

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

May 21, 2021

The six hundred ninety fifth meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on May 21, 2021, via ZOOM Webinar, was called to order by Mr. David Barkin at 9:02 AM.

Board Members

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

Board Members

Not Present: None

Vacancies: None

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

Others Present:	Gina Calabro	AIA Connecticut
	Bryan Moore	Candidate for Licensure
	Thomas Lane	Candidate for Licensure

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 March 19, 2021 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the March 19, 2021 minutes as written. (Barkin/Cerrone)

2. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today

Ms. Cahill noted some proposed amendments to the Agenda which Mr. Barkin stated will be addressed later in the Meeting. There were no further comments or concerns addressed.

3. DCP Investigation Division Complaint Status Report

Ms. Hamel confirmed to the Board the number of open cases which appear on the report. Ms. Cahill confirmed with Ms. Hamel that no new complaints have been created since October of 2020 as indicated. Ms. Hamel also answered various questions on the report from Ms. Cahill. The Board thanked Ms. Hamel for the Investigations work and effort on this report.

4. DCP Legal Division Items

It was confirmed to Mr. Barkin that many of these complaints have been referred to Legal as shown. He asked for more general detail on these cases without compromising the Board's potential role in these cases should they come before them as Hearings.

Ms. Paulette Annon joined the meeting. She addressed particulars concerning the complaints referred to the Legal Division. She now has Legal Interns that will provide assistance in moving these cases forward.

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.

Mr. Kuzmich stated that he has no new information from the Department to present to the Board at this time. He will e-mail the Department Contact for any updates and provide the Board with the same.

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

Mr. Barkin stated that he has not received any clarity from the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) staff on this issue. He will verify that they have been contacted and try to get conversation going between the DCP and the Department of Administrative Services (DAS).

6. New Business

6A. 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 an architect in the State of Connecticut and offered their congratulations on achieving this professional milestone. (Cahill/Cerrone)

1. Tyler D. Harriot
2. Kathryn Hobert
3. Peter E. Kosinski
4. Bryan Moore: Mr. Moore addressed the Board and thanked them for the opportunity to take the examination in light of his non-accredited degree. He is glad that he completed them in good time (6 months) and is looking forward to practicing in Connecticut.
5. Mehmet Sabri Sahin

The following candidate was added by the Board to Agenda Item 6A.at today's meeting:

6. Thomas Lane

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. Mr. Kuzmich addressed general questions from Ms. Holland regarding the applications.

1	Abou-Khalil, Rami	Waiver of Examination; MRA/Canada	(NCARB File No. 814493)
2	Anderson, Donna -Lee	Waiver of Examination; Florida	Direct
3	Anderson, Kirk G.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 54866)
4	Baumgardner, James E.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 837666)
5	Bedee, Matthew L.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 93234)
6	Bonelli, John A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
7	Butler, Jason	Waiver of Examination; Idaho	(NCARB File No. 69921)
8	Byrne, Kathleen	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 862857)
9	Chapman, Thomas W.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 127697)
10	Chen, Weichi	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 861084)
11	Chistiakov, Ilya A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 124548)
12	Clark, Michael K.	Waiver of Examination; District of Columbia	(NCARB File No. 127339)
13	Coats, Jason L.	Waiver of Examination; North Carolina	(NCARB File No. 97102)
14	Coffeen, Kimberly D.	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 862058)
15	Cohen, William J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
16	Coughlin, Paul J.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 109485)
17	Craine, Frank	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 861967)
18	Danko, John R.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 123190)
19	Dankovich, James E.	Waiver of Examination; Virginia	(NCARB File No. 125796)
20	Davis, Norm	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
21	Del Priore, Federico	Waiver of Examination; Alabama	(NCARB File No. 861773)
22	Doran, Jamie M.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 355335)
23	Dreisbach, Nicholas L.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 443753)
24	Freestone, Scot J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 112338)
25	Freitas, Paul	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 813321)
26	Freitas, Sean P.	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 848841)
27	Gebert, Gregory A.	Waiver of Examination; Wisconsin	(NCARB File No. 550273)
28	Geisler, John M.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 689458)
29	Hickman, Edward A.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 64570)
30	Jacoby, Sarah	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 141021)
31	Jolley, Jay R.	Waiver of Examination; Arizona	Direct
32	King, Jeffrey A.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 54448)
33	Lamkin, Robert W.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 57151)
34	Lau, Roland GL	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 860747)
35	Law, Susan	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 101874)
36	Logan, Philip R.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 595833)
37	Lynch, Dennis	Waiver of Examination; Maryland	(NCARB File No. 75080)
38	Marvel, Deacon S.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 854477)
39	Mauro, Edward J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
40	McKown, Jonathan Z.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 43470)
41	McNicholas, Elizabeth	Waiver of Examination; Utah	(NCARB File No. 96824)
42	Mullenex, Barbara A.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 850688)
43	O'Kelly, Belinda	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 86470)
44	Orzechowski, Wojciech	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 88243)
45	Pastoriza, Andres	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
46	Pelley, Arch E.	Waiver of Examination; Virginia	(NCARB File No. 841588)
47	Penhoet, Stephen G.	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 861770)
48	Pfeffer, James H.	Waiver of Examination; Tennessee	(NCARB File No. 120928)
49	Pizzano, Robert J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
50	Press, Scott	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No.

51	Reis, Kyle R.	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 112789)
52	Resciniti, Philip L.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 126256)
53	Roman, Michael	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 93709)
54	Samora, Manuel D.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 248813)
55	Scerbo, Thomas	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 112066)
56	Siegel, Brian	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 179933)
57	Stevenson, Michael G.	Waiver of Examination; North Carolina	(NCARB File No. 43060)
58	Sung, Diana M.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 862357)
59	Talley, Jessica R.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 499633)
60	Taylor, Jeffrey D.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 88859)
61	Torrico, Gustavo A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 862329)
62	Ursell, Sonya	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 826786)
63	Veltman, Ruard A.	Waiver of Examination; Alabama	(NCARB File No. 71471)
64	Verona, Irina C.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 86329)
65	Walton, Shane A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 91465)
66	Westman, Alan B.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 82430)
67	Yoder, Harvey H.	Waiver of Examination; Alabama	(NCARB File No. 83869)
68	Zmijewski, Robert J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 98362)

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.

Mr. Barkin noted that several of these applications were the result of the Department of Administrative Services requirements for licensure in order to enter into contracts with them. Mr. Barkin reminded Board Members and their colleagues that when they decide to become a PC or LLC, they are practicing as a corporation and must now apply for corporate licensure under the Board's Statutes.

1. ADA Architects, Inc. James Kassay
17710 Detroit Avenue Connecticut Lic. No. 14762
Lakewood, Ohio 44107
2. BKP Architects P.C Darrell L. Kratzer
1525 Locust Street Floor 5 Connecticut Lic. No. 13026
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102-3710
3. Joseph Sepot AIA PC Joseph T. Sepot
225 Montowese Street Connecticut Lic. No. 4578
Branford, Connecticut 06405-3873
4. Lifecare Design Inc Hermann Cortes-Barrios
1429 Park Street Suite 201 Connecticut Lic. No. 5120
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-2243

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| 5. | Maier Design Group LLC
34 Sequassen Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-2866 | David B.Arai
Connecticut Lic. No. 5115 |
| 6. | Manhattan Studio Architecture
& Design PC
41 West 25th Street Floor 7
New York, New York 10010-2048 | Gregory A. Shunick
Connecticut Lic. No.9659 |
| 7. | Martin A. Benassi AIA Architect LLC
Two Broadway
Hamden, Connecticut 06518 | James B. Harding
Connecticut Lic. No. 4381 |
| 8. | Olson Kundig
159 South Jackson Street Suite 600
Seattle, Washington 98104-4435 | Kevin M. Kudo-King
Connecticut Lic. No. 14658 |
| 9. | Pleasants Oncel Practice
Architecture DPC PLLC
99 Upper Kent Hollow Road
Kent, Connecticut 06757-1819 | Okan Oncel
Connecticut Lic. No. 14047 |

The Board voted, unanimously, to add the following new Items to the Meeting Agenda (Cahill/Cerrone):

6D. Discussion concerning proposed NCARB Resolutions for the Annual Business Meeting. Mr. Cerrone advised the Board that he recently attended an NCARB Webinar concerning the Resolutions and noted that there was not much controversy, and most are mainly bookkeeping in nature.

Resolution 2021-02: NCARB Certification Guidelines Amendment – Qualifications for Education Alternative

Resolution 2021-03: NCARB Certification Guidelines Amendment – Qualifications for Foreign Alternative

Resolution 2021-04: Sunset of Resolution 2000-1 (Opposition to Interior Design Licensing)

Mr. Cerrone stated to the Board that he believes that it is not beneficial to oppose all Interior Designer discussions. This discourages the spirit of cooperation and would not be productive. He does not see a downside to this Resolution and believes it is better to learn to work with them than to just be completely opposed to them and become adversarial which is what Resolution 2000-1 is. Mr. Barkin has objections on this matter.

Resolution 2021-05: Amendment and Restatement of the NCARB Legislative Guidelines and Model Law/Model Regulations

Mr. Cerrone reported that this resolution represents the first step in updating the Model Law and that there will be changes ahead in the future.

Resolution 2021-06: Omnibus Sunset of Resolutions in Conflict with Current Council Policies

Mr. Barkin noted that this Resolution represents a clean-up of NCARB Policies. Mr. Cerrone stated it cleans up outdated resolutions and the same is detailed in a hard copy summary.

Resolution 2021-07: NCARB Bylaws Amendment – Director Term Limits

Mr. Barkin and Mr. Cerrone noted that this Resolution promotes diversity and accelerates the process by which other candidates can move up quicker. Mr. Cerrone further explained the details of the term limits this Resolution changes. The Board extensively discussed the topic of diversity in the NCARB, AIA, and with the profession in general, both past and present.

Resolution 2021-08: Member Board Dues Reduction

Mr. Cerrone noted that NCARB is proposing to reduce the dues per State from \$6,500.00 to \$1,000.00 annually. The financial impact to NCARB is minimal. Ms. Cahill noted the drastic reduction this number represents. Mr. Barkin stated that this illustrates that the majority of NCARB's financial resources come from membership and licensing services. The Board discussed their concern over when and if these dues are increased in the future and how the State would respond to such a request. Mr. Barkin noted the importance for the State to maintain membership in the NCARB and the impact this has on the architectural profession in Connecticut.

After lengthy discussion, the Board voted as follows on the NCARB 2021 Resolutions:

Resolutions (2) through (3) and (5) through (8): approved unanimously.
(Barkin/Cerrone)

Resolution (4): all Board Members (approve) except Mr. Barkin (against).

6E. Attendance at the Annual Business Meeting

Mr. Barkin reminded the Board that time is running out to register for this meeting. Mr. Barkin will not be attending. Mr. Cerrone is already registered and will attend. Ms. Cahill is not sure if she can attend. The Board asked if Mr. Cerrone if he will represent the Board as their voting delegate. He agreed and Mr. Kuzmich will submit the paperwork to the NCARB as required. Ms. Cahill will be the Board's alternate and attend the meeting virtually.

6F. Board Member step-down assistance for a Legal Compliance Meeting scheduled for June 21, 2021. It was confirmed that a Professional Member is needed for this matter. Ms. Cahill volunteered to assist Ms. Annon with this meeting. She will be provided all necessary information/documentation to prior the meeting for her review and preparation.

6G. Proposed Memorandum regarding continuing education units to all current license holders.

Mr. Barkin stated that the Board needs to remind licensees of their CE requirement as mandated by statute. Although they were reminded of this last year, he is recommending that another memo be sent out this year concurrent with the license renewals or otherwise. The Board voted, unanimously, to send out this reminder and that such documentation will be drafted by Mr. Barkin on behalf of the Board. (Barkin/Cahill) Mr. Barkin will work with Mr. Kuzmich in the preparation of this memorandum.

7. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today

1. Ms. Cahill noted that AIA has been looking into educating their members on the signing and sealing of documents securely. They are providing their members with that resource.
2. Ms. Holland asked if AIA Members find it easier or harder to comply with the CE requirement virtually due to the pandemic. Ms. Cahill responded she believes that it is easier for them. Further, Ms. Calabro stated AIA/CT Members will automatically comply with the State's Continuing Education (CE) mandate by being active members as CE is required for AIA membership.
3. Ms. Calabro noted that regarding wall certificates, AIA/CT has donated the service to supply wall certificates to all new licensees (by written examination). However, they do not do this until the end of the year. In January, they host a small reception for the newly licensed by examination in Connecticut as well as the Board and the Commissioner. At this time, wall certificates are presented to these individuals in person with all others being mailed out afterward.

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 AM. (Cerrone/Barkin) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, July 16, 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. July 16, 2021
2. September 17, 2021
3. November 19, 2021

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