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**Board of Registration of Registration of Architects**  
**April 29th, 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; Kwesi Sam; and Tony Ransom

**Members Absent:** None

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

**Meeting Called to Order**

- Remote meeting procedures – Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., when Quorum was established.
- **Read and Approve Minutes:**
  - Minutes from the Feb. 11th, 2025 Public Board Meeting were reviewed and discussed. Board members voted to accept the minutes:
    - Motion to approve the public meeting minutes made by Tony Ransom
    - Motion seconded by Emily Grandstaff-Rice
    - Board Chair called for a roll call vote
    - Members in Favor: Aelan Tierney, Emily Grandstaff-Rice, Tony Ransom, and Kwesi Sam
    - Opposed: None
    - Motion passes
- **Executive Director Report**
  - Agency Move went well. Acting Executive Director thanked Margie
  - Update on the backlog of newly licensed applicants and verification: Verbal report from the Acting ED, almost completed 2014, 12 in additional information needed and 30 pending background.
- **Board Counsel Report:** No new items to report. Board Counsel is working on the NCARB memo feedback at an agency level and will report back.



- **Discussion Items**

- Discussion of the AXP Guidelines for Board Comment.
  - Open for comments until May, and feedback can be provided.
  - Emily Grandstaff-Rice agrees with the changes and provides a guide for us. Discussed the Canadian split stemming from different tests and assessment systems.
  - Board Counsel reviewing any impact on regulations.

- **Probation review**

- Jason Gnich petition to come off probation
  - Motion made by Emily Grandstaff-Rice to terminate probation, seconded by Tony Ransom. Board Chair called for a roll call vote
  - Members in Favor: Aelan Tierney, Emily Grandstaff-Rice, Tony Ransom, and Kwesi Sam
  - Opposed: None
  - Motion passes

- **NCARB meeting:** Chair discussed the annual meeting. Aelan and Tony plan to attend.

- **Public Comment:**

- John Nunnari has been meeting with IIDA joint committee on language for a new board for interior designers under DOL. Provided an update on how the definition of practice will be defined, and noted out of scope practices include anything that alters occupancy and use designation, structure, or primary fire/life safety/ or other systems. Plans for public comment in May and hearings in June regarding the proposed legislation.

**At 9:50 AM there was a MOTION to exit open meeting and move into Closed Investigative Conference per M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C**

- Motion made by Emily Grandstaff-Rice, seconded by Kwesi Sam
- Chair called for a roll call vote
- Members in favor: Aelan Tierney, Emily Grandstaff-Rice, Tony Ransom, and Kwesi Sam
- Members opposed: None
- Motion Passes

There were no items for reserved Executive Session or Quasi-Judicial Sessions

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

The following actions were taken during the Investigative Conference:

**Settlements Reserved if needed •**

**Cases**

- 2024-000254-IT-ENF: guidance given to the agency
- 2025-000018-IT-ENF dismiss

- 2025-000071-IT-ENF : refer to prosecution
- 2025-000102-IT-ENF refer to prosecution
- 2025-000120-IT-ENF dismiss
- 2025-000146-IT-ENF dismiss with advisory
- 2025-000157-IT-ENF dismiss

**Adjournment:** The Board Meeting was Adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Colleen Maloney*

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Colleen Maloney  
Acting Executive Director

**Documents Used During the Open Meeting:**

- Agenda for the April 29, 2025, Open Meeting
- Minutes from the Open Architect Board Meeting held on Feb. 11th, 2025
- Report for the upcoming NCARB Meeting
- AXP Guidelines Updates
- Jason Gnich petition and supporting documents