

MINUTES

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

March 10, 2011

Public Session

I CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:05 am in the Union Conference Room on the third (3rd) floor at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

PARTICIPANTS		PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED	
President	Kishor Y Joshi, RA	(X)	()	()	
Vice President	Albert Zaccone, RA	(X)	()	()	
Board Member	Obiora Agudosi, RA	(X)	()	()	
Board Member	Jack P. Carman, LLA	(X)	()	()	
Board Member	Diane Goté, CID	(X)	()	()	
Board Member	Arthur F Margiotta, 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 G. Soriano, RA	(X)	()	()	
Board Member	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 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: David DeVecchio, AIA and Justin A. Mihalik, 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

February 10, 2011

Editorial changes were made.

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

IV ANNOUNCEMENTS

NCARB Mid-Atlantic Region II meeting will be held March 10-12, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Mr. Zaccone informed the board that he and Mr. Soriano will be attending a meeting on Monday to discuss evaluating the permit process relating to required document submittal, so that it can be streamlined by both the designers and code officials, in order to help give the business applicant a more timely and efficient plan review.

Mr. Picatagi informed the Board that he recently attended the CLARB Spring meeting in Denver, Colorado which was informative. A representative from the Landscape Architecture continuing education services program (LAcEs) was present and clarified that the LAcEs program approves providers and not individual courses for continuing education credits. They also perform a random monitoring of the providers to maintain continuity. Other items of concern at the CLARB Spring meeting were: 1. the definition of welfare and how it pertains to continuing education which strengthens the profession; 2. computerizing the vignette portion of the LARE by providing partial solutions which the candidate would incorporate into the vignette to produce a finished product, which would make grading the examination easier.

V OLD BUSINESS

Notice that the Board of Architect adopted rules were published in the *New Jersey Register* on March 7, 2011.

ACTION: The Board has concerns with the regulation approval process in that substantive changes were made to the rules without notice or approval by the Board.

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VI NEW BUSINESS

A Landscape Architect Continuing Education Course review report

Attached is a list of the following courses reviewed by Mr. Carman and Mr. Picatagi with recommendations for the full Board to review and approve.

APPROVE

- 1 2010 ASLA Annual meeting sponsored by ASLA held September 9 through 13, 2010 for 7 hrs for 9/9/10; 8 hrs for 9/10/10; 7 hrs for 9/11/10; 6 hrs for 9/12/10 and 7.5 hrs for 9/13/10
- 2 Framing the Viewshed sponsored by The Olana Partnership, scheduled for April 16, 2011 for 3.5 hours
- 3 Introduction to Wetlands sponsored by Rutgers University scheduled for June 2, 2011 for 6 hours
- 4 The following courses are sponsored by Rutgers University:
 - Methodology for Delineating Wetlands - June 1 through 4, 2011 for 7 hrs per day
 - Vegetation Identification North - May 19 and 20, 2011 for 7 hrs per day
 - Vegetation Identification South - September 15 and 16, 2011 for 7 hrs per day
 - Hydrology of Wetlands - May 6, 2011 for 7 hours
 - Pond Design, Management and Maintenance - April 15, 2011 for 7 hours
- 5 2011 NJ ASLA Meeting - NJ ASLA requested the Board re-review the meeting and approve each session individually. All sessions were approved the number of hours requested, except for Session #16 which was approved for only 1 hour.

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

B Legislation

A-3889 requires criminal history background check for owners and employees of home service enterprises is attached for board review and comment.

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone motioned to not support the bill inasmuch as it is ambiguous and unclear as to the definition of “home service enterprises” and “independent contractor” and that design professionals (Architects, Landscape Architect and Interior Designers) and their employees should be specifically exempted in the bill. Mr. Picatagi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

C Landscape Architect Website

Mr. Picatagi raised the issue of updating the website for Landscape Architects. Board staff is working on the updated information and will submit it to the print production unit for uploading to the website.

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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

Patterson, Robert E*
Maass, Andrew S*
Cunningham, David M*
Patino, John C*

Lam, Eric N*
Ryan, Kate A*
Siegel, Robert E*
Kohan, Marcelo

Mansen, Heidi M.S*
McDonald, Timothy E.G*
Crowell, James R*

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

BOARD REVIEWED

Lee, Eric W*+

Simmons, William R+

ACTION: Subsequent to reviewing the information, Mr. Margiotta motioned to approve Mesrs. Lee and Simmons for licensure by credentials. Mr. Netta 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:

John C Bachenski
Alexander Voronoff

Matthew E Martino
Clare J Olsen

Michael J Ferment

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

BOARD REVIEWED

Jesse D Mallen+

Jeffrey M Hassert+

ACTION: Subsequent to reviewing the information, Mr. Margiotta motioned to admit Mesrs. Mallen and Hassert to take the Architectural Registration Examination. Mr. Netta 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:

Jeffrey Appezzato

Edgar Perez

Henry M Latch III

ACTION: Mr. Margiotta motioned to license the above individuals inasmuch as they have completed the Architectural Registration Examination. Mr. Soriano seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

BOARD REVIEWED

Bruce T Lael+

ACTION: Subsequent to reviewing the information, Mr. Margiotta motioned to hold this application until more information is received. Mr. Netta seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

D Certificate/s of Authorization

1 KVD + ARCHITECTURE INCORPORATED

Architecture

220 Alexander Street
Princeton NJ 08540

Responsible Architect: Kyle P Van Dyke - License #AI010864

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by a New Jersey architect who owns 70% of the shares in business with an unlicensed individual who owns 30% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

2 WESTON ARCHITECTURE LLC

Architecture+

43 Colony Drive East
W. Orange NJ 07052

Responsible Architect: Ronald C Weston - License #AI009425

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

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- 3 BROWN AND CRAIG INC** **Architecture**
100 N. Charles Street - 18th Flr
Baltimore MD 21201

Responsible Architect: Bryce Turner - License #AI013708

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by two New Jersey architects of which one owns 76% of the shares in business with an unlicensed individual who owns 24% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

- 4 NILES BOLTON ASSOCIATES INC.** **Architecture+**
3060 Peachtree Road NW
Atlanta GA 30305

Responsible Architect: George N Bolton - License #AI009285

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural and professional services is submitted by six New Jersey architects who own 78.21% of the shares in business with eight unlicensed individuals who own 21.790% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

ACTION: Mr. Margiotta motioned to issue Certificates of Authorization to the above firms. Mr. Netta seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

VIII LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT APPLICATION REVIEW

No business was discussed

IX PUBLIC COMMENTS

Justin A. Mihalik, AIA, representing the legislative government affairs committee of AIA, was present and mirrored concerns expressed by the Board members regarding the regulation process and lack of notification to the board of substantive changes to adopted regulations. AIA worked hard to review the regulations and submit comments for the Board's consideration in the sunset process.

David DelVecchio, AIA, chair of the legislative government affairs committee was present and had some concerns regarding the following: individual using "architectural designer" on a resume and is that in violation of the board's regulations; Certification of Authorization application form needs updating to reflect other closely allied design professionals; does the Board pursue the practice of architecture by unlicensed individuals; Building Design Services Act (BDSA) classifications and who can do what on a project; and can a landscape architect testify on a municipal level as to the site plan.

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X EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Soriano motioned to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing executive session items on the agenda. Mr. Picatagi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

XI NEXT MEETINGS

April 14, 2011	Regular Meeting	Union Room - 3 rd Floor
May 12, 2011	Regular Meeting	Union Room - 3 rd Floor

XII ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Picatagi motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.