

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

September 17, 2021

The six hundred ninety seventh meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on September 17, 2021, via ZOOM Webinar, was called to order by Mr. David Barkin at 9:03 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
	Pamela Brown	Director, Investigations Division
	Janita Hamel	Supervising Special Investigator, Investigations Division
	Leslie O'Brien	Communications and Legislative Program Manager

Others Present:	Gina Calabro	AIA Connecticut
	Manny Machado	AIA Connecticut
	Robin M Kuc	Candidate for Licensure
	Michael Ayles	

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 16, 2021 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the July 16, 2021 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

Mr. Barkin discussed the report with the Board by means of screen sharing. Ms. Hamel explained an issue with the report coding/titles not properly reflecting the complaint status. This has been an ongoing issue and is being addressed by the Information/Technology Department. Mr. Barkin confirmed that this report is the complete list of complaints at present.

4. DCP Legal Division Items

Ms. Paulette Annon updated the Board on upcoming Compliance Meetings and Assurance of Voluntary Compliance Letters that she is working on to settle some of these matters. Progress is being made on all the cases shown. In response to a question from Ms. Cahill, Ms. Brown noted that all complainants receive a letter pertaining to the status of their complaint when the matter is closed. Ms. Annon noted that typically in her cases, there is no letter that goes out to the complainant. Ms. Calabro will send contact information for AIA/CT so that Ms. Annon can advise them on the status of their complaints.

The Board had no further questions for Ms. Hamel and Ms. Brown.

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.

There was no discussion on this item. Mr. Barkin asked that this Item be carried over to the Board's next meeting scheduled for November 19, 2021.

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

There was no discussion on this item. Mr. Barkin asked that this Item be carried over to the Board's next meeting scheduled for November 19, 2021.

5C. Continuation of discussion concerning reporting dates for Architect Continuing Education Hours.

Ms. O'Brien explained the nature of how this reporting date change came about. She noted other issues the Department was experiencing regarding the reporting of CEU's by other professions and their lack of compliance. As such, the Director of the License Services Division requested this standardized reporting date in an effort to make things easier for his Division in reconciling all renewals with the continuing education requisite.

Although it may be an inconvenience to the profession, it was decided by the Board to keep the reporting dates in place in recognition of the Department's needs. At the suggestion of Ms. O'Brien, Mr. Barkin will contact Mike Elliot, the Director of the License Services Division, to coordinate the language of his written memo to all licensed Connecticut Architects regarding the changes in the continuing education reporting dates and also to determine when this letter will be issued.

The Board added the following Agenda Item under Old Business at today's meeting:

5D. Discussion concerning the Statutes pertaining to the Corporate Practice of Architecture.

Mr. Barkin gave the Board some history on the changes made to this Statute Section with the Department in 2019. This was also the time Continuing Education requirements and Emeritus Status Architect were added. Employee Stock Ownership Plans were also incorporated into the statutes which resulted in a change to Section 20-298b.

Ms. O'Brien gave the Board statutory history of the changes made in 2018 which resulted in the current language; specifically, the two-thirds ownership requirement being standard across both the Architecture and Engineering professions. Subsequent, the Department of Transportation was about to contract with a larger engineering firm which was publicly owned and would not meet the 2/3 ownership requirement. The Department now explained that it was their interpretation that this requirement only applied to PC's and LLC's. In 2019, this ownership requirement was changed to apply across the Board to both Architecture and Engineering firms.

Mr. Barkin stated that some larger firms create a sub-organization to allow them to practice in other jurisdictions with different ownership requirements. He if asked if an architecture firm can exist and practice and not be publicly traded? The answer is yes and as such, he pointed out that this statutory change eliminated the 2/3 ownership

requirement/protection for all the firms who are not PC's or LLCs because of one firm that could have choose another format to practice.

Mr. Barkin stated that he believes that change was never discussed by the Board and it was never their intent to have eliminated the 2/3 ownership requirement for all firms that are not PC's or LLC's. The Board now wants to know what needs to be done to change the law back to what it was. Ms. Cahill stated that the Board wants to ensure that any form of architectural corporate practice must have two-thirds ownership by licensed Connecticut Architects. Ms. O'Brien noted that the Board can have a Bill raised during the next legislative session to make this change. The Board wants to do this. Mr. Barkin stated this Bill will need to originate from another organization since he doubts that they will have the Department's support.

In response to a request from Ms. Annon, Ms. Cahill summarized the Board's concern over this ownership requirement. She noted that a firm without the two-thirds ownership in place can draw from other non-architect owners who can have financial influence over their architect partners. The two thirds ownership requirement ensures that critical design decisions protecting the public's health safety and welfare are being made by architects.

Further discussion took place with Board and Ms. O'Brien regarding the Ms. Cahill's concerns over the present ownership requirements. Mr. Cerrone agrees and would like to reinstatement the former 2/3 ownership for all architect corporations. Ms. O'Brien noted that she believes if the Department put legislation forward to restore former ownership requirements, the legislature would not support this because of their recent changes made regarding the Engineering profession.

Ms. Calabro stated that the AIA/CT was just as surprised and confused as to how this ownership change came about as the Board is since they were also involved in the discussions back in 2019. After considerable discussion, it was decided that AIA/Connecticut may take the lead in trying to initiative this legislative change. Mr. Barkin cautioned the Board that they must be very mindful of procedure regarding future discussion of this matter. Ms. Calabro stated that AIA/CT will let the Board know what they decide to move forward with so as not to involve/compromise the Board.

Mr. Barkin had to leave the meeting at this point and voted to have Mr. Cerrone take over as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cahill. The motion carried unanimously.

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/Holland)

1. Robin M. Kuc
2. Benjamin W. Mayne
3. Jonathan Charles Arthur Molloy
4. Angelo Palmieri
5. Krystel Yang

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; it was noted by the Board that the applications are listed for informational purposes.

1	Anderson, James P.	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 110727)
2	Baydar, Bulent A.	Waiver of Examination; Virginia	(NCARB File No. 79559)
3	Bee, Robert	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 122598)
4	Booher, Pierson W,	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 142400)
5	Citwood, Debra M.	Waiver of Examination; South Carolina	(NCARB File No. 64014)
6	Comly, Albert Mammel	Waiver of Examination; Maryland	(NCARB File No. 20215)
7	Comodromos, Demetrios A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No.116059)
8	Conover, Patrick Wiley	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 40508)
9	Corrigan, Bryan P.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 720368)
10	Costa, Todd Michael	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 100029)
11	D'Angelo, Peter	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
12	Ernst, Christopher David	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 864405)
13	Ferreira, Lisa	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 62790)
14	Franz, John W.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 84221)
15	Garland, James A,	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 470913)
16	Gauthier, Douglas	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
17	Gier, Mark G.	Waiver of Examination; Idaho	(NCARB File No. 55257)
18	Hall, Scott D.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 114283)
19	Heirls, Todd L.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 49207)
20	Holuby, Jason Turner	Waiver of Examination; Oklahoma	(NCARB File No. 93839)
21	Huberty, Joseph Mark	Waiver of Examination; Wisconsin	(NCARB File No. 110826)
22	Huether, Joseph C.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	Direct
23	Hughes, John Brent	Waiver of Examination; Tennessee	(NCARB File No. 91587)
24	Jensen, Jonah J.	Waiver of Examination; Washington	(NCARB File No. 102031)
25	Jesaitis, Andrew T.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
26	Kasiewicz, Alden	Waiver of Examination; Oregon	(NCARB File No. 452693)
27	Koernig, Kevin Livingston	Waiver of Examination; Colorado	Direct
28	Krulac, Daniel J.	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 75634)
29	Lim, Lily Ling	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
30	Lindstrom, Robert A.	Waiver of Examination; Washington	(NCARB File No. 496637)
31	Lobao, Luis Francisco	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 80227)
32	Lontine, Thomas	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 128857)
33	Mainiero, Gia Louise	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 113108)
34	McCrery, James	Waiver of Examination; Virginia	(NCARB File No. 130377)

35	McManus, Thomas J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 126003)
36	Mixdorf, Patrick J.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	Direct
37	Morrisette, Lee Harper	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 104021)
38	Mott, Devon Elizabeth	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 779469)
39	O'Brien, Christopher Sean	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 140369)
40	Obuchowski, David Craig	Waiver of Examination; South Carolina	(NCARB File No. 87823)
41	Pratt, Steven D.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 117659)
42	Ramachandran, L. Ramu	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	Direct
43	Romanic, Drew A.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 90152)
44	Sperry, Brad Cameron	Waiver of Examination; Montana	(NCARB File No. 78901)
45	Stantz, John Crowder	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 338353)
46	Stein, Adam J.	Waiver of Examination; Wisconsin	(NCARB File No. 194314)
47	Stumpf, Karl W.	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 48747)
48	Symonds, Alfred Todd	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 66406)
49	Tharp, Jim	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 71228)
50	Thompson, Darrel Eugene	Waiver of Examination; Virginia	(NCARB File No. 141235)
51	Tobon, Liliana R.	Waiver of Examination; South Carolina	(NCARB File No. 123253)
52	Torbati, Farzin	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 506533)
53	Townes, Matthew Sheridan	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 109022)
54	Vandermark, Jr., Anthony C.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 136274)
55	Walheim, Kelly	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 722929)
56	Watson, Jeffrey Michael	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 138751)
57	Wiesen, Jeremy Paul	Waiver of Examination; Minnesota	(NCARB File No. 125318)
58	Wilson, David MacArtney	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 20859)
59	Zunino, Damian D.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 203413)

6C. Applications for the Corporate Practice of Architecture; the Department approved the following applications under Section 21a-8 of the General Statutes: it was noted by the Board that the applications are listed for informational purposes.

1. AAI Architects, P.C.
14 Wall St Fl 2
New York, New York 10005-2141
Michael F. Ritchie
Connecticut Lic. No. 14982
2. Dietz & Company Architects, P.C.
400 Main Street
South Glastonbury, Connecticut 06073-3111
Craig E .DeJong
Connecticut Lic. No. 4904
3. Gresham Smith Connecticut Inc
222 2nd Avenue S Suite 1400
Nashville, Tennessee 37201-2373
John B. Hughes
Connecticut Lic. No. 15081
4. M.D. Architects, P.C.
6470 N Shadeland Avenue Suite A
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220-4386
Richard Renschen
Connecticut Lic. No. 13524

5 Tactical Design Nevada PC
10548 N Country Club Drive
Mequon, Wisconsin 53092-5155

Mirela Zalewski
Connecticut Lic. No. 15013

7. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today.

1. The upcoming NECARB Region 1 Meeting beginning October 22, 2021 in Burlington, Vermont was discussed. It was determined that Mr. Cerrone will be attending Friday and part of Saturday. Ms. Asklof will be attending for two nights. Ms. Cahill and Ms. Holland will not be attending.

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 AM. (Holland/Cahill) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, November 19, 2021 at 9:00 AM and will be held by ZOOM Webinar.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator

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

1. November 19, 2021 (to be held remotely by ZOOM Webinar)

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