

MINUTES

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

October 14, 2010

Public Session

I CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:01 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 (X)	Bernard Kellenyi, RA		()	()	
Board Member	Arthur F Margiotta, RA	(X)	()	()	
Board Member	Louis J Mraw Government Member	()	()	(X)	
Board Member	Nicholas J. Netta, RA		(X)	()	()
Board Member	Richard Picatagi, LLA	(X)	()	()	
Board Member	Michael G. Soriano, RA	(X)	()	()	
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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 DelVecchio, 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

September 9, 2010

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

IV ANNOUNCEMENTS

The investigative inquiry with the complainant pertaining to ITEM No. 67008 scheduled for today has been canceled.

Mr. Zaccone announced the NCARB Mid-Atlantic Region II meeting will be held March 10-12, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency in Jersey City, New Jersey. A conference call is scheduled for November 9th to set the agenda and budget for the meeting.

Mr. Soriano will be attending the NCARB Member Board Executive/Chair meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana which is scheduled the first week of November.

V OLD BUSINESS

A Continuing Education course/seminar review

Perennial Plant Conference scheduled for October 15, 2010 held at Swarthmore College On August 12th, subsequent to reviewing the information provided, the Board denied continuing education credits for the Perennial Plant Conference scheduled for October 15, 2010 held at Swarthmore College. On September 9th, the Board unanimously voted to table this item until the next meeting.

10/14/10 Copy of an e-mail from Richard Attenello requesting why this course was not approved for continuing education credits.

ACTION: Mr. Picatagi motioned to deny this course because it is too basic and not landscape architecture. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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VI NEW BUSINESS

A Continuing Education course/seminar review

- 1 Attached are descriptions for two courses offered by the Morris Arboretum: 1 - Fall Botany at the Fulshaw-Craeg Preserve scheduled for October 6, 2010 from 9am-4pm and 2 - Tree Risk Assessment Course scheduled for October 12 & 13, 2010 from 9am-4pm each day for Board review. NOTE: Neither course was reviewed previously by the Landscape Architect Committee. On September 9th, the Board unanimously voted to table this item and have staff reach out to both Landscape Architect members for their input on these courses which will be reported at the next meeting.

ACTION: Mr. Picatagi motioned to deny Fall Botany inasmuch as it is not landscape architecture and also deny Tree Risk Assessment Course because its more for Certified Tree experts not Landscape Architects. Mr. Zacone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

- 2 Best Management Practices for the Raritan River Watershed - Open Space, Stream and River Banks, Parks and Other Public Properties scheduled for 2pm-4pm on September 30, 2010.

ACTION: Mr. Picatagi motioned to award two (2) hours to this course. Mr. Zacone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

- 3 Leadership in Landscapes: Impactful Design from Around the World 2010 held at the Longwood Gardens on October 8, 2010.

ACTION: Mr. Picatagi motioned to award four (4) hours to this course. Mr. Zacone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

B Proposed Regulations

- 1 Attached are the proposed regulations for the Board of Architects as well as the Landscape Architects that were published in the September 20, 2010 edition of the *New Jersey Register*. Comment period ends November 19, 2010.

ACTION: Duly noted.

- 2 Attached is a copy of N.J.A.C. 13:45C, Uniform Regulations on a licensees duty to cooperate and comply with board orders, which is scheduled to expire on January 26, 2011. The Division is in the process of drafting the proposed re-adoption without change.

ACTION: Duly noted.

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C Information

- 1 Copy of NCARB News Clips dated September 13, 2010 pertaining to the 2010 Survey of Registered Architects.

ACTION: Duly noted.

- 2 Copy of a letter dated September 15, 2010 from Kenneth Naylor of NCARB concerning the implementation of Resolution 2009-02 *Handbook for Interns and Architects: Amendment – Applying Five-Year Rolling Clock to Previously Passed Divisions and Authorizations to Test.*

ACTION: Duly noted.

- 3 Copy of a CLARB September 2010 Member Board E-News.

ACTION: Duly noted.

D Correspondence

- 1 Copy of a letter dated September 27, 2010 from John Veisz, AIA requesting a clarification on the permitted use of electronic signatures on professional designs and contract documents.

ACTION: Mr. Margiotta motioned to advise Mr. Veisz that in accordance with current regulations electronic signature is not acceptable. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

- 2 Copy of a letter dated September 15, 2010 from John B Fitzgerald, ARE Candidate, who is concerned with NCARB's rolling clock and his ability to pass a division of the ARE before January 1, 2011 as well as the possibility he would lose his eligibility to take the ARE because he has not taken any part of the exam.

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone motioned to send a letter advising Mr. Fitzgerald that NCARB administers the ARE and he needs to contact them regarding this issue. Also encourage him to begin the ARE process as soon as possible. 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

Fechtmeister, Robert T.*
Rush, Elizabeth*
Eisner, Joseph A.
Zampetti, Francesco
Schmidt, Fred C*
Christiansen, Jason C*

Gallagher, Thomas A*
Galarza, Eduardo*
DeVere, Scott P.
Greco, Joseph M.*
Gorgati, Vinicius*
Baldwin, Gregory S*

Langer, Hilary J*
Shutler, Robert W.
Kim, Jongmin
Sipe, Frank A.*
Pollio, Michele S.*

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

BOARD REVIEWED

Olson, William*

ACTION: Subsequent to reviewing documentation, Mr. Margiotta motioned to approve Mr. Olson for licensure by credentials. Mr. Zacone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Vanko, John P*

ACTION: Subsequent to reviewing documentation, Mr. Margiotta motioned to approve Mr. Vanko for licensure by credentials. Mr. Zacone 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:

Sophia L. Jones
Patricia L DiFalco Shebby
Matthew T Wolfe

Kelly Freeman
Vincent M Obedoza
Christopher W White

Dennis G Link
Ricardo D Soares

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

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Paul A Nascimento*

ACTION: Subsequent to reviewing documentation, Mr. Margiotta motioned to approve Mr. Nascimento to take the Architectural Registration Examination. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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:

Andrea M. Garland
Irina L. Verkhovskaya

Steven T. Giampietro
Erick M Urias

Thomas J. Reidy Jr.
Richard C Young Jr

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

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Brian Pinkett - Took the ARE in California prior to the IDP requirement.

ACTION: After some discussion, Mr. Zaccone motioned to send a letter advising Mr. Pinkett to either have his experience evaluated by NCARB to determine substantial equivalent to the IDP program or have his references verify his experience. Mr. Margiotta seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

D Certificate/s of Authorization

1 LAM ARCHITECTURE, LLC
55 No. Dean Street - 2nd Flr
Englewood NJ 07631

Architecture

Responsible Architect: Lawrence Lam - License #AI09791

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

ACTION: Mr. Margiotta motioned to issue Certificates of Authorization to LAM Architecture, LLC, inasmuch as they comply with statutory requirements. Mr. Netta seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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VIII LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT APPLICATION REVIEW

A Initial Licensure by examination: LARE taken

The following individuals submit completed applications for licensure inasmuch he has already completed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) and is recommended for licensure. * - CLARB Council Record Holder

Neil Werket

ACTION: After some discussion, the Board determined to table this matter and request Mr. Werket to provide additional information.

B Licensure without examination:

The following individuals submit completed applications for licensure without examination and are recommended for licensure. * - CLARB Council Record Holder

Skafta, Karen

ACTION: Mr. Picatagi motioned to approve Ms. Skafta for licensure without examination. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

D Responses to continuing education question from the 2010/2012 renewal.

1 Martha Durand - AS000971

Summary: Ms. Durand responded “no” to the continuing education question on the 2010/2012 renewal form. A letter was sent out in July 2010 requesting he provide an explanation. On September 9th, the Board unanimously voted to table this item until the next meeting.

10/14/10 Additional response from Ms. Durand dated September 17th is attached for Board review.

ACTION: Subsequent to reviewing the submitted information, Mr. Picatagi motioned to accept Ms. Durand’s letter and take no further action. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

IX CLOSED CASES

The Board closed the following cases at today’s meeting:

1 Nature’s Apprentice - Sean Murray, Owner – Advertisement / Web page

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IX PUBLIC COMMENTS

David DelVecchio, AIA, was present and commented on interior design continuing education course approval in the proposed regulations. Mr. DelVecchio was informed that the Interior Design Examination and Evaluation Committee will be reviewing continuing education courses using the Interior Design Continuing Education Council's (IDCEC) guidelines that are not already approved by IDCEC.

X EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:46 am Mr. Zaccone motioned to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing executive session items on the agenda. Mr. Margiotta seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

XI NEXT MEETINGS

November 18, 2010*	Regular Meeting	Union Room - 3 rd Floor
December 9, 2010	Regular Meeting	Union Room - 3 rd Floor

*Third Thursday because the second Thursday is Veteran's Day and State offices are closed.

XII ADJOURNMENT

At 12 noon, Mr. Zaccone motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Goté seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.