

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

September 18, 2020

The six hundred ninety first meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on September 18, 2020, via ZOOM Webinar, was called to order by Mr. David Barkin at 9:03 AM.

Board Members

Present:	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

DCP Staff Present:	Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A. Paulette Annon Pamela Brown Janita Hamel	License & Applications Specialist Staff Attorney, Legal Division Investigations Division Director Supervising Special Investigator, Investigations Division
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Others Present:	Gina Calabro Manny Machado Bryan Moore	AIA Connecticut AIA Connecticut A.R.E. candidate
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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 July 17, 2020 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting

Mr. Barkin noted that Agenda Item 5B. shall be changed to indicate that Mr. Moore has a Bachelor of Technology Degree and not an Associate Degree as originally indicated. As such, the Board voted to approve the minutes as amended herein. (Cerrone/Cahill) It is noted that Ms. Holland abstained from the vote since she was not present at this meeting.

2. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today

There were no comments or concerns addressed.

3. DCP Investigation Division Complaint Status Report

Follow-up from the Department on Complaints Nos. 2017-125 and 2017-78 from the Board's July 17, 2020 Meeting.

Ms. Pamela Brown noted these cases are handled by the Legal Department; specifically, Ms. Paulette Annon. In the future, Ms. Brown asked that the agenda have a separate line for Legal issues rather than DCP Investigations. Cases such as these are no longer under the auspices of Investigations and are now under Legal. Mr. Barkin asked that this change be made on the agendas going forward.

Complaint No. 2017-78: Ms. Annon stated that this case has been settled and involved the use of the word architect in the respondent's name and company name as well as advertising. Although initially changes were made, the respondent has worked to eliminate further online references. A settlement amount was agreed upon with the Department. She also disclosed further details of the complaint and noted that the respondent was very cooperative.

Complaint No. 2017-125: Ms. Annon noted that this is still an open case and despite her efforts, an impasse has been reached between the Department and respondent. The matter involves a company that is not licensed using contracted-out architectural services and advertising architectural services to the public under their name. Ms. Annon believes this is a common misunderstanding in the design community. She noted the statutes are clear and do not allow this practice. She is waiting to hear back from the respondent's attorney on a settlement otherwise she will be issuing a civil investigative demand if their position is that they are not offering architectural services.

Mr. Barkin discussed the subject of design-build as it relates to the subject of this case noting that design-build is a common practice in use. He explained common contractual relationships typically put forward in many design build projects and asked how this case differs? Ms. Annon associated a case she was involved in which included an opinion from the Attorney General's Office. This opinion related to a question asked by a company which deals with the same issue being addressed in this

complaint. Mr. Barkin stated that what Ms. Annon is describing is fundamentally different than a design-build contract which identifies various parties which are providing a service. Mr. Cerrone noted that there is a fine line being drawn in some cases. Mr. Barkin noted that design-build is an accepted delivery methodology in the State.

Ms. Cahill asked that given the amount of confusion present with this issue, is there a way the Board can issue a clarification? Mr. Barkin stated that the Board has to know what question they are answering and then that would have to come from the Department. Mr. Barkin noted that a Declaratory Ruling can be issued to address this matter, as has been done in the past under a different Board, and in response to a specific matter(s).

4. Old Business

4A. Update of proposed changes to Connecticut Statutes Chapter 390 – Architects.

Continuation of discussion concerning licensed architects in Connecticut performing the work of Interior Designers; specifically, the logistics to be addressed by the Department relating to existing interior design certificates currently held by Connecticut licensed architects. It was confirmed at the Board's last meeting that this proposal is a statutory change.

Mr. Barkin stated that since Ms. Avallone could not attend this meeting, this item will be carried over to the next meeting under Old Business and will continue to be carried over until the Legislature addresses this issue. He believes that this matter involves a pending statutory change and because of the cancellation of the legislative session, this issue did not get addressed.

4B. Continuation of discussion Concerning Renewals of Corporate Practice Relative to Ownership Requirements.

It was noted from a previous Board Meeting that the Department does look at ownership requirements when renewals are received as noted. The Department stated that responses from the licensees has been active and productive in terms addressing issues with ownership requirements. It was also confirmed that the Department does not have a reporting mechanism directly with the Secretary of State's Office.

Mr. Barkin asked that the Board be provided with a sample corporate renewal for their next meeting for further discussion. He also discussed that accuracy of the renewal is confirmed by the licensee by an attestation on the form itself. Mr. Cerrone stated that the bigger issue here is the fact that many firms are not aware that a corporate registration is necessary and cited examples he has come across in the course of his work.

Mr. Barkin stated that he comfortable with the Department's process in place regarding the corporate renewal process and the attestation required on the same. He also asked that this discussion be carried forward onto the next Board Meeting agenda.

4C. Application of Mr. Bryan Moore to sit for the Architectural Registration Examination per **Sec. 20-289-3a.(2)** of the Regulations for Architect Licensure.

Report from Mr. David H. Barkin regarding the review of this candidate's application.

Mr. Barkin spoke with Mr. Moore on several occasions. The first was a general review of his application package. The second was a more detailed review of several of his projects to determine if he has the requisite experience for the Board to allow him to take the examination. Mr. Barkin reminded the Board that Mr. Moore does not hold an NAAB accredited degree and gave the Board more detail on his educational background and his professional work experience. In response to a question from Ms. Holland, Mr. Barkin explained the details of what Mr. Moore would need to do to complete the requirements for an NAAB Accredited Degree.

Under Regulation Sec. 20-289-3a (3), Mr. Barkin recommended to the Connecticut Architectural Licensing Board to allow Bryan Moore to apply for licensure by Written Examination as a candidate for licensure in Connecticut.

After more discussion, the Board voted in favor of allowing Mr. Moore to sit for the Architect Registration Examination. Motions as follows: Mr. Cerrone, Ms. Cahill, and Ms. Asklof voted in favor; Ms. Holland voted in opposition; and Mr. Barkin abstained from the vote.

Mr. Kuzmich will notify the NCARB of the Board's decision.

5. New Business

5A. Application of Mr. Matthew Slightom to sit for the Architectural Registration Examination per **Sec. 20-289-3a.(2)** of the Regulations for Architect Licensure.

Mr. Cerrone volunteered to step down and review Mr. Slightom's application and will update Mr. Kuzmich when he is ready to report back to the Board

5B. 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 the State of Connecticut and offered their congratulations on achieving this professional milestone. (Cahill/Asklof)

1. Lauren Gilchrest Begen
2. Victoria Charlotte Brewster

5C. 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	Aiken, Geoffrey	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 123787)
2	Anderson, Christopher W.	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 84244)
3	Andron, S. Robert	Waiver of Examination; North Carolina	(NCARB File No. 40321)
4	Baglivo, Thomas P.	Waiver of Examination; Delaware	(NCARB File No. 70098)
5	Battersby, Douglas G.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 680549)
6	Brown, Kenneth	Waiver of Examination; District of Columbia	(NCARB File No. 583913)
7	Bubnowski, Theodore W.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 62048)
8	Chung, Tom S.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 89405)
9	Cox, Melissa A.	Waiver of Examination; Missouri	(NCARB File No. 114629)
10	Dacumos, Don	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 494133)
11	De Conno, Simone	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 131670)
12	Edwards, Patrick	Waiver of Examination; Hawaii	(NCARB File No. 70075)
13	Finio, Martin	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 90128)
14	Fortwangler, Stephen P.	Waiver of Examination; Maryland	(NCARB File No. 814114)
15	Frank, John	Waiver of Examination; Missouri	(NCARB File No. 106405)
16	Friedman, Edward A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
17	Gallerani, Matthew	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 714926)
18	Golden, James P.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 324953)
19	Grimaldi, Francisco A.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 86011)
20	Hall, Keith B.	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 63540)
21	Hargrove, Craig A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 226273)
22	Hernandez-Eli, Juliet V.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 138080)
23	Hewit, Carol C.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	Direct
24	Jacob, Walter A.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 76229)
25	Johanning, Michael	Waiver of Examination; Maine	(NCARB File No. 87983)
26	Kimsey, Jr., Edwin R.	Waiver of Examination; Tennessee	(NCARB File No. 28030)
27	Kudo-King, Kevin M.	Waiver of Examination; Washington	(NCARB File No. 832608)
28	Kuriyama, Juan A.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 85243)
29	Libonati, Marina F.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
30	Marcellini, Marco	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
31	Marlin, Robert	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 391693)
32	Masterson, Xavier J.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	Direct
33	McCammon, Matthew C.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 142854)
34	McClain, Dale W.	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 160033)
35	Meyer, Mariah	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 104000)
36	Natsis, John	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 753742)
37	Petersen, Quentin B.	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 376713)
38	Power, John J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
39	Price, William R.	Waiver of Examination; Virginia	(NCARB File No. 123607)
40	Reynolds, C. Cannon	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 131451)
41	Rink, Robert A.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 701838)
42	Schatz, H. Mark	Waiver of Examination; Minnesota	(NCARB File No. 113401)
43	Schefcick, Peter	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 97128)
44	Smith Jeffrey M.	Waiver of Examination; Louisiana	(NCARB File No. 48003)
45	Steele, Andrea	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 76142)

46	Stelten, William W.	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 188893)
47	Stewart, Rowan S.	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 64855)
48	Strees, Christopher R.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 849325)
49	Velazquez, Erik	Waiver of Examination; Kansas	(NCARB File No. 98910)
50	Vernich, Michael M.	Waiver of Examination; Indiana	(NCARB File No. 63797)
51	Weintraub, Lee S.	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 69721)
52	Zimmerman, Howard L.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 33359)

5D. 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 applications listed below.

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| 1. Cube 3 Studio, LLC
370 Merrimack Street, Suite 337
Lawrence, Massachusetts 08143-1789 | Brian O'Connor
Connecticut Lic. No. 12926 |
| 2. Sargenti Architects, P.C.
461 From Road, Floor 2
Paramus, New Jersey 07652-3524 | Robert J. Sargenti, Jr.
Connecticut Lic. No. 9617 |

6. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today.

1. Mr. Barkin addressed a question to Ms. Annon regarding a firm practicing architecture and interior architecture in Connecticut. The firm has both licensed architects and registered Interior Designers in Connecticut. He asked if this firm can practice as a business entity and under what circumstances? In response, Ms. Annon stated that the firm has to meet the statutory requirements for an architectural corporation to offer architectural services.

2. Ms. Cahill updated the Board regarding the Architect Registration Examination. Candidates can take the examination in person at test centers. In addition, they can also take the test via remote proctoring called “Pro-Proctor” through the testing company. An announcement will be made from the NCARB in November saying that they will be leaving their current test vendor (Prometric) completely sometime next year (2021) in the middle of the year. The new testing company will be offering remote proctoring. She advises all test candidates to keep in close communication with NCARB.

2. Ms. Calabro noted that the NCARB will be holding a webinar on October 7, 2020 which will address the changes in test administration beginning November 16, 2020 and afterward. She will keep the Board updated.

3. Mr. Barkin advised the Board that NECARB will hold their bi-annual Fall Meeting and Educator Conference on October 24, 2020.

4. Ms. Cahill introduced Mr. Moore to Mr. Machado (virtually) and noted that Mr. Machado is the Statewide ARE/AXP coordinator for NCARB.

Mr. Barkin stated to the Board that their next meeting will be November 6, 2020 and will very likely be held virtually.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM. (Barkin/Cerrone) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, November 6, 2020 at 9:00 AM; location to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator

Upcoming Architectural Licensing Board Meeting Dates:

1. November 6, 2020

All meetings will take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.