

## MINUTES

### NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

January 8, 2015

#### Public Session

#### I CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:07 am in the Union Conference Room on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) floor at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

PARTICIPANTS		PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED	
President	Nicholas J. Netta, RA		(X)	( )	( )
Vice President	Richard Picatagi, LLA	(X)	( )	( )	
Board Member	Obiora Agudosi, RA		(X)	( )	( )
Board Member	Diane Goté, CID	(X)	( )	( )	
Board Member	Kishor Y Joshi, RA		( )	( )	(X)
Board Member	Arthur F Margiotta, RA		(X)	( )	( )
Board Member	Louis J Mraw		( )	( )	(X)
	Government Member				
Board Member	Michael G. Soriano, RA	(X)	( )	( )	
Board Member	Albert Zacccone, RA		(X)	( )	( )
Board Member	Architect Member				
Board Member	Landscape Architect Member				
Board Member	Vacant - Public Member				
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**OTHERS PRESENT:** B. Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General; Charles Kirk, Acting Executive Director of the Board of Architects; and Margaret Hinkley,

Secretary to Executive Director of the Board of Architects; Joseph Abello III and Beverly Rankin of the Board of Architects; and Martha Richardson staff member of the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jerome Eben, AIA

## **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**

*December 11, 2014*

**ACTION:** Mr. Soriano motioned to approve of the minutes as presented. Mr. Margiotta seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

### **IV ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Zaccone announced that he will be attending the NCARB meeting in San Diego, California. He was asked to participate on a task force to study the examination, experience and educational requirements in New Jersey and across the United States and compare them to requirements in Australia and New Zealand, which he declined.

DAG Albertson informed the Board of the following:

- Site Plan Rule was published in the January 5, 2015 New Jersey Register.
- She also informed the Board that the Appellate court rendered a decision in the Hill International v. Atlantic City Board of Education matter.
- The Professional Engineers and Land Surveyor Board drafted regulation concerning digital signatures and seals and electronic transmission.

Mr. Picatagi informed the Board that he has "thrown his hat in the ring" for Region Director of CLARB. He is currently the Alternate Director with CLARB. The Board wished Mr. Picatagi good luck with his pursuit.

V     **OLD BUSINESS**

*No business was discussed*

VI    **NEW BUSINESS**

A     *Landscape Architect Continuing Education Course review report*

**DENY**

*All sessions are offered by NJ Nursery & Landscape Association*

*Pesticide Safety*

*IPM for Landscape and Turf Managers*

*Nutrient Management in Turf*

*Environmental Concerns regarding Fertilizer and Water*

*Landscape Pest Management Using Organic Land Care Practice*

*Latest in Turf Insects and Diseases*

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*Plant Diseases*

*IPM Control for Invasive Grass*

*Soil Improvement and the Nurient Management Law*

*Neonics and Pollinator Protection*

*Pesticide License Rules and Enforcement*

**ACTION:** Mr. Picatagi motioned to deny the above courses because they are not landscape architecture courses and appear to be for landscape managers not licensed landscape architects. Mr. Zacccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

#### **B Correspondence**

- 1 Copy of a letter dated October 6, 2014 from Richard T Tagland, who is requesting the Board re-authorize him to take the ARE now that the complaint is closed.

**ACTION:** Mr. Zacccone motioned to grant Mr. Tagland's request and re-authorize him to take the ARE. Mr. Margiotta seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

- 2 Copy of an e-mail from Ron Faul, dated December 9, 2014, who wants to know if he can use the concept drawings as a basis to prepare the construction documents under his own seal for permitting.

**ACTION:** Mr. Zacccone motioned to inform Mr. Faul that there is not enough information submitted for the Board to make a determination. The Board recommends that you seek the advice of your own council. Mr. Agudosi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

## C Legislation

A-2023, which revises definition of “responsible charge” as it pertains to licensed professional engineers and licensed architects is attached for Board review.

**ACTION:** Elizabeth Greenblatt, Regulatory Analyst, was present for discussion. The Board informed Ms. Greenblatt of their concern regarding the definition of closely allied professionals in the Bill. There is no designation for a change however, there are different versions of the definition that are inconsistent with current law.

The Board asked Ms. Greenblatt for an update on A-1332 which establishes procedures for awarding of design-build contracts. Through an e-mail communication with the Executive Director Charles Kirk, Betsy relayed that there was no action taken on A-1332.

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**D Issue of concern**

There is a possible quorum issue for the Board's March 12, 2015 meeting due to some members attend the NCARB meeting which is scheduled for the same week in March.

**ACTION:** After some discussion, Mr. Zacone motioned to cancel the March meeting due to a lack of quorum. Mr. Margiotta 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

Paul Drzal\*

Johnson, Rodney L\*

Seth Wentz\*

Timothy S Rawlings\*

Seip, David\*

Brian Rumsey\*

Ashton, Kevin\*

Daniel Laggan\*

Raphael Samach\*

Zebleckes, Joseph\*

Bradley Horn\*

Joseph L. Fucci\*

Garrick Landsberg\*

Vesna Komarica\*

Walker, Robert E\*

**ACTION:** Mr. Margiotta motioned to approve the above individuals for licensure by credentials. Mr. Zacone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**BOARD REVIEWED**

Berg, Christopher E\*+

**ACTION:** Subsequent to reviewing the information in executive session, Mr. Margiotta motioned to approve Mr Berg for licensure by credentials. Mr. Soriano 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:

Stanley L Heal

**ACTION:** Mr. Margiotta motioned to approve Mr. Heal to take the ARE Examination. Mr. Zacone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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**C Licensure by Examination**

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

Christopher J Allen  
Kelly A Freeman  
Clare J Olsen

Theodore Boyadjis  
Min W Kil

Kevin D Dummer  
Michael W Salerno

**ACTION:** Mr. Margiotta motioned to approve the above individuals for licensure inasmuch as he has completed the Architectural Registration Examination. Mr. Soriano seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**D Certificate/s of Authorization**

**1 PARADIGM ARCHITECTS, LLC**

**Architecture**

460 Norristown Road - Ste 202  
Blue Bell PA 19422

Responsible Architect: Krutee N Shah - License #AI019727

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.

**ACTION:** Mr. Margiotta motioned to issue a Certificate of Authorization to the above firm. Mr. Zacccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**VIII LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT APPLICATION REVIEW**

**A Licensure without examination:**

The following individuals submit completed applications for licensure without examination and are recommended for licensure.

\* - CLARB Council Record Holder

Moore, Lynn A\*

**ACTION:** Mr. Picatagi motioned to license Ms. Moore inasmuch as she has complied with the requirements for licensure. Mr. Zacccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.



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**IX CLOSED CASES**

- 1 ITEM NO. 101632 - CIPRIANO, Gaetano P - PE - GE032175 - President / GREGORY, Theodore - Unlicensed / EI Associates - GA279683 (PE COA)
- 2 ITEM NO. 98103 - TAGLAND, Richard - Unlicensed / Studio Tagland Designs - no COA / GAFFIN, David - AI015796
- 3 ITEM NO. 102281 - MCNEIGHT, James S. - AI008626 / James S McNeight, PC

**X PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jerome Eben, AIA was present and raised the following concerns with the Board.

- Mr. Eben stated that he is licensed in various states and receives reminders from the other states, six months prior to renewal, reminding licensees to make sure they have their continuing education credits for the upcoming renewal of license in that particular state. Mr. Eben questioned whether that was something that New Jersey can do for its licensees.
- Mr. Eben stated that with his involvement in planning boards that he serves on, he has noticed that there are items missing from title blocks that are required in the regulations to contain. Mr. Eben questioned whether there is a process to notify licensees to read the laws and regulations and make sure they comply with those regulations.
- Comity with Canada - Mr. Eben questioned the Board as to why there is this problem. The Board informed him that the Board is required by law to review all applicants for their education, experience and examination. The Board has reviewed applications from Canadian applicants and have licensed them because they have met New Jersey's requirements. NCARB entered into the agreement with Canada without providing a provision for New Jersey and other states' licensees to get licensed in Canada from states that did not sign the agreement.

**XI EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Zaccone motioned to go into executive session for the purposes of reviewing the minutes, other items in executive session. Ms. Goté seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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**XII NEXT MEETINGS**

February 12, 2015	Regular Meeting	Union Room - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Investigative inquiry with the respondent pertaining to ITEM No. ITEM NO. 102358 @ 10:30am		

Investigative inquiry with the architect pertaining to ITEM No. ITEM NO. 102358 @ 11:30am

March 12, 2015

CANCELED

April 9, 2015

Regular Meeting

Union Room - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**XII ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2pm.