proposed changes to Connecticut Statutes Chapter 390, Architects – Penalties for failure to meet CE requirements

At the November 15, 2019 meeting, the Board requested that the DCP Legal Division provide an update on the status of the proposed changes to Connecticut Statutes Chapter 390, Architects, related to penalties for failure to meet CE requirements.

Ms. Avallone noted that the Boards statute revisions are now posted on the General Assembly's website. She gave the Board hard copies of the statute revisions. She also noted that, to date, the Department has not received any changes from OPM or the Governor's Office and that the current legislative session starts February 5<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Avallone noted that the Board will hear from Ms. O'Brien from the Department if they are any further changes being proposed.

Mr. Barkin asked a question regarding the addition of sentence (b) of Section 20-295b concerning licensed architects in Connecticut performing the work of Interior Designers. In response, Ms. Avallone stated this now streamlines the process for the Department in that architects will no longer be required to have an Interior Designer credential to perform Interior Design work. Ms. Avallone noted that there will be some logistics to be addressed by the Department relating to existing interior design certificates currently held by Connecticut licensed architects. Mr. Barkin asked that this item be kept open on future agendas.

#### 4B. Proposed changes to Connecticut Regulations 20-289, Architect Licensure – Continuing education and emeritus status

At the November 15, 2019 meeting, the Board requested that a representative from the DCP Legal Division appear at today's meeting to provide an update on the status of the proposed changes to Connecticut Regulations 20-289, Architect Licensure, related to the implementation of continuing education requirements and emeritus status.

Ms. Avallone noted that this legislation is still at the first level of approval at the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). Mr. Barkin offered to call his contact at OPM and perhaps "shake the tree" so to speak. Ms. Avallone had no objection to this.

Discussion now centered on the enforcement of the continuing education requirements for the upcoming July 31, 2020 renewal. Specifically, the issue is that the statutes for the same passed in 2019 and become effective July 1, 2020 but the regulations implementing the mechanics of the process have not been approved yet. The Board discussed possibly issuing notice to the Connecticut architect licensees regarding the Continuing Education Requisite. Mr. Barkin and the Department will work on the language for this notification.

#### 4C. Letter from NCARB to Barbara Syp, DCP, dated July 31, 2019 regarding the Centennial Annual Business Meeting – One Big Exercise.

This item was tabled at the November 15, 2019 meeting.

The Board discussed corporate license renewals and the verification of current corporate structure at the time of their license renewal. It was noted that changes may have taken place in the same subsequent to the entity's initial licensure which may make the entity in violation of the statutes. Ms. Avallone confirmed that the Department does not currently require verification of corporate structure at the time of renewal.

Ms. Avallone noted the problems with verification of this information on paper versus doing the same electronically on line. She will check with the Department's License Services Division regarding possibly providing all renewals for corporate licensure on line only thereby eliminating any possibility of fraud or other misinformation by incorrectly filling out the hard copy renewal. Ms. Avallone noted the Department can

offer a grace period during this period and accept paper renewals on a one time only basis during this transition period.

It was decided by the Board to carry this Agenda Item over to the next meeting changing the title of the Item to "Discussion Concerning Renewals of Corporate Practice Relative to Ownership Requirements".

#### 4D. Discussion regarding the Department's notification process for new architect license candidates

At the November 15, 2019 meeting, Board members expressed their concern regarding the Department's notification process and the potential for candidates using the designation "Architect" before they are officially licensed. Discussion took place regarding the application process as it relates to Section 20-289 and 20-290 of the Connecticut Statutes. The Board requested that Julianne Avallone, DCP Legal Director, attend today's meeting for clarification.

The Board discussed the process by which the examination candidates officially become licensed. Mr. Kuzmich explained that these applicants have not yet paid their initial license fee and will not be notified of the same until the Board votes on their application approval at a regular Board Meeting. The license becomes effective the date their initial license fee is received. It was noted that this process was briefly changed for a short period during Mr. Kuzmich's absence but is now back to its original format.

### **5. New Business**

#### 5A. NCARB 2020 Regional Summit – March 6-7, 2020

The Board noted that Ms. Paulette Annon from the Department will be attending this event. The Board asked Mr. Cerrone to run for a Regional position. He will take the request from the Board under consideration. Mr. Barkin requested the Mr. Kuzmich complete the Regional Report for this meeting. They also asked Mr. Kuzmich verify with NCARB that Ms. Annon be included in all Regional dinners that are being funded by NECARB.

#### 5B. Revised 2020 Schedule for Board, Commission, and Council meetings

This revised schedule reflects the change of Architectural Licensing Board from May 15 to May 1, 2020. The Board acknowledged this change.

5C. 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 (including add-on candidates at today's meeting) for licensing as

architects in the State of Connecticut and offered their congratulations on achieving this professional milestone. (Barkin/Holland)

1. Bojana Dukanovic
2. Julia Suzanne Jack
3. Jason A Davis
4. Melissa Anthony

The Board voted to add the following individuals to the above list:

5. Rocco A. Petitto
6. Ivette Cristina Batista Vazquez

The Board extended their personal congratulations to Ms. Julia S. Jack who is in attendance at today's meeting. Ms. Jack gave the Board a brief history of her path to licensure including her educational and professional background.

5D. 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 applications listed below.

1	Berry, Paul Michel	Waiver of Examination; Missouri	(NCARB File No. 38841)
2	Blaser, Jr., Robert Warren	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 81051)
3	Boers, Timothy Clark	Waiver of Examination; Colorado	(NCARB File No. 67409)
4	Chabla, Alexander	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 477493)
5	Fabrizi, Daniel	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 113605)
6	Frome, Risa Karen	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
7	Lanning, David Weston	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 85269)
8	Luciano, Eric A	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 118065)
9	Maddalena, Benjamin Dean	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 63503)
10	Marinero, Dante F	Waiver of Examination; Rhode Island	(NCARB File No. 46892)
11	Mazor, Andrew	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
12	McKeel Vandervliet, Marica	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 81458)
13	McMahon, Thomas M	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 333433)
14	Ralph, Gregory	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 135539)
15	Roche, John Edward	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 79887)
16	Seifert, Gregory R	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 120272)
17	Teeter, Christopher M	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 117597)
18	Villasin, Mark Ferdie C	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 141074)
19	Wallin, Donald J	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 65880)

5E. Applications for the Corporate Practice of Architecture; the Department approved the following applications under Section 21a-8 of the General Statutes

None on today's agenda.

5F. The Board voted to add the following application for the Joint Practice of Architecture and Professional Engineering to today's agenda; the Board voted unanimously to approve the application. (Cerrone/Holland)

ID Group Architects, PLLC  
133 Federal Street, Floor 5  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

J. Peter Devereaux – Lic. No. ARI.0003760

**6. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today.**

1. Ms. Gina Calabro noted she has been advised by some of their members that New York State does not accept continuing education credits from any other jurisdictions. Ms. Calabro asked if this Board can discuss this matter with New York State. Mr. Cerrone offered to bring this issue up with the New York State representative(s) at the upcoming NCARB 2020 Regional Summit.

2. Ms. Gina Calabro extended an invitation to all Board Members to their upcoming reception for newly licensed Connecticut Architects to be held on January 28, 2020 at the AIA Offices in New Haven, Connecticut. As an aside, Mr. Barkin gave the license certificates for the newly licensed being honored at this reception to Mr. Kuzmich to affix the Department Seal. These certificates have been signed by the Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 AM. (Holland/Asklof) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2020 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 20, 2020
2. May 1, 2020

3. July 17, 2020
4. September 18, 2020
5. November 6, 2020

All meetings will take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT at 9:00 a.m.