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Board of Registration of Architects
Oct. 14, 2025, Public MEETING MINUTES

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Architects (the Board) was held remotely via video and telephone conferencing pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2022, allowing remote participation by Board members and the public.

Attending Members: Aelan Tierney, Board Chair; Emily Grandstaff-Rice, Vice Chair; Kerry Dietz

Members Absent: Edward Ransom

Staff: Lynn Read, Board Counsel; John Hill, Board Administrative Staff; and Colleen Maloney, Acting Executive Director

Meeting Called to Order

Remote meeting procedures – Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., when Quorum was established. Chair recognized the Board's new member, Kerry Dietz

Read and Approve Minutes:

- Minutes from the August 12th, 2025 Public Board Meeting were reviewed and discussed. Board members voted to accept the minutes as amended:
 - Chair noted an incorrect date in the August minutes. Emily Grandstaff-Rice noted Edward Ransom's name is inconsistent. Board Chair called for a roll call vote. Moved by Emily Grandstaff-Rice, seconded by Kerry Dietz
 - Members in Favor: Aelan Tierney, Emily Grandstaff-Rice, and Kerry Dietz
 - Opposed: None
 - Motion passes

Acting Executive Director noted the September 30th meeting minutes are still being worked on.

Application Review:

- 2025-322-AR-AAPP: Chair recognized the applicant who discussed previous discipline in Kansas regarding missing CEUs, but has maintained licensure for the past 4 years. A MOTION was made by Emily Grandstaff-Rice to approve. Motion was seconded by Kwesi Sam.



- Members in Favor: Aelan Tierney, Emily Grandstaff-Rice, and Kerry Dietz
- Opposed: None
- Motion passes

Discussion Items

- New Member
 - Kerry Dietz provided an update on her background
- Fraudulent Seals
 - Acting Executive Director and Board Counsel provided an update on their ongoing work to address third party sites utilizing Architects' seals without their consent. The Agency is exploring ways to partner with BBRS and track down 3rd party website operators.

Executive Director Report

- Licensing update: 9 older records pending NCARB, 373 applications this year.
- Hopeful by the next board meeting the Board will have a new Executive Director.
- Emily Grandstaff-Rice flagged a robocall from someone claiming to be DOL inquiring about a renewal.
- No tangible updates on the public member seat.

Board Counsel Report

Board counsel noted she will be retiring near the end of the Year. The Board thanked Lynn for her years of dedication and diligence.

Topics not reasonably anticipated None

Public Comment: None

CLOSED SESSIONS

At 9:54 AM there was a MOTION to exit open meeting and move into Closed Executive Session followed by Investigative Conference per M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C and the Board will not reconvene in public session

- Motion made by Emily Grandstaff-Rice, seconded by Kerry Dietz
 - Chair called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Aelan Tierney, Emily Grandstaff-Rice, Kerry Dietz.
 - Members opposed: None
 - Motion Passes

See separate Minutes of Executive Session.

Investigative Conference (Closed per M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C):

The following actions were taken during the Investigative Conference:

Settlements: None

Cases:

- 2025-000781-IT-ENF: dismiss

- 2025-000680-IT-ENF: dismiss
- 2025-000216-IT-ENF: direction given to the Agency regarding continued investigations and next steps.
- 2025-000272-IT-ENF: dismiss with advisory.

Adjournment: The Board Meeting was Adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Maloney, Acting Executive Director
Executive Director

Documents Used During the Open Meeting:

- Agenda for the Open Meeting
- Minutes from the Open Architect Board Meeting held June 10, 2025
- Draft regulations