

MINUTES

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

JUNE 8, 2017

Public Session

I CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:09 am in the Union Conference Room on the third (3rd) floor at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

PARTICIPANTS		PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
President	Obiora Agudosi, RA	(X)	()	()
Vice President	Albert Zaccone, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Diane Goté, CID	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Kishor Y Joshi, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Louis J. Mraw	()	()	(X)
	Government Member			
Board Member	Nicholas J. Netta, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Richard Picatagi, LLA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Michael Soriano, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Architect Member			
Board Member	Architect Member			
Board Member	Landscape Architect Member			
Board Member	Public Member			
Board Member	Public Member			

OTHERS PRESENT: B. Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General; Charles Kirk, Acting Executive Director of the Board of Architects; Margaret Hinkley, Secretary to Executive Director of the Board of Architects, Joseph Abello III and Beverly Rankin of the Board of Architects.

ALSO PRESENT: Joseph Simonetta, Executive Director, AIA NJ; Michael Armstrong, CEO NCARB; Stephen Nutt, FAIA, NCARB, CAE, Senior Architect / Advisor to CEO NCARB; Jerome Eben, AIA; Justin Mihalik, AIA Regulatory Subcommittee and Liza Ackerman, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs

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.

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III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 11, 2017

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Goté seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

IV ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Agudosi announced the following:

- Joseph Simonetta, Executive Director, AIA NJ, to discuss A-4420 which repeals the “Interior Design Certification Act” and A-4273 which requires state supervision of certain professional and occupational licensing Boards.
- Michael Armstrong, CEO NCARB and Stephen Nutt, FAIA, NCARB, CAE, Senior Architect / Advisor to CEO NCARB, to discuss NC US Supreme Court decision concerning NC Board of Dental Examiners as it relates to licensing boards.
- Investigative inquiry with the complainant pertaining to ITEM NO. ARC-2017-00035

V OLD BUSINESS

A North Carolina - U.S. Supreme Court decision involving the powers of state boards
At their July 2015 meeting, the Board was informed of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision involving the powers of state boards. After some discussion, the Board unanimously voted to send a memo to the Director of Division of Consumer Affairs with their concerns regarding the US Supreme Court’s decision. At the May 12, 2016 meeting, Mr. Kirk informed the Board that there is no new information from the Division of Consumer Affairs. However, there is discussion toward formulating a policy within the Division concerning this matter. The Board unanimously voted to express the Board’s disappointment that the Division has not provided some direction as to the protection of the board member’s position acting on behalf of the state and this Board. Also that none of the state boards are participating in the discussion toward formulating a policy within the Division. On June 9, 2016, the Board expressed their concerns with Matthew Wetzel, Assistant Deputy Director, Division of Consumer Affairs. On July 14, 2016, Mr. Kirk informed the Board that there is no new directive from the Division with respect to this matter. Mr. Zaccone reiterated the Board’s disappointment that the Division has not

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provided some direction as to the protection of the board member's position acting on behalf of the state and this Board. On March 9, 2017 Liza Ackerman, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs, was present to update the Board members on A-4273 was amended to provide immunity and indemnification for board members. This bill passed the Assembly. On May 11th, DAG Albertson informed the Board that bill A-4273 has not moved forward since the last time the Board was notified of the bill.

ACTION: Joseph Simonetta, Executive Director, AIA NJ, was present and informed the Board that the Assembly is expected to vote next week. The Bill is not expected to go through the Senate before the current legislative session ends, however, he expects the Bill will eventually end up on the Governor's desk.

B Bill A-4420 which repeals "Interior Design Certification Act"
On January 12, 2017, Liza Ackerman, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs was present to discuss this Bill with the Board. Ms. Ackerman did relay the Committee's objections to this Bill. After some discussion, the Board unanimously voted to oppose the bill. Ms. Goté informed the Board that the Committee opposes the bill for some of the following reasons: the certification act does NOT restrict the practice of Interior Design; the certification act does provide a pool of qualified Certified Interior Designers that other licensed design professionals rely on for their expertise. Certified Interior designers further protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and/or consumer with their knowledge of finishes, materials, lighting in preventing fire; The interior designer's contribution to a design project is ongoing for the life cycle of the building.

ACTION: Joseph Simonetta, Executive Director, AIA NJ, was present and informed the Board that this Bill was one in a package of nine (9) other bills that eliminates various committees and/or boards. He stated he didn't see the Bill moving forward. He informed the Board that the AIA regulation sub-committee discussed the Bill and at first took a neutral position however, they felt it was not in concert with AIA national's policy. The Board informed Mr. Simonetta that there are 148 registered architects that are also Certified Interior Designers. Mr. Zaccone, who took part in reviewing some of the Grandfather applications with the Committee, realized the vast difference between applicants who had interior design experience and those that were clearly interior decorators. Mr. Simonetta informed the Board that two days ago the AIA Government Affairs committee voted to support the repeal and made the same recommendation to the AIA Board of Directors. Mr. Simonetta said he would bring the Board's concerns back to the AIA Board of Directors.

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VI NEW BUSINESS

- A Landscape Architect Continuing Education course review report

APPROVED

The following courses are offered by ISDM and approved for hours noted:

- 1 Biochar: An Emerging Tool for Improving the Health and Survivability of Urban Trees -1 hr
- 2 Bike and Pedestrian Issues in Transportation Planning – 1 hr
- 3 Case Study: British Columbia's Forests and Emission Reduction –1 hr
- 4 Complete Streets: Improving Safety and Choices for All –1 hr
- 5 NRCS 9 step Planning Process: Design Alternatives –1 hr
- 6 Designing Streets to Enhance Community - 1 hr
- 7 Soil Quality and Soils-Landscape Relationship –1 hr
- 8 Designing Urban Infrastructure: Investing for Now or Tomorrow? –1 hr
- 9 The Gila River Flow Assessment –1 hr
- 10 Inclusive Design at Universities: Common Errors and Best Practices – 1 hr
- 11 Stream Smart Series –1 hr
- 12 Sustainable Design: Net Zero Middle School –1 hr
- 13 Technology fixes for Climate Change –1 hr
- 14 Trail Switchbacks: Planning, Construction and Maintenance –1 hr
- 15 Landscape Planning for Sustainable Development –1 hr
- 16 9th Annual Sustainable Raritan Conference and Awards Ceremony - June 9, 2017 - offered by Rutgers Univ is approved for 3.5 hrs
- 17 Vegetation Identification for Wetland Delineation: South – offered by Rutgers Univ is approved for 8 hrs for day 1 and 8 hrs for day 2
- 18 Wetland Construction Principles, Planning and Design – offered by Rutgers Univ – is approved for 8 hrs for day 1 and 8 hrs for day 2
- 19 Identification of Tidal Wetland Plants - Sept 25 & 26, 2017 – offered by Rutgers Univ – is approved for 8 hrs for day 1 and 8 hrs for day 2

DENIED

- 1 Introduction to HEC-RAS Modeling - July 21, 2017 offered by Half Moon is Not Landscape Architecture – this is engineering
- 2 Outdoor Learning Environments as Opposed to Playgrounds - October 22, 2016 – offered by ASLA - Course and schedule not clearly presented
- 3 Putting "Public" Back into the Right-of-way: Re-balancing Mobility and Streetlife - October 23, 2016 – offered by ASLA Course and schedule not clearly presented

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- 4 Current Urban Challenges and Future Directions: The Next 50 Years of Development Planning – offered by ISDM - Not applicable to the practice of landscape architecture in New Jersey
- 5 Retouching Photos in Photoshop – offered by ISDM - Not Landscape Architecture
- 6 Soils and Site Evaluation for Septic Disposal Systems and Stormwater BMPs – offered by Rutgers Univ - Not Landscape Architecture - this is engineering

ACTION: Mr. Picatagi motioned to approve the above courses as noted. Mr. Joshi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

B Meeting dates for 2018 Calendar year

January 11, 2018	July 12, 2018
February 8, 2018	No August Meeting
March 8, 2018	September 13, 2018
April 12, 2018	October 11, 2018
May 10, 2018	November 8, 2018
June 14, 2018	December 13, 2018

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone motioned to approve the above meeting dates for 2018. Mr. Soriano seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

C Information

Copy of a memorandum dated May 22, 2017 from the Division of Codes and Standards, Code Assistance regarding digital signatures and seals for Architects is attached for Board review.

ACTION: Liza Ackerman, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs was present and advised the Board there is an Assembly Resolution No. 262 which encourages municipalities to accept electronically submitted documents from licensed architects and landscape architects. Mr. Zaccone motioned to support the resolution. Mr. Soriano seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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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

Darin Jellison*	Amanda Bouwer*	James Beight*
Richard Weber*	Christopher Carickhoff	Joseph Tuschinski*
Thomas F. Kirk*	Frank J. Quatela*	Daniel Gallagher*
Michael Gismondi	Michael Morris*	Steven Vetter*
Berry, Andrew T.*	Baani P. Singh*	Patricia Brubaker*
Maridel Hernandez*	Steven Spandle*	Marion White*
Patrick J. Traver*	Cheryl Smith	Cynthia Eng*
Porter, Brent	Cambell, Carl D.*	

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

BOARD TO REVIEW

Dwight Miller*+

ACTION: Subsequent to reviewing the information in executive session, Mr. Soriano motioned to approve Dwight Miller for licensure by credentials. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Fritz Hengge*+

ACTION: Subsequent to reviewing the information in executive session, Mr. Soriano motioned to approve Fritz Hengge for licensure by credentials. Mr. Picatagi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Duncan Walker*+

ACTION: Subsequent to reviewing the information in executive session, Mr. Soriano motioned to approve Duncan Walker for licensure by credentials. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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B Applications for Examination

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

Derek M. Wisz

Daniel P. Bischoff, PE

Shawn Robertson

ACTION: Mr. Soriano motioned to approve the above individuals to take the Architectural Registration Examination. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

BOARD REVIEWED

Israel Feldbrand, Jr.+

+ - Information to be reviewed in Executive Session

ACTION: Subsequent to reviewing the information in executive session, Mr. Soriano motioned to approve Israel Feldbrand Jr to take the Architectural Registration Examination. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

C Licensure by Examination

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

Patrick Lesbirel

Mario A. Navedo+

Ahmed A Emara++

+ - ARE passed in Puerto Rico transfer to NJ for initial license

++ - ARE passed in New York transfer to NJ for initial license

ACTION: Mr. Joshi motioned to approve the above individuals for licensure since they have completed the Architectural Registration Examination. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Katherine Davis-Horan**

Susan J. Frocheur**

Manuel A. Millan**

** - pending updated application

ACTION: Mr. Joshi motioned to table the above applicants until updated applications are received. Mr. Soriano seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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BOARD REVIEWED
Stacy J. Mulrain+

+ - Information to be reviewed in Executive Session

ACTION: Subsequent to reviewing the information in executive session, Mr. Joshi motioned to approve Stacy Mulrain for licensure since she has completed the Architectural Registration Examination. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

D Certificate/s of Authorization

- 1 **CANDACITY, LLC** **Architecture**
N140 W17938 Cedar Lane
Richfield WI 53076

Responsible Architect: Melanie C. Smythe - license #AI018859

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by a New Jersey licensed architect who owns 100% of the shares in business. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.
- 2 **CORNERSTONE DESIGN, LTD** **Architecture**
48-50 W Chestnut Street – Ste 400
Lancaster PA 17603

Responsible Architect: Dale R Yolder - license #AI015070

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by a New Jersey licensed architect who owns 67% of the shares in business with three unlicensed individuals who own 33% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.
- 3 **MB ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN, LLC** **Architecture**
33 Morningside Circle
Little Falls NJ 07424

Responsible Architect: Michael Busch Jr. - license #AI017889

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by one New Jersey licensed architect who owns 100% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

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- 4 **KRIEGER KLATT ARCHITECTS, INC.** **Architecture**
1412 E. 11 Mile Road
Royal Oak MI 48067

Responsible Architect: Jason Krieger – license #AI020545

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by two New Jersey licensed architects who own 100% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

- 5 **HAMPTON HILL ARCHITECTURAL, LLC** **Architecture**
346 Virginia Avenue
Jersey City NJ 07304

Responsible Architect: Min Kil – license #AI019853

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by a New Jersey licensed architect who owns 100% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

- 6 **ENVIRONETICS DESIGN, LLC** **Architecture+**
150 W. Jefferson Avenue – Ste 1300
Detroit MI 48226

Responsible Architect: Peter Dubin – license #AI016188

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural and closely allied professional services is submitted by two New Jersey licensed architects and one professional engineer who owns 75% of the shares in business with an unlicensed individual who owns 25% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

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- 3 **CONTOUR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, LLC** **Landscape Architecture**
548 Macopin Road
West Milford NJ 07480
Responsible Landscape Architect: Adam Howell – license #AS001239
- 4 **OLIN PARTNERSHIP, LTD** **Landscape Architecture**
150 S Independence Mall West
Public Ledger Bldg – Ste 1123
Philadelphia PA 19106
Responsible Landscape Architect: Harriet Boyce – license #AS001241

ACTION: Mr. Picatagi motioned to approve the above two firms for Certificates of Authorization. Mr. Soriano seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

IX PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jerome Eben, AIA was present and informed the Board that he recently received renewal information for his NJ architectural license and was having difficulty renewing online. The Board informed him that if he is using the Chrome browser he will be unable to renew his license. He would need to use another browser in order to renew online.

X CLOSED CASES

The Board closed the following cases today:

- 1 ITEM NO. ARC-2017-00004 - BAIAMONTE, Paolo – Unlicensed / ARE candidate
- 2 ITEM NO. ARC-2017-00035 - KACMARSKY, Ronald - AI013972
- 3 ITEM NO. 112835 - WOOD, Andrew – Unlicensed / Designs by Wood

XI EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Zaccone motioned to go into executive session to conduct one investigative inquiry, review the minutes and other agenda items. Ms. Goté seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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XII NEXT MEETINGS

July 13, 2017	Regular Meeting	Union Room - 3rd Flr
	No August Meeting	
September 14, 2017	Regular Meeting	Union Room - 3rd Flr

XIII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2 pm.