

MINUTES

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

January 14, 2021

Public Session

I CALL TO ORDER

Notice of the previously scheduled January 14, 2021 meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Architects was not held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, but remotely. Pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.1 notice was provided within 48 hours of the scheduled meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am and conducted electronically only.

PARTICIPANTS		PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
President	Kim V. Vierheilig, RA	(X)	()	()
Vice President	David Schulz, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Robert Cozzarelli, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Peter Dorne, RA	()	()	(X)
Board Member	Diane Goté, CID	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Edward M. O'Brien, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Joseph Perello, LLA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Richard Picatagi, LLA	()	()	(X)
Board Member	Albert Zaccone, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member	Architect Member			
Board Member	Government Member			
Board Member	Public Member			
Board Member	Public Member			

OTHERS PRESENT: B. Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General; Charles Kirk, Acting Executive Director; Margaret Hinkley, Secretary to Executive Director of the Board of Architects; and Judith Nadal of the Board of Architects

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 10, 2020

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

IV ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that there is an investigative inquiry pertaining to ITEM NO. ARC-2019-10378 today at 11 am.

Acting Executive Director Kirk announced that after the last meeting where the Board had discussion with members NCARB and AIA NJ regarding the procedures for the ARE, that he received an additional email from an exam candidate who had a question about the exam, which was forwarded to NCARB for their response. Mr. Kirk also received an email from Joseph Simonetta with an update from the AIA Ethics committee that are working to gather any concerns received regarding difficulties, problems or concerns from the candidates and forward to NCARB. Mr. Kirk also informed the Board that Mr. Simonetta has submitted names to the Governor's office for consideration in fulfilling the Board vacancies.

Mr. Cozzarelli informed the Board that he attended the virtual NCARB Region II meeting was routine discussion on the exam, calling for officers to submit their credentials for the upcoming election and the upcoming summit meeting to be held virtually in March.

V OLD BUSINESS

No business to discuss

VI NEW BUSINESS

A Landscape Architect Continuing Education course review report

The following webinars are offered by the Rutgers University:

Wetland Construction: Principles, Planning and Design scheduled for May 11 to 14, 2021 is approved for 11 hours

Restoration Ecology scheduled for May 6 & 7, 2021 and is approved for 6 hours

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Pond Design scheduled for April 15 & 16, 2021 and is approved for 7 hours

SWM Vegetated Roofing Presentation scheduled for December 10 2020 is offered by Stormwater Capture Co and is approved for 1 hour

The following webinars are offered by Half Moon Education:

NJ Stormwater Management 2021 scheduled for January 19, 2021 and is approved for 7 hours

Pruniversity: Plant Health through Pruning scheduled for December 3, 2020 and is approved for 7 hours

ACTION: Mr. Perello motioned to approve the above course as noted above. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

B Legislation

A-5172 - “Palisades Cliffs Protection Act”; limits height of new construction in area below cliffs east of Palisades

ACTION: Subsequent to review and some discussion, the Board on a motion by Mr. Cozzarelli motioned to take no position on this Bill at this time. Mr. O’Brien 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

Badalamenti, Alexander*
Stromberg, Emily*
Moyer, James*
Axtheim, Joshua*
DeMiguel Iglesias, Pablo
Olliff, Donovan*
Denner, Frank*
Gerardi, Robert

Viswanathan, Hari*
Furwa, Joseph*
Essique, Eric*
Woods, Michael*
Colbert, Leila
Heinsen, Alicia*
Hauser, Alan*
Eisinger, Simon

Chen, Eran*
Coronado, Elizabeth*
Gier, Mark*
Michalski, Matthew*
Bell-Reim, Lisa
Rink, Robert*
Fox, Jeffrey*

ACTION: Mr. O’Brien motioned to approve the above individuals for licensure by credentials. Mr. Cozzarelli seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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BOARD REVIEWED
Garey, Richard*

+ - Information to be reviewed in Executive Session

ACTION: Subsequent to reviewing the application in Executive Session, Mr. Schulz motioned to approve Mr. Garey for licensure by credentials. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

B Applications for Examination

The following applicants have applied for admission to the Architectural Registration Examination and are recommended by staff:

Christiaan Davis
Andrew Dolan

Tiffany Johnson
Vinay Ingle

Maurice M. Frazier Jr++

++ - Transfer from PA to NJ to take ARE

ACTION: Mr. Schulz motioned to approve the above individuals to take the ARE. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

C Licensure by Examination

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

Christopher S. Borduin
Patrick Harrison, PE

Daniel K. Chelchowski
Jesus H. Mones

Maria A Drozdov
Jin Park

ACTION: Mr. Schulz motioned to approve the above individuals for licensure inasmuch as they have completed the ARE. EXCEPT Mr. Borduin pending verification from staff that he passed the ARE. Mr. Cozzarelli seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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D Certificate/s of Authorization

- 1 **LEVERATTO ARCHITECTURE GROUP LLC** **Architecture**
4 Randolph Terrace
Fair Lawn NJ 07410

Responsible Architect: Atilio G. Leveratto, RA – license #AI021799

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

- 2 **RED SOFA LLC d/b/a PHIBA ARCHITECTURE** **Architecture**
116 Bunker Hill Court
Deptford NJ 08096

Responsible Architect: Alvar C. Kosonen, RA – license #AI021793

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

- 3 **VIVID ARC, LLC** **Architecture**
7f Colonial Drive
Little Falls NJ 07424

Responsible Architect: Arlenis Dominguez, RA – license #AI021820

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

- 4 **LEW ARENDT ARCHITECTURE LLC** **Architecture**
4539 Larchwood Avenue
Philadelphia PA 19143

Responsible Architect: Wolfram Arendt, RA – license #AI020823

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by two New Jersey licensed architects, wolfram Arendt who holds 45% of the shares and Jeffrey Lew who holds 55% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

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- 5 **MARCO MALAVARCA ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN LLC** **Architecture**
46 Village Drive
Morristown NJ 07960

Responsible Architect: Marco Malavarca, RA – license #AI021781

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

- 6 **CM ARCHITECTURE LLC** **Architecture**
85 Ravine Drive
Matawan NJ 07747

Responsible Architect: Christopher Malloy – license #AI021516

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

- 7 **WAY SOUTH ARCHITECTURE LLC** **Architecture**
3939 Priority Way South Drive – Ste 200
Indianapolis IN 46240

Responsible Architect: Frank E. Hinds, RA – license #AI021593

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

- 8 **SMRT ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS, PC** **Architecture+**
PO Box 618
Portland ME 04104

Responsible Architect: Ellen L. Belknap, RA – license #AI015501

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services and closely allied services is submitted by two New Jersey licensed architects, Ellen L. Belknap who holds 23% of the shares and Craig D. Piper who holds 23% of the shares and two New Jersey Professional Engineers, Bradley K. Hodges who holds 19% of the shares and Daniel Tibbetts who holds 12% of the shares and one non-licensed individual who holds 23% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

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9 DPS GROUP NJ, INC.

Architecture

959 Concord Street – Ste 100
Framingham MA 01701

Responsible Architect: Patrick McKelvey, RA – license #AI020577

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by a New Jersey licensed architect, Patrick McKelvey who holds 67% of the shares and by DPS Group Inc, who holds 33% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

ACTION: Mr. Schulz motioned to approve the above nine firms for Certificates of Authorization. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

VIII LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT APPLICATION REVIEW

A Initial Licensure by examination: LARE taken

The following individual has submitted a completed application for licensure inasmuch as he has/have already completed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) are is/are recommended for licensure.

* - CLARB Council Record holder

Speroff, Cory A*

ACTION: Mr. Perello motioned to approve the above individual for licensure. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

B Licensure without examination

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

* - CLARB Council Record holder

Watson, Danny E.

ACTION: Mr. Perello motioned to approve the above individuals for licensure. Mr. Perello seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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BOARD REVIEWED
Stedenfeld, Laura*

ACTION: Subsequent to reviewing the application in Executive Session, Mr. Perello motioned to approve Ms. Stedenfeld for licensure without examination based on her depth of experience to make up for her education deficiencies in accordance with the Uniform Enforcement Act dealing with comity applicants. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

C Certificate/s of Authorization

The following firm submits a completed application for a Certificate/s of Authorization and is recommended for approval.

- 1 **GLACKIN THOMAS PANZAK, INC** **Landscape Architecture**
41 Leopard Road – Ste 300
Paoli PA 19301

Responsible Landscape Architect: Christopher Garrity – license #AS001353

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization is requesting to provide or offer to provide Landscape Architectural Services. The license landscape architect is owner as well as in responsible charge of Landscape Architecture Services for the company. This application seems to be in compliance with statutory requirements, therefore it is recommended that approval is granted.

- 2 **CONSULTING ENGINEER SERVICE, INC** **Landscape Architecture**
645 Berlin-Cross Keys Road – Ste 1
Sicklerville NJ 08081

Responsible Landscape Architect: Russell Sewekow – license #AS001344

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization is requesting to provide or offer to provide Landscape Architectural Services. The license landscape architect is an employee as well as in responsible charge of Landscape Architecture Services for the company. This application seems to be in compliance with statutory requirements, therefore it is recommended that approval is granted.

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

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IX PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hearing that no comments have been received from the public, Ms. Vierheilig proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

X EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Ms. Goté, seconded by Mr. Perello, the Board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session for the purposes of review the minutes, other items on the agenda and conducting the investigative inquiry scheduled for today.

XI NEXT MEETINGS

February 11, 2021
March 11, 2021

X ADJOURNMENT

At 2 pm, on a motion by Ms. Goté, seconded by Mr. Perello, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting. It passed unanimously.