

MINUTES
NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS
February 9, 2006
Public Session

I CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:37 am in the Union Conference Room on the third (3rd) floor at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

PARTICIPANTS	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
President Alex Garcia, RA	(X)	()	()
Vice President Albert Zaccone, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member Diane Goté	()	()	(X)
Board Member Howard Horii, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member Bernard Kellenyi, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member Frederick Kniesler, CLA	(X)	()	()
Board Member Janice M. Mintz	()	()	(X)
Public Member			
Board Member Kyu-Jung Whang, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member Paul DeMassi, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member Vacant - Government Member			
Board Member Vacant - Public Member			

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General; James S. Hsu, Executive Director; Margaret Hinkley, Secretary to the Executive Director, and staff members Joseph Abello and Beverly Rankin of the Board of Architects.

ALSO PRESENT: Patricia Schiripo, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs and Vincent Picone, Licensure by Credential applicant

II OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The statement required by Chapter 231, public laws of 1975, the "Open Public Meetings Act," was read and it was announced that notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board of Architects and mailed to the Secretary of State, the Newark Star-Ledger, the Trenton Times, the Camden Courier-Post, the Record and the Atlantic City Press.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 26, 2006

ACTION: Mr. DeMassi motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. Mr. Kellenyi abstained. Motion carried.

IV ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Hsu announced:

- At 10:30 am - Investigative inquiry pertaining to ITEM No. 38317.

- Patricia Schiripo, Regulatory Analyst, will be present to discuss a change to the Interior Design regulations.

- Copy of the most recent AIA Newsletter was distributed.

Mr. Zaccone announced

- He will be attending the NCARB IDP Coordinator meeting on February 11 and 12, 2006, in Washington, DC.

- Copies of the Construction Code Communicator containing an article on the Home Improvement Contractor regulations was distributed.

Mr. Whang announced that he and Executive Director Hsu will be attending the Joint Region Meeting to be held in Charleston NC on March 3 and 4, 2006, and asked board members to think of any issues of concern for discussion at the meeting.

Mr. DeMassi announced that a Joint Committee of Architects & Engineers was held recently and James Valenti, PE was elected as Chair and Paul DeMassi was elected Vice Chair. The issue of whether architects can design bulkheads was resurrected and determined the Committee would further discuss this issue at a future meeting. Mr. DeMassi also noted that Mark Roche is the new gubernatorial member to the Joint Committee. Mr. Roche is a business representative for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and the Board has some concerns with his profession which may have the appearance of impropriety while serving on the Joint Committee.

V OLD BUSINESS

A. Direct Applications for Licensure by Credentials

The following individual/s applied for reciprocity based on a license held in another state and submits construction documents to document five years of responsible practice of architecture.

Carminio, Aldo N. - On January 26th, subsequent to reviewing the plans submitted by Mr. Carminio, Mr. Zaccone motioned to request Mr. Carminio provide a detailed explanation of his exact involvement in each of the projects he submitted. Ms. Mintz seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

2/9/06 Detailed explanation of Mr. Carminio's involvement in the projects he submitted was found in his application folder. Mr. Zaccone reviewed this information and will report.

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone reported to the Board that he reviewed the explanation of the projects provided by Mr. Carminio and motioned to issue a license to Mr. Carminio. Mr. DeMassi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

VI NEW BUSINESS

A. Correspondence

1 Memo dated January 6, 2006, from Robert E. Luke, President-elect, NCARB, regarding the NCARB Committee Application form for fiscal year 2007. Any board member interested in a committee appointment, even if currently serving on a committee must submit a form.

ACTION: Board members were encouraged to consider applying to serve on an NCARB committee.

2 Attached is a January 25, 2006 letter from Phyllis Z. Sherman who has a question which relates to whether a professional corporation consisting of licensed engineers and other closely allied professionals, which employs one or more architects would pass muster meeting all state requirements if it provided

architectural and related services to its clientele or would that professional corporation be required to have one of the architects be a shareholder?

ACTION: Subsequent to discussion, the Board determined to send a letter advising that the Board does not regulate the formation of professional service corporations N.J.S.A.14A:17-3. However, any corporation that is offering architectural services must obtain a certificate of authorization in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:3-18.

3 William Wright - Exam Candidate

Summary: In October 2005 the Board reviewed a copy of an undated letter from William Wright, Exam Candidate, who encloses a 'Score report' dated October 14, 2005 for exams taken on September 21, 2005. Mr. Wright alleges that NCARB "chose to administer the ARE knowing...that the system has operational problems..." Also attached are the following letters for review: Copy of an e-mail dated September 28, 2005 from Stephen Nutt, NCARB, advising that NCARB will no longer respond to Mr. Wright's inquiries; Copy of a January 28, 2005 letter from Mr. Wright addressed to NCARB advising of software problems for Building Planning division; Copy of a June 29, 2005 letter from Michael Yates, NCARB addressed to Christina McBryde pertaining to William Wright; Copy of a September 21, 2005 letter from Mr. Wright addressed to NCARB advising of software problems for Building Planning division for board review. On October 27, 2005, The Board reviewed Mr. Wright's letter and after subsequent discussion, Mr. Zaccone motioned to acknowledge his letter and his frustration with the ARE, the Board advises that this is an issue for him to deal with NCARB and Thomson / Prometrics, the testing facility. Mr. Whang seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

2/9/06 Letter dated January 27, 2006, from W. Wright requesting the Board review the attached information, which are various letters addressed to ARE Operations/NCARB and Thomson Prometric and withdraw its support from NCARB and the ARE which are attached for board review.

ACTION: Subsequent to reviewing the documentation, the Board determined to obtain from NCARB the number of complaints from candidates about the 2005 administration of the Building/Planning section of the ARE.

B Information

NCARB Fast Facts dated January 31, 2006 is attached for Board information.

ACTION: Duly noted.

C Regulations

Interior Design regulations - Patricia Schiripo, Regulatory Analyst, was present to discuss the changes made by the Interior Design Committee upon learning that the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research (FIDER) has changed its name to the Council of Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA).

ACTION: Upon reviewing the change made, Mr. DeMassi motioned to approve the change to the proposed interior design regulations as discussed. Mr. Horii seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

VII REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

A Applications for Licensure by Credentials

The following individuals have applied for licensure by credentials, have met board requirements and are recommended for licensure:

- NCARB Council Record Holder

Anderson James R.* Antinozzi, Daniel P.* Buschfrers, Maximo*
Catalan, Arnel T.* Curry, Shellie A III DeBolt, Margaret W*
DiLeo, Lucio Drollotte, Michelle* Dwyer, Walter C.
Torp, Paul J.* McKelvy, Michael E.* Justus, John K.*
Krebs, Carl F.* Kubier, Francis * Lee, Kyu Myeon*
Marquardt, Vincent* Masur, David L.* Strauch, Hans D.*
Allen, Stanley T. Minnick, Eugene W.* Paradis, Allen D*
McNamara, Thomas J.* Paulson, Margarit S. Ellemann, Gary W.*
Raith, Charles S.* DeReus, J. Kent

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone motioned to approve the above individuals for licensure by credentials. Mr. DeMassi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

B Applications for Examination

The following applicant/s applied for admission to the Architectural Registration Examination and are recommended by staff:

Adel Elbas
Karen E. Martin
Douglas Ramones
Morten Thomsen
Guillermo A. Vilela
Marta E. Karamuz

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone motioned to admit the above individuals to the ARE process. Mr. Horii seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The following applicant/s have completed all Divisions of the Architectural Registration Examination and are submitted to the Board for licensure:

Clark, David A.
Eaves, Brian M.
Kang, Yong-Jin
Obetz, Richard
Wolz, Michael A.J.

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone motioned to license the above individuals inasmuch as they have completed the ARE process and have met all of the Boards requirements. Mr. DeMassi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

C. Certificate/s of Authorization

1 BANNETT GROUP DESIGN LLC Architecture
1998 Springdale Road - Ste 101
Cherry Hill NJ 08003

Responsible Architect: Barry E. Bennett - License #AI005529

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by two New Jersey professional architects of which one owns 66.67% of the shares in business with The Bennett Group Ltd. who owns 33.33% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

ACTION: Mr. Garcia motioned to issue a certificate of authorization to Bennett Group Design LLC. Mr.

DeMassi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

2 NEWWORK ARCHITECTURE LLC Architecture
744 Broad Street - Ste 3000
Newark NJ 07102

Responsible Architect: Charles Mallea - License #AI017066

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by a New Jersey professional architect who owns 67% of the shares in business with two unlicensed individuals who own 33% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

ACTION: Mr. Garcia motioned to issue a certificate of authorization to Newwork Architecture LLC. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

VIII PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vincent Picone, Licensure by Credential applicant, was present to discuss his qualifications for licensure. He listed, for the board that he passed the ARE, has 21 years of experience and he is licensed in New York, Colorado and Hawaii. The Board asked a few questions of Mr. Picone and subsequently advised him that the Board will review his application and notify him of the board's decision once it is reached.

IX CLOSED CASES

1 ITEM NO. 19153 - LEFEVER, Richard W. - NY PE 75914 - It was reported that the Joint Committee recently met and were advised by the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors that they found no cause for action against the engineer in this matter. After some discussion, Mr. DeMassi motioned to administratively close this case. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. CASE CLOSED.

2 ITEM NO. 35553 - TROTTA, Michael - AI002948 – The Board unanimously voted to accept the signed certification from the settlement letter and check and close this matter.

X EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:30 am Mr. DeMassi motioned to go into Executive Session for the purposes of reviewing the matter scheduled for an inquiry today. Mr. Horii seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

XI NEXT MEETINGS

February 23, 2006 Regular Meeting
Union Room - 3rd Floor

Investigative inquiry pertaining to ITEM No. 37610- 10 am & 11 am

Investigative inquiry pertaining to ITEM No. 37441- 1 pm

March 9, 2006 Regular Meeting
Union Room - 3rd Floor

Investigative inquiry pertaining to ITEM No. 38709- 10 am & 11 am

XII ADJOURNMENT

At 3pm, Mr. Kniesler motioned to adjourn the meeting inasmuch as all business has been discussed. Mr.

DeMassi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.