

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

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 30, 2016 OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

**A regularly scheduled open public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of
Registration of Architects ("the Board") was held on March 30, 2016 at
1000 Washington Street, Room 1A, Boston, MA.**

Board Members Present:

John F. Miller, Chair
Stephen Schreiber, Member
Margo Jones, Member
Diane Georgopoulos, Member
Carl M. Sapers, Public Member

Members of the Public:

John Nunnari, AIA/MA
Abbie Goodman, ACEC/MA
Nick Ferzacca, ACEC/MA
Joseph Gesker, Donovan Hatem
Michael J. Armstrong, CEO, NCARB
Katherine E. Hillegas, CAE, Director,
Council Relations, NCARB
Derek Haese, Assistant Director, Member
Board Relations, NCARB
Dan Tenney, Weston & Sampson

DPL Staff Present at various times during the meeting:

Clinton Dick, Executive Director
Charles Kilb, Legal Counsel
Bruce Hopper, Chief Legal Counsel
Doris Lugo, Investigator
Eric Funk, Licensure Specialist

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by J. Miller

**2. Topic: Board Review and Acceptance of the January 20, 2016 Open Public
Session meeting minutes.**

Discussion:

Draft Minutes of the January 20, 2016 Open Public Session meeting were reviewed.

Action:

A motion was made by C. Sapers, seconded by D. Georgopoulos, to accept the January 20, 2016 Open Public Session meeting minutes. Motion passed.

3. Topic: Closed Investigative Conference

Action:

At 9:40 a.m. a motion was made by S. Schreiber, seconded by J. Miller, to suspend the public meeting and enter into closed investigative session under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to discuss the following investigative matters: SA-AR-16-004; AR-16-021; and, AR-16-014. Motion passed.

D. Georgopoulos moved to return to Open Session at 10:20 a.m. The motion was seconded by M. Jones. Public Session resumed at 10:20 a.m.

Report of actions taken in Investigative Conference:

- SA-AR-16-004: Close the staff assignment with no further action
- AR-16-021: Forward to the Office of Prosecutions
- AR-16-014: Guidance provided to Prosecutor Fayette Mong

Topic: Update on Proposed Regulations at 231 CMR

Discussion:

C Kilb provided an update on the status of draft regulations at 231 CMR. C. Kilb stated that the drafts were currently under review by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development. He further stated that 231CMR 2.00 & 3.00 may soon be approved to move forward to public hearing, but that 4.00, though not formally rejected, was not moving forward at this time. The Board members expressed concerns with this and felt the regulations should all be allowed to proceed as the proposed regulations were necessary for consumer protection and are not "anti-business"

4. Topic: American Institute of Architects Massachusetts (AIA Massachusetts) Response to the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Massachusetts regarding draft regulations at 231 CMR

Discussion:

J. Nunnari discussed AIA Massachusetts' forthcoming letter to the Board regarding draft regulations at 231 CMR. He stated that AIA Massachusetts remains in full support of all the sections of the draft regulations at 231 CMR. However, AIA Massachusetts does think there are five provisions in the draft regulations that the Board should consider again: 231 CMR 4.04(1)(a)(2); 4.04(1)(a)(4); 4.04(1)(c); and 2.04(2).

5. Topic: Update on NCARB's 2016 Regional Summit

Discussion:

S. Schreiber provided an update from the 2016 NCARB Regional Summit in Georgia. S. Schreiber stated that at the meeting there were individual meetings that addressed topics such as the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners Supreme Court decision, how that decision may impact the Architect Board, and how to work with code enforcers.

C. Sapers stated that in RI there was a recommended amendment for corporate officers that was adopted. C. Sapers stated that the amendment clearly outlined the definition of responsible control as well as set forth a definition for certificate of authorization indicating that a sole proprietor, partnership, limited liability partnership, corporation, or limited liability company named in the certificate is permitted to practice architecture in the state.

M. Armstrong indicated that RI does have a certificate of authorization currently in place.

6. Topic: NCARB Resolution 2016-B

Discussion:

M. Armstrong provided details of the proposal to offer options outside of NCARB's Education Requirements that will go before the NCARB Board of Directors prior to their next meeting.

S. Schreiber stated that one such option that has been discussed is a bachelor's degree that is nested within an Architecture degree program.

M. Armstrong stated that NCARB's position on such an option is that there is such inconsistency across school and degree programs/tracks it would be difficult to provide a framework for such an option.

M. Jones stated that she has an issue with accelerated path to licensure: Providing early access to ARE exams and allowing candidates in the accelerated path to take ARE exams prior to graduation or without a waiting period.

M. Armstrong states that there will be a deadline for new schools that wish to be approved to be added to the Integrated/Accelerated Path list.

M. Armstrong stated that ARE 5.0 will be based more on experience than the current version. He stated that candidates must possess a blend of experience and education so it is more phases of practice oriented.

7. Topic: NCARB Annual Business Meeting in June

Discussion:

The question of who will attend the meeting in June was raised. M. Jones, S. Schreiber and J. Miller indicated that they will attend.

8. Topic: NCARB Enforcement Database

Discussion:

C. Dick indicated that after internal discussions it was determined that the DPL does have access and will be providing NCARB with actions taken by the Board.

9. Topic: NCARB Data Sharing

Discussion:

M. Armstrong stated that NCARB is seeking to create a national database of licensed architects.

C. Kilb stated that, upon implementation of the e-licensing system, like other boards, public information with unique identifiers can be provided. C. Kilb stated that further internal discussion would take place regarding this topic once the e-licensing system is completed.

10. Topic: FARB Online Database

Discussion:

M. Armstrong stated that the FARB online database is a reference that the Board should be aware of and should have access to. C. Kilb stated that he believes the agency now has that access.

11. Topic: Handbook for Building Officials

Discussion:

J. Miller stated that the topic of developing a handbook for building officials has come up in the past and he would like it to move forward. He stated that the handbook would be an FAQ for building officials outlining the role of Architects, Building Inspectors, Engineers, etc.

J. Miller stated that he would like members of the AR Board and EN Board to work together to develop the handbook

12. Topic: Executive Director Report

Discussion:

C. Dick provided an update on the DPL's transition to an e-Licensing system. He provided an outline of the three stages of roll-out for the system, indicating that the AR Board is in stage C which has a target date of August to October for go-live.

D. Georgopoulos stated that if the system is capable, she would like to see data sharing with AIA for verification of CEUs to ensure that members are completing the required number of CEUs and that they are up to date. She further indicated that if the system was capable of issuing fines for such matters that would be beneficial.

M. Armstrong inquired as to whether or not NCARB may be able to play a role or provide assistance with respect to CEU monitoring. He indicated that they would

require a tool to access such information not found in the AIA transcript but it was something NCARB could research.

13. Topic: Reinstatement Applications

Discussion:

Applications reviewed by the Board:

Alan P. Minkus, License #7505

Mark A. Van Summern, License #10119

Keith R. Kroger, License #8719

Action:

A motion was made by D. Georgopoulos to accept all applications. C. Sapers seconded. Motion passed.

14. Topic: Reciprocity Applications

Discussion:

Applications reviewed by the Board:

Stephen Barry

Timothy O'Neill

Action:

A motion was made by S. Schreiber to accept all applications. M. Jones seconded. Motion passed.

15. Items not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair

J. Miller asked C. Kilb about the reporting of violations of Board regulations. C. Kilb stated that if any Board Member becomes aware of a violation or believes that a violation exists, a complaint should be filed with the Board for investigation.

M. Jones asked if contracts at DCAMM (Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance) are public records. J. Miller referenced the Government Center MBTA station renovation project as an example as the discovery that the sealant used on the glass panels is defective.

16. Topic: Board Staff Review the attached list of Applications for First Time Candidates:

Action:

The Board was provided a list (attached as Item A) of applicants for 1st Time Licensure who received licenses. No formal action required by Board.

17. Topic: Board Review the attached list of Applications for Reciprocity:

Action:

The Board was provided a list (attached as Item B) of applicants for Reciprocity who received licenses. No formal action required by Board.

18. Adjournment

A motion was made by M. Jones to adjourn. C. Sapers seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Funk
Licensure Specialist

Item A: List of Applicants for 1st Time Licensure who received licenses.

New		
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
Imelda	R	Barnhurst
Peter	J	Bloechl-Anderson
Tavis	S	Frankel
William	A	Lorigan
Danielle	E	McDonough
Wonyeop		Seok
Samantha	G	Stone
Jessica	L	Timmer
Benjamin	T	Williams
Lawson	R	Wulsin
Carrie	L	Leneweaver
Derrick	J	Nickerson
Nicholas	M	Paolucci
Caitlin	G.K.	Taylor
Kathryn	J	Wetherbee
Gabrielle	R	Aitcheson
Emmanuel	V	Andrade
Arturo		Arroyo
Catherine		Callaghan
Anna	K	Edlund

New		
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
Danielle	M	Fontaine
Peter	M	Hanley
Keith	S	Lagreze
Michelle	E	Lanney
Keith	T	Loranger
John	E	Matz
Ryan	M	McShera
Stephan	A	Messinger
Ian	D	Miller
Nikul	M	Patel
Hannah	M	Pierce
Michael	J	Ricciuti
Johannes	W	Ubben
Jennifer	C	Vachon
Leah	R	Weinberg
Ariel	F	Brain
James	R	Christianson
Heath	T	Cody
Robert	MN	Crosby
Shaun	M	Dempsey
David	M	Fenchel
Benjamin	P	Franceschi
Jiayun	A	Hodges
Megan	N	Kielty
Nicholas	P	Landry
Martin	V	Lu
Robert	M	Potish
Julien	C	Jalbert
Maneesha	M	Nabar
Naciem		Nowrouzi
Nikolas	P	Pappastratis
Christina	M	Porter
Katherine	E	Signell

Item B: List of Applicants for Reciprocity Licensure who received licenses.

Reciprocity		
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
Babak		Eslahjou
Jeanne	K	Gang
Darrel	E	Hebenstreit
John	A	Nahra
Gerald	A	Ottersen
Suzanna	B	Schroeder
Alan	M	Schlossberg
Carsten	M	Voecker
Steven	A	Kolber
John	H	Caveney
Marjorie	K	Dickstein
Ronald	W	Doebler
Xuan		Fu
John	H	Kamus
Stuart	M	Lachs
Justin	J	Martinkovic
Dan	L	Russell
Michael	M	Vernich
Robert	D	Weaver
Peter	L	Amara
Michael	T	App
Paul	V	Ashworth
Christopher	T	Cote
Luis	E	Flores Paz
William	HG	Gatchell
Miriam	E	Gee
Domenic		Giordano
Pamela	S	Jerome
Susan	N	Kougias
Molly	SK	McGowan
Robert	C	Robicsek
Thomas		Salazar

Reciprocity		
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
Thomas	A	Schuelke
Richard	A	Stokes
Joseph	B	Watson
Patrick	D	Westerlund
Shawn	C	Basler
Deborah	L	Berke
Andrew	P	Cohen
Robert	B	Dean
Francine	R	Monaco
David	A	Shove-Brown