

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

January 15, 2021

The six hundred ninety third meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on January 15, 2021, via ZOOM Webinar, was called to order by Mr. David Barkin at 9:00 AM.

Board Members

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

Board Members

Not Present:	Laurann Asklof	Board Member, Public Member
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Vacancies: None

DCP Staff Present:	Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.	License & Applications Specialist
	Paulette Annon	Staff Attorney
	Pamela Brown	Director, Investigations Division

Others Present:	Gina Calabro	AIA Connecticut
	Manny Machado	AIA Connecticut

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 6, 2020 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the November 6, 2020 minutes as written. (Cerrone/Holland)

2. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today

There were no comments or concerns addressed.

3. DCP Investigation Division Complaint Status Report

Ms. Pamela Brown noted there are two reports dated by case file and not by when they were run. These reports were generated since the Board's last meeting. Ms. Calabro stated that she is not sure whether the reports listed are from AIA/CT but she will check when she returns to the Office. Ms. Brown explained to Ms. Calabro the procedure in place when complaints are received by the Department and what correspondence she should expect to receive from the Department. Ms. Calabro will correspond with Ms. Brown next week to confirm/coordinate all contact information with the Department.

The Board expressed their thanks to Ms. Brown and the Investigations Division for their efforts noting the consistency and format of the Complaint Reports.

4. DCP Legal Division Items

4A. Ms. Pamela Brown stated that the Complaint Reports before the Board today were generated by the Investigations Division. She explained that the duplication of complaints on both reports is a function of the open complaints remaining open over the quarters that the reports are generated.

Ms. Paulette Annon noted that she has not seen these reports. Complaint No. 2017-125 will be closed because the Case has been settled. She has not yet reviewed the 2018 Cases and has no comment on them at this time. She will provide the Board with an update on these Cases at their next Meeting.

5. Old Business

5A. 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 a previous Board meeting that this proposal is a statutory change.

Ms. Annon confirmed that these changes are in the Department's Legislative Packet. A Bill Number has not yet been assigned, but the Department has been told that this proposal will be in the Governor's proposed Bill to be released next month. She asked the Board to contact Ms. Leslie O'Brien, from the Department, with any questions they

may have. It was decided to keep this item on future agendas while it is tracked through the legislative process.

5B. Minority Designation as considered by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) relative to firms practicing architecture.

Mr. Barkin addressed an apparent conflict between individuals getting certification as a minority business and the requirements of this and their apparent conflict with the ownership requirements of the Board's licensing statutes. He noted previous discussion last fall on this matter with DAS Construction Services Council, himself, and Ms. Annon.

Mr. Barkin believes that the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is not following the ownership requirements as established by the Architectural Licensing Board. Ms. Annon noted that she will contact Ms. Julianne Avallone and Ms. Leslie O'Brien from the Department of Consumer Protection and discuss any potential conflict between these agencies. Ms. Annon suggested that this situation could possibly be addressed by a Memorandum of Understanding between the two Departments.

Mr. Barkin believes this is an Architectural Licensing Board issue at the broadest level. A firm represents itself as a minority architect firm to municipalities or the State without meeting the two-thirds ownership requirements in terms of minority architects in stock ownership positions. However, they may be legal in terms of the general two thirds ownership requirements by means of stock ownership held by non-minority architects. This now become an issue of ethics and representation.

Mr. Barkin believes that in his capacity with the DAS, he nor the DAS Legal Council should not be in a position to interpret this issue. He believes this should be agreed to by the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) and the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and consistently applied.

Ms. Annon asked Mr. Barkin to e-mail Ms. Avallone and Ms. O'Brien and copy her explaining the issues in detail so there is clear understanding by all. Mr. Barkin asked the Board for their opinion on this matter. Both Mr. Cerrone and Ms. Cahill believe there are two separate issues being discussed and that the Board should be primarily concerned with whether the firm meets the legal requirements to practice. Mr. Barkin does not wish to pursue the matter without the Board's support. In conclusion, it was decided that Mr. Barkin will e-mail the above-mentioned parties and also include Mr. David Cousins, the Acting Legal Director during Ms. Avallone's upcoming maternity leave. Further, this item will be kept on the Board's Agenda for their next Meeting

5C. Discussion of Digital Signatures and the need for DCP to consider common language for all the professions.

Mr. Barkin stated that he believes this is an issue for the Department of Consumer Protection to address. He noted the inconsistencies in the statutory requirements of Architects, Landscape Architects, and Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and the potential for confusion as to what is required for drawings when submitted to the

authority having jurisdiction. There should be statutory consistency across the Boards so that there is no conflict.

Mr. Barkin explained the general digital seal requirements for each Board in response to a question from Ms. Annon. He noted these inconsistencies are magnified when drawings from the various disciplines are submitted all together as a group. Ms. Annon does not see the issue and does not understand why the requirement needs to be the same. Further, she noted that from her perspective, when it comes to enforcement, she will look at the requirements in place for the particular discipline in question.

Mr. Barkin stated that in the past, the requirements for all disciplines were the same when documents were paper, and the signatures were “wet” signatures. In response to questions from Ms. Holland, Mr. Barkin noted that the least restrictive requirements for digital signatures are those for landscape architects. Further, Building Officials differ in their knowledge of the requirements for digital signatures and because of the pandemic, the focus on digital signatures and using/requiring less paper is much more prominent. Ms. Cahill inquired if the existing focus group established for this matter will continue? Mr. Barkin believes they should but should be headed by the AIA/CT and not the Architectural Licensing Board.

The Board believes that they have done their due diligence in this matter and has decided to close this item and take it off their agenda going forward. Mr. Barkin noted that he has shared a guidance document from Mr. Darren Hobbs from the Office of the State Building Inspector that was provided to all State Building Officials clarifying the statutory requirements for digital signatures.

Going forward, the Board believes the matter should continue to be addressed by the AIA/CT Chapter. Ms. Cahill and Ms. Calabro agreed and will continue ongoing discussion on this topic with AIA/CT Membership.

6. New Business

6A. Application of Ms. Shubashree Balakumar to sit for the Architectural Registration Examination per Sec. 20-289-3a.(2) of the Regulations for Architect Licensure.

Mr. Kuzmich gave the Board a brief review of the applicant’s education and work experience history. Her education evaluation included in her Unbound Council Record was briefly discussed by Mr. Barkin. It was noted that this report gives the Board a comparison of how her education credits compare with those of an accredited degree in architecture.

Ms. Cahill noted that the candidate has contacted her, and they have spoken prior to today’s meeting. Mr. Barkin noted that since Ms. Cahill presumably has some knowledge of this candidate’s background that other members of the Board do not have, this would give her an advantage if she were to review this application. It was also noted that if she accepted, Ms. Cahill would step down from the Board and not vote in the Board’s decision on this application.

After more discussion, Ms. Cahill agreed to step down and review this candidate's application. Mr. Kuzmich will forward all the candidate's records to Ms. Cahill.

6B. 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. It was noted by the Board that the applications are listed for informational purposes. The Board also noted the unusually large amount of applications presented today and briefly discussed the Department's processing time for the same.

1	Abdalla, Khidir	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 80145)
2	Adcock, Laura E.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 107983)
3	Agalliu, Lorjan	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 107124)
4	Anderson, Eric T.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
5	Arons, Daniel M. M.	Waiver of Examination; Vermont	(NCARB File No. 227293)
6	Arrindell, Sharon L.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 58525)
7	Artar, Kyle	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 141259)
8	Avidan, Arlene	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
9	Azinaro, John	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 107439)
10	Bassler, Stephanie	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
11	Beattie, Evan L.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 115672)
12	Beckman, Amy N.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 66994)
13	Bertsch, Hilary Kinder	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 850665)
14	Birnboim, Rachel S.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 84169)
15	Blount, James V.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 63392)
16	Bowles, Mark	Waiver of Examination; Kentucky	(NCARB File No. 32947)
17	Bruno, Jr., Jerry A.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 78922)
18	Camara, Alicia	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 109546)
19	Cameron, David E.	Waiver of Examination; Wisconsin	(NCARB File No. 70461)
20	Campbell, Aaron M.	Waiver of Examination; North Carolina	(NCARB File No. 138508)
21	Chadwick, March W.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 61690)
22	Chang, Arthur	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 140913)
23	Colli, Daniel T.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 83275)
24	Coronado, Elizabeth A.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 98262)
25	Criniti, Francis N.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 51989)
26	Dean, Mark A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 546753)
27	Denner, Frank	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 71808)
28	Dickson, Christian N.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 105005)
29	DiLeo, Rocco	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 112747)
30	Dobrozsi, Andrew J.	Waiver of Examination; Wisconsin	(NCARB File No. 831310)
31	Ehrlich, Michael Paul	Waiver of Examination; Wisconsin	(NCARB File No. 81746)
32	Elder, Salvatore S.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 469713)
33	Ettelman, Laura	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 826907)
34	Fang, Eric CY	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 68593)
35	Fernandez D. M., Alejandro	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 371254)
36	Fitzgerald, Scott R.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 84970)
37	Forneris, Stephen J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 98971)

38	Freeman, Joseph R. A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 603893)
39	Gilmore, Michael S.	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 54778)
40	Goren, Leora M.	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 133052)
41	Graham, Michael Barrett	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 75855)
42	Haim, Jason J.	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 796209)
43	Harper, Jason G.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 854009)
44	Im, Soo	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 104444)
45	Kassay, James W.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 76218)
46	Kinney, Drew Reid	Waiver of Examination; Tennessee	(NCARB File No. 337913)
47	Kutz, Lance	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 717392)
48	Lago, Nancy	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
49	Leising, Luke	Waiver of Examination; Colorado	(NCARB File No. 112301)
50	Liepins, Erik	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 704309)
51	Lin, Yu-Hwa	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 132402)
52	Lu, DeJan	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 115212)
53	Marino, Robert J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 31162)
54	Matzkin, Diego M	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 841693)
55	Maurer, Michael	Waiver of Examination; Colorado	(NCARB File No. 423373)
56	Moldow, Leslie G.	Waiver of Examination; Washington	(NCARB File No. 37915)
57	Murray, Kirsten R.	Waiver of Examination; Washington	Direct
58	Mutterperl, Valerie Ann	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 83642)
59	No, Mindy	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 63009)
60	O'Donnell, Sean M.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 127112)
61	Olsen, Craig	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 107728)
62	Owen, Chad D.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 79986)
63	Park Gi aa	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 372753)
64	Patch, Thomas N.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	Direct
65	Proicou, Mark	Waiver of Examination; Direct	Direct
66	Quinn, Brian E.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 73638)
67	Roy, Steven M.	Waiver of Examination; Vermont	(NCARB File No. 103098)
68	Schiemberg, Scott R.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 79840)
69	Schicker, Ryan F.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 222333)
70	Schlendorf, Christine	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 83837)
71	Schlossberg, Alan	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 419413)
72	Schwerdt, Gregory E.	Waiver of Examination; Kansas	(NCARB File No. 32645)
73	Smith, Kevin E.	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 120583)
74	Snethen, Mathew A.	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 73658)
75	Spangler, Craig S.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 123102)
76	Stansell, Robert A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 115529)
77	Swierk, John	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 53426)
78	Szymanski, James J.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 80457)
79	Thomas, Brian Scott	Waiver of Examination; South Carolina	(NCARB File No. 68765)
80	Violanti, Joanne E.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 850517)
81	Walleck, Jerry R.	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 411453)
82	Welsh, Timothy	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 125851)
83	Wisler, Adam B.	Waiver of Examination; Kentucky	(NCARB File No. 67218)
84	Wood, Brent A.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 113290)
85	Zier, Justin A.	Waiver of Examination; Washington	(NCARB File No. 77207)

6C. 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. It was noted by the Board that the applications are listed for informational purposes.

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| 1. | Curious Projects, LLC
9 Autumn Ridge
Weston, Connecticut 06883 | Mark S. Blair
Connecticut Lic. No. 14164 |
| 2. | GLSD Architects, LLC
10020 Aurora Hudson Road
Streetsboro, Ohio 44241-1621 | Jennifer Diasio
Connecticut Lic. No, 14066 |
| 3. | Huitt Zollars DB, Inc.
1717 McKinney Avenue Suite 1400
Dallas, Texas 75202-1239 | Chris A. Hudson
Connecticut Lic. No. 14260 |
| 4. | Jason T Anderson Architect, P.C.
25 Wallkill Avenue
Montgomery, New York 12549-1117 | Jason T. Anderson
Connecticut Lic. No. 14721 |
| 5. | O’Riordan Migani Architects, LLC
22 Bank Street
Seymour, Connecticut 06483-2802 | Joan O’Riordan
Connecticut Lic. No. 6711 |
| 6. | Pirie Associates Architects, LLC
33 Whitney Avenue, Suite. 2A
New Haven, Connecticut 06510-1222 | Laura Marie Pirie
Connecticut Lic. No. 4750 |
| 7. | Roche Modern, LLC
319 Peck Street, Suite I-9
New Haven, Connecticut 06513 | Jerome R. Boryca
Connecticut Lic. No. 3988 |

The Board voted to add the following item to the Meeting Agenda:

6D. 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 the State of Connecticut and offered their congratulations on achieving this professional milestone. (Barkin/Cerrone)

1. Alexandra Thompson

7. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today.

1. Ms. Calabro noted that the Wall Certificates for the newly licensed architects will be available on Wednesday of next week for Mr. Barkin to pick up for he and the Commissioner to sign. She also thanked Mr. Kuzmich for providing AIA/CT with information needed to get the certificates completed. Ms. Calabro also noted that among the licensees are two individuals from 2016 who requested wall certificates which were not being done at the time they became licensed.

2. Ms. Calabro also noted that AIA/CT sent out invitations to Board Members and the Commissioner to attend their online recognition event for newly licensed Connecticut Architects. She stated the response to this event, to date, has been excellent.

3. Mr. Kuzmich asked Mr. Barkin and Ms. Calabro how requests from reciprocity applicants for Wall Certificates should be handled? In response, Ms. Calabro noted that these individuals can contact her directly. A fee will be charged by AIA/CT for reciprocity licensees whereas no fee is charged for Connecticut initial licensees. Mr. Barkin expressed his appreciation, on behalf of the Board, to AIA/CT for providing this service now that the Department no longer does this.

4. Ms. Holland asked a question concerning Minority Designation of Firms by the DAS as discussed under Agenda Item 5B. She wonders if the DAS has required percentages or goals of Minority Firm hires? Mr. Barkin stated that they do not have a direct goal as they exist in other States. He noted individual projects have their own goals from the contractor's perspective.

5. Mr. Cerrone noted the duplication of Agenda Items (2). and (7) regarding "Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today". He suggested deleting Item (2) and leave (7) at the end of the Agenda as it is now. Mr. Kuzmich noted that this duplication of Agenda Items is a directive from the Department as a requirement.

6. Mr. Barkin expressed gratitude, on behalf of the Board, to the Department, for their coverage of this Board during Mr. Kuzmich's leave of absence. He also welcomed Mr. Kuzmich back, on behalf of the Board, and noted their appreciation for the history and expertise he brings to them and looks forward to working with him in the future.

7. Ms. Cahill commented that she is very pleased the DAS is looking at female and minority architects. As an aside, she also agrees with having Public Comment at both the beginning and end of the Meeting. She believes it fair to give individuals the chance to speak before and after the Agenda topics.

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 AM. (Barkin/Cerrone) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, March 19, 2021 at 9:00 AM; location to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator

Upcoming Architectural Licensing Board Meeting Dates for the Calendar Year 2021:

1. March 19, 2021
2. May 21, 2021
3. July 16, 2021
4. September 17, 2021
5. November 19, 2021

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