

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF ARCHITECTS**

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 30, 2020 OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

A regularly scheduled open public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Architects (“the Board”) was held via Conference Call due to Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, § 20.

Board Members Present:

John Pesa, Chair
Holly Cratsley, Secretary
Aelan Tierney, Member
Rachael Pauze, Public Member

DPL Staff Present at various times during the telephone meeting:

Matthew Keigan, Executive Director
Lynn Read, Legal Counsel
Doris Lugo

Members of the Public Present during the telephone meeting:

John Nunnari
Douglas Wohn

1. Meeting was called to order @ 9.02 a.m. by J. Pesa. J. Pesa confirmed attendance of Board members by roll call to ensure quorum.
A. Tierney - Aye
H. Cratsley – Aye
J. Pesa – Aye
R. Pauze- Aye

2. The Board reviewed the public meeting minutes from the Architect Board Meeting held on May 14, 2020. A MOTION was made by H. Cratsley, second by A. Tierney, to approve the minutes. The Chair called for a Roll Call Vote:
H. Cratsley– Aye
A. Tierney– Aye
J. Pesa – Aye
R. Pauze – Abstained

The motion passed.

3. The Board hosted a listening session to give the public the opportunity to make recommendations for changes to the rules and regulations that govern professional Architects in the State of Massachusetts. The Board listened to the comments and recommendations made by the public. J. Pesa informed the audience the Board may hold another listening session in the future.
4. Executive Director Matthew Keigan discussed how the COVID 19 outbreak was affecting the Division of Professional Licensure (DPL) and Governor Baker's executive order to extend renewal dates by 90 days for certain professional licenses during the state of emergency. Mr. Keigan informed the Board that most of DPL's staff was working remotely. He also informed the Board that the Governor is expected to rescind the orders under which licenses that expired during the state of emergency are extended, and if that action comes before the August 31 expiration date for Architect licenses, Architects will need to renew their licenses as usual by August 31. The Board also discussed the delay in test taking. NCARB is working with Prometric to clear the backlog of people waiting to take the A.R.E exams.
5. The issue of renewals was discussed during the discussion of regulation review. Members of the Board would like to see our renewal date align with the renewal date used by the American Institute of Architecture (A.I.A.). A MOTION was made by H. Cratsley, second by J. Pesa, to have Board Counsel explore the process of changing the statute that addresses the renewal date (statute M.G.L. A 112 § 60 D). The Chair called for a Roll Call Vote:
H. Cratsley– Aye
A. Tierney– Aye
J. Pesa – Aye
R. Pauze – Aye

The Motion passed.

6. The Board discussed the NCARB annual meeting. The event was held remotely. Over 280 people attended the meeting. During the discussion of the NCARB annual meeting, the Board recommended the Executive Director reach out to the local NOMA (National Organization of Minority Architects) chapter and invite them to the next Board meeting.
7. The Board reviewed reinstatement application # 2020-0894-REIN. A MOTION was made by H. Cratsley, second by A. Tierney, to approve the reinstatement on the condition the applicant completes one more hour of continuing education. The Chair called for a Roll Call Vote:
A. Tierney – Aye
H. Cratsley– Aye
J. Pesa – Aye
R. Pauze – Aye

The Motion passed.

8. A MOTION was made by J. Pesa, second by H. Cratsley, to move into a closed executive session @ 10:39 a.m. to review minutes from previous executive sessions, after which the Board would enter into Investigative Conference Closed per G.L. c. 112, s. 65C. The Chair announced that the Open Meeting would not resume. The Chair called for a Roll Call Vote:
- A.Tierney – Aye
 - H. Cratsley– Aye
 - J. Pesa – Aye
 - R. Pauze – Aye

Report of actions taken in Investigative Conference:

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| ➤ 2020-000370-IT-ENF | Dismissal with an advisory |
| ➤ 2020-000241-IT-ENF | Dismissal |
| ➤ 2020-000460-IT-ENF | Forwarded to Prosecution |
| ➤ 2020-000481-IT-ENF | Forwarded to Prosecution |

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Keigan
Executive Director

Documents used in public session:

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- Agenda for the June 30, 2020 open meeting
- Minutes of the May 14, 2020 open meeting
- Supporting documentation for reinstatement application 2020-0894-REIN
- Rules and Regulations Governing Architects, 231 CMR 2.00, 3.00 and 4.00