

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

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 3, 2017 OPEN PUBLIC MEETING**

**A regularly scheduled open public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Architects ("the Board") was held on August 3, 2017 at 1000 Washington Street, Room 1C, Boston, MA.**

**Board Members Present:**

John Pesa, Member  
Pip Lewis, Member  
Diane Georgopulos, Member (via Phone)  
Gail Sullivan, Member  
Rachael Pauze, Public Member

**Members of the Public:**

John Nunnari, AIA/MA  
Dan Tenney, ACEC/MA

**DPL Staff Present at various times during the meeting:**

Clinton Dick, Executive Director  
Charles Kilb, Legal Counsel  
Eric Funk, Licensure Specialist  
Jenna Hentoff, Prosecutions  
Doris Lugo, Investigator

**1. Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by C. Dick.

**2. Topic: Building Emergency Exit Procedures Announcement**

C. Dick advised all present of the procedures for exiting the building in the event of an emergency.

**3. Topic: Board Review and Acceptance of the May 17, 2017 Open Public Session meeting minutes.**

**Discussion:**

Draft Minutes of the May 17, 2017 Open Public Session meeting were reviewed.

**Action:**

A motion was made by J. Pesa, seconded by P. Lewis, to accept the meeting minutes for May 17, 2017. A roll call vote was taken. Roll call vote: Members in Favor: J. Pesa, P. Lewis, Gail Sullivan, and D. Georgopulos; Members opposed: None. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0 with R. Pauze abstaining as she was not a member of the Board at the time of the May 17, 2017 meeting.

**4. Topic: Board Review and Acceptance of the May 17, 2017 Executive Session meeting minutes.**

**Discussion:**

Draft Minutes of the May 17, 2017 Executive Session meeting were reviewed.

**Action:**

A motion was made by J. Pesa, seconded by G. Sullivan, to accept the meeting minutes for May 17, 2017. A roll call vote was taken. Roll call vote: Members in Favor: J. Pesa, P. Lewis, Gail Sullivan, and D. Georgopoulos; Members opposed: None. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0 with R. Pauze abstaining as she was not a member of the Board at the time of the May 17, 2017 meeting.

**5. Topic: Officer Positions and Election of Officers**

**Discussion:**

C. Dick informed the Board that Rachael Pauze has been appointed as the new Public Member of the Board. He further stated that with Acting Chair Carl Sapers no longer a member, the position of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary were up for nomination and election.

D. Georgopoulos stated that since her appointment was sent to expire in January 2018 she should not be considered by the members for any of the available positions.

At the request of the Board, C. Dick provided members with a quick overview of the available positions and the roles/duties they have performed over the past few years. A brief discussion of each position followed and it was agreed upon that the positions of Chair and Vice Chair would be up for election.

At the request of the Board, C. Dick agreed that meeting minutes would be made available to members at least one (1) week prior to scheduled meetings to allow for review and member input.

**Action:**

A motion was made by P. Lewis, seconded by G. Sullivan, to nominate J. Pesa as Board Chair. A roll call vote was taken. Roll call vote: Members in Favor: P. Lewis, Gail Sullivan, D. Georgopoulos, R. Pauze, and J. Pesa; Members opposed: None. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Chair J. Pesa then requested a nomination for the position of Vice Chair.

A motion was made by G. Sullivan, seconded by P. Lewis, to nominate D. Georgopoulos as Vice Chair. A roll call vote was taken. Roll call vote: Members in Favor: P. Lewis, Gail Sullivan, J. Pesa, R. Pauze, and D. Georgopoulos; Members opposed: None. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

C. Kilb informed the Board that typically the term for Chair and Vice Chair is one (1) year.

A motion was made by J. Pesa, seconded by R. Pauze, setting the term at one (1) year for the Chair and Vice Chair. A roll call vote was taken. Roll call vote: Members in Favor: P. Lewis, Gail Sullivan, J. Pesa, R. Pauze, and D. Georgopoulos; Members opposed: None. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

## **6. Topic: NCARB's Annual Meeting in Boston**

J. Pesa and P. Lewis provided the Board with a synopsis of their experiences at NCARB's Annual Meeting in Boston.

G. Sullivan asked if reciprocity was a topic of discussion at the meeting as it was a topic of interest at the Regional Meeting in NH earlier this year. J. Pesa informed the Board that while it was not specifically a topic of discussion, he did raise the question during the Regional Group meetings.

G. Sullivan requested that the topic of reciprocity be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

For the benefit of R. Pauze, J. Nunnari, C. Kilb and D. Georgopoulos provided the Board with background on the issue of reciprocity here in MA specifically in regards to NCARB's Integrated Path to Architectural Licensure (IPAL) and the Broadly Experienced Architect (BEA) program in addition to a brief description of the Boards proposed changes to 231 CMR 4.00.

C. Kilb informed the Board that reciprocity will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

## **7. Topic: Closed Investigative Conference**

### **Action:**

At 11:15 a.m., J. Pesa moved, seconded by G. Sullivan, to suspend the public meeting and enter into closed investigative session under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to discuss an investigative matter with prosecuting counsel. A roll call vote was taken. Roll call vote: Members in Favor: P. Lewis, G. Sullivan, R. Pauze, D. Georgopoulos, and J. Pesa; Members opposed: None. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

J. Pesa moved to return to Open Session at 11:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by G. Sullivan. A roll call vote was taken. Roll call vote: Members in Favor: P. Lewis, D. Georgopoulos, R. Pauze, G. Sullivan, and J. Pesa; Members opposed: None. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0. Public Session resumed at 11:30 a.m.

Report of actions taken in Investigative Conference:

- 2016-00027-IT-ENF: Guidance provided to the Prosecutor

#### **8. Topic: NCARB Outreach Visit to Massachusetts**

C. Dick provided the Board with a copy of the July 27, 2017 correspondence from Nefertari Carver at NCARB announcing their plan to conduct outreach visit in Massachusetts in September on the 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> and again in November on the 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>.

G. Sullivan requested that additional information be provided to the Board about the events. C. Dick informed the Board that he would request additional information and disseminate it to the Board.

#### **9. Topic: Potential Changes to 231 CMR 4.00**

J. Pesa requested that C. Kilb and D. Georgopoulos provide the Board with an overview of the proposed changes to 231 CMR 4.00 and the reason(s) behind the agency's decision not to move the proposed changes forward.

D. Georgopoulos summarized the process the Board took over several years to develop the draft changes to 231 CMR 4.00 and detailed the reasons that the proposed regulatory changes did not receive approval to move forward. This prompted a very spirited discussion among the Board members regarding ways in which the draft language could potentially be amended to the satisfaction of all parties that were in opposition to the previous version.

J. Nunnari offered a suggestion to the Board should they move forward with amending the draft language. He suggested that the Board consider focusing on addressing the issue of licensed architects employed by architecture firms and not the firms themselves as the Board has no real regulatory authority over firms.

C. Dick informed the Board that he spoke with Deputy Director Fortes. C. Dick stated his support for enforcing existing statutes and regulations pertaining to architect officers as well as outreach and education to the public and public agencies about the current statutes and regulations. C. Dick further stated that this course of action could be of great benefit and could shed light on what aspects of 231 CMR 4.00 are or aren't working.

Another spirited discussion ensued among the Board members regarding the possibility of a motion to redraft 231 CMR 4.00 or to table the discussion of a redraft and move forward with the regulations as currently written while refocusing efforts on enforcement and education of the existing regulations.

A motion was made by P. Lewis, seconded by G. Sullivan, to table the discussion of a redraft and move forward with the regulations as currently written while refocusing efforts on enforcement and education of the existing regulations. A roll call vote was

taken. Roll call vote: Members in Favor: D. Georgopoulos, J. Pesa, P. Lewis, R. Pauze, and G. Sullivan; Members opposed: None. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

## **10. Topic: Request to Approve CEUs**

### **Discussion:**

Requests reviewed by the Board:

- Andrew DiGiammo
- Roger Erickson
- David Stephen
- Steven Haas
- Elizabeth Churchill

### **Action:**

A motion was made by P. Lewis to accept Andrew DiGiammo's accumulated time for the presentation he attended. R. Pauze seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Roll call vote: Members in Favor: D. Georgopoulos, J. Pesa, P. Lewis, R. Pauze, and G. Sullivan; Members opposed: None. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

A motion was made by R. Pauze not to accept Roger Erickson's request to approve as CEUs his attendance at Boston Society of Architects' Historic Resources Committee. P. Lewis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Roll call vote: Members in Favor: D. Georgopoulos, J. Pesa, P. Lewis, R. Pauze, and G. Sullivan; Members opposed: None. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

P. Lewis recused himself from this vote. A motion was made by G. Sullivan to accept David Stephen's request to approve as CEUS his participation and instruction in the following course at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design and Harvard Graduate School of Education: "Learning Environments for Tomorrow: Next Practices for Educators and Architects." R. Pauze seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Roll call vote: Members in Favor: D. Georgopoulos, J. Pesa, R. Pauze, and G. Sullivan; Members opposed: None. Members abstaining: P. Lewis The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-1.

A motion was made by R. Pauze not to accept Steven Haas's request to approve as CEUs his 2 ½ week self-guided architectural tour in Scandinavia. J. Pesa seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Roll call vote: Members in Favor: D. Georgopoulos, J. Pesa, P. Lewis, R. Pauze, and G. Sullivan; Members opposed: None. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

A motion was made by G. Sullivan not to accept Elizabeth Churchill's request to approve as CEUs for her participation in the Nantucket Preservation Trust Symposium in June 2017. J. Pesa seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Roll call vote: Members in Favor: D. Georgopoulos, J. Pesa, P. Lewis, R. Pauze, and G. Sullivan; Members opposed: None. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

# **11. Topic: Report of Licensee Discipline in Other Jurisdictions for License Number 32103-AR.**

## **Discussion:**

C. Dick advised all present that the matter could be discussed in open session as the discipline was administrative in nature.

C. Dick explained to the Board that Mr. Onochie had self-disclosed to the Board as part of his renewal that he had been disciplined by the New York State Office of Professional Discipline based on his 2008 discipline by the Nevada State Board of Architecture.

A motion was made by G. Sullivan to take no action in the matter provided that Mr. Onochie had disclosed the Nevada discipline in his application to the Massachusetts Board. J. Pesa seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Roll call vote: Members in Favor: D. Georgopoulos, J. Pesa, P. Lewis, R. Pauze, and G. Sullivan; Members opposed: None. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

# **12. Topic: Reinstatement Applications**

## **Discussion:**

Applications reviewed by the Board:

- Craig Dixon, License #11089
- James Hudson, License #30133

## **Action:**

A motion was made by J. Pesa to accept the application for Dixon. G. Sullivan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Roll call vote: Members in Favor: D. Georgopoulos, J. Pesa, P. Lewis, R. Pauze, and G. Sullivan; Members opposed: None. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

A motion was made by G. Sullivan to accept the application for Hudson. P. Lewis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Roll call vote: Members in Favor: D. Georgopoulos, J. Pesa, P. Lewis, R. Pauze, and G. Sullivan; Members opposed: None. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

The application for James Hudson was received by the Board less than 48 hours prior to the meeting and therefore was not on the posted agenda. The application for Joseph Ruocco that did appear on the posted agenda was found to be incomplete and therefore, was not presented for discussion at the meeting.

# **13. Topic: Closed Investigative Conference**

**Action:**

At 2:00 p.m., J. Pesa moved, seconded by G. Sullivan, to suspend the public meeting and enter into closed investigative session under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to discuss investigative matters. A roll call vote was taken. Roll call vote: Members in Favor: D. Georgopulos, J. Pesa, P. Lewis, R. Pauze, and G. Sullivan; Members opposed: None. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Report of actions taken in Investigative Conference:

- 2017-000114-IT-ENF: Investigative Conference will be scheduled.

At 2:05, the phone connection to D. Georgopulos was lost.

**14. Adjournment**

A motion was made by R. Pauze, seconded by G. Sullivan to adjourn. A roll call vote was taken. Roll call vote: Members in Favor: J. Pesa, P. Lewis, R. Pauze, and G. Sullivan; Members opposed: None. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**



Eric Funk  
Licensure Specialist

**Documents used:**

- Agenda for the August 3, 2017 meeting
- Draft Minutes of the May 17, 2017 meeting
- Draft regulations at 231 CMR 4.00
- NCARB Outreach email to the Board
- Reinstatement Applications from Craig Dixon and James Hudson, License
- CEU Consideration Requests from Andrew DiGiammo, Roger Erickson, David Stephen, Steven Haas, and Elizabeth Churchill
- Self-report of discipline by Henry Onochie