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Board of Registration of Registration of Architects
June 10 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; and 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 April, 2025 Public Board Meeting were reviewed and discussed. Board members voted to accept the minutes:
 - Motion to approve the Minutes of the April, 2025 Public Board Meeting by Emily Grandstaff- Rice and seconded by Tony Ransom
 - Board Chair called for a roll call vote
 - Members in Favor: Aelan Tierney, Emily Grandstaff-Rice, and Tony Ransom
 - Opposed: None
 - Motion passes
- **Discussion Items**
 - Review/Discuss/Vote for Proposed Regulation Changes: Board reviewed the new changes to their regulations and compared them to previous working documents the Board has deliberated on. Board Counsel provided an overview of the changes and reminded the Board there will still be a public hearing to allow for more comment. The Board expressed a desire to also review and work to approve the regulations they are currently reviewing at a future date, while approving the



regulations provided in the board packet as is. Board Counsel provided the next steps required before promulgation.

- Motion to approve the regulations by Emily Grandstaff- Rice and seconded by Tony Ransom
- Board Chair called for a roll call vote
 - Members in Favor: Aelan Tierney, Emily Grandstaff-Rice, and Tony Ransom
 - Opposed: None
 - Motion passes
- Application update
 - Acting Executive Director provided an overview on open applications and noted the agency has hired additional staff to aid the unit in processing applications and verifications.
- NCARB Annual Meeting, June 19-21
 - Board confirmed attendees
 - Review Resolutions and determine MA position for voting-see attached ABM Briefing
 - Motion to approve a positive vote on all resolutions made by Emily Grandstaff-Rice, seconded by Tony Ransom
 - Board Chair called for a roll call vote
 - Members in Favor: Aelan Tierney, Emily Grandstaff-Rice, and Tony Ransom
 - Opposed: None
 - Motion passes
 - Review Board of Directors Candidates and determine MA position for voting: Board discussed potential preferences and the role these positions play in future development of the Board.
 - Motion to support the candidates running unopposed as well as Miller, Polk, and Singh by Emily Grandstaff- Rice, seconded by Tony Ransom
 - Board Chair called for a roll call vote
 - Members in Favor: Aelan Tierney, Emily Grandstaff-Rice, and Tony Ransom
 - Opposed: None
 - Motion passes
- Election of secretary:
 - Emily Grandstaff-Rice nominates Tony Ransom, seconded by Tony Ransom
 - Board Chair called for a roll call vote
 - Members in Favor: Aelan Tierney, Emily Grandstaff-Rice, and Tony Ransom
 - Opposed: None
 - Motion passes
- Modernization project:
 - Acting Executive Director Maloney reported on the development of the new licensing platform for DOL.
- Policy regarding renewals and Reinstatements:
 - Board Counsel will return with policy.
- NCARB file information:
 - Brief discussion, no formal action taken.

- **Topics not reasonably anticipated**

- Emily Grandstaff- Rice discussed the AIA conference and presentations from K-12 schools.
- Tony Ransom discussed meeting with students throughout the day.
- Chair asked about any updates on the Executive Director and Board member seats. Executive Director stated they are working on finding candidates.
- Chair noted potential creation of Interior Design license.

- **Public Comment:** None

At 10: 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 Tony Ransom
- Chair called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Aelan Tierney, Emily Grandstaff-Rice, Tony Ransom.
 - 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:

Cases:

- 2024-000216-IT-ENF: Referred back to Investigations

Adjournment: The Board Meeting was Adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Maloney

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 on April 29th, 2025
- Report for the upcoming NCARB Meeting
- Memo regarding Reinstatements
- Draft regulations
- Governor's letter to Chair