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Board of Registration of Registration of Architects
June 11, 2024 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, Emily Grandstaff-Rice, Kwesi Sam, and Tony Ransom (arrived at 9:22 am)

Members Absent: None

Staff: Colleen Maloney, Lynn Read, John Hill, Marjorie Campbell *Phil Chan, Mary Pixley*

Meeting Called to Order

- Remote meeting procedures – Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
- **Read and Approve Minutes** - tabled
- **DOL Report**
 - Administrative Report – welcome to Margie Campbell, RN, JD, the Board's new Executive Director. Marjorie has prior Board experience with the Department of Public Health, at both the Board of Medicine, and most recently the Board of Nursing.
 - No movement on appointment of a public member
 - Board Counsel Report: No new items to report separate from Agenda items.
- **Discussion Items**
 - 50518-AR – discussion of Reinstatement Request:
 - **MOTION** by Emily Grandstaff-Rice to reinstate. Second by Kwesi Sam
 - Chair called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Kwesi Sam, Aelan Tierney, Emily Grandstaff-Rice
 - Members opposed: None
 - Motion Passes
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 - NCARB Resolutions – Chair led a discussion of each resolution. The Resolutions are numbered 1 through 7, and are part of a multi-year effort to review and sunset



resolutions passed by the membership that no longer align with how NCARB operates today. Tony Ransom joined at 9:22 a.m.

- **MOTION** by Emily Grandstaff-Rice to adopt the position on all resolutions as discussed, which was to support Resolutions 1 through 6, and not to support Resolution 7, and that the Board is committed to discussing these changes applicable to Massachusetts. Second by Tony Ransom.
 - Chair called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Tony Ransom, Kwesi Sam, Aelan Tierney, Emily Grandstaff-Rice
 - Members opposed: None
 - Motion Passes
- NCARB Model Law overview- Board members discussed a previously distributed Memo which contained an analysis of certain Laws and Regulations in the NCARB Model Law. Such discussion included licensing renewal cycle, and a comparison of Massachusetts requirement as compared to other states. There was also a discussion regarding whether it would be beneficial for Massachusetts to have an “Inactive” license status.

Following discussion, it was proposed that the Board address each item in more detail at subsequent Board meetings. The Board Chair recommended that the Board members take up items 1 and 2 of the Memo for the next Board meeting, to allow for the Board members to read these items in more detail. There was no need to take a formal roll call vote. Sections 1 and 2 of the Memo will be on the August Board Meeting Agenda.

- Upcoming conferences – Aelan will vote for the Board at the upcoming NCARB Annual Business meeting in Chicago.
- CEU Courses – Board members discussed a question that had come in from the public about whether it was acceptable for the CEU requirement for Architects to repeat a CEU course in a different renewal cycle. The Board Chair pointed out that the purpose of CEU courses is to learn new material. The Massachusetts Board uses AIA as its standard for CEU credits, and the AIA states you cannot repeat a course for CEU credit. Board members discussed that this clarification should be reflected on the Board’s website as an “FAQ” if it is not already.
 - **MOTION** by Emily Grandstaff-Rice to add to FAQs. Second by Sam Kwesi.
 - Chair called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Tony Ransom, Kwesi Sam, Aelan Tierney, Emily Grandstaff-Rice
 - Members opposed: None
 - Motion Passes

I. Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair: No Items

Moving into closed session at 10:35 am

- **MOTION to exit open meeting and move into Closed Investigative Conference per M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C** by Emily Grandstaff-Rice. Second by Kwesi Sam.
 - Chair called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Kwesi Sam, Aelan Tierney, Emily Grandstaff-Rice
 - Members opposed: None
 - Motion Passes

Mr. Ransome left the meeting at or around 10:38 a.m.

There were no items for reserved Executive Session or Quasi-Judicial Sessions, not held.

CLOSED SESSION

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

The following actions were taken during the Investigative Conference:

Settlements:

- 2023-000009-IT-ENF Dismissed

Cases:

- 2023-000683-IT-ENF: Dismiss with Advisory
- 2023-000657-IT-ENF: Referred to Prosecutions
- 2023-000658-IT-ENF: Dismissed
- 2024-000166-IT-ENF Referred to Prosecutions

Adjournment

- **Motion to Adjourn by: Tony Ransom**, Second by Kwesi Sam
- Chair called for a roll call vote
- Members in favor: Tony Ransom, Kwesi Sam, Emily Grandstaff-Rice
- Members opposed: None
- Motion passes

- **Meeting Adjourned at 11:54 am**

The above minutes were approved at the open meeting held on August 20, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Campbell, RN, JD
Executive Director

Documents Used During the Open Meeting:

- Agenda for the June 11, 2024 Open Meeting
- Documents supporting 50518-AR, reinstatement request
- NCARB Resolutions 2024
- NCARB Analysis Mass. Statutory and Regulation Parity to Model Law
- Public query email regarding CEU question