

ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

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Occupational & Professional Licensing Division
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The six hundred and seventy seventh meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on September 21, 2007, was called to order by Chairman Mr. S. Edward Jeter at 8:40 AM in Room No. 121 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Board Members Present:	David H. Barkin Carole W. Briggs Robert B. Hurd S. Edward Jeter Christopher Mazza	Board Member Board Member Board Member Chairman/Board Member Board Member
Board Members Not Present:	None.	
Others Present	Robert M. Kuzmich Steven J. Schwane Peter R. Huntsman Diane Harp Jones Bruce Spiewak F. Michael Ayles	License and Applications Specialist/Department of Consumer Protection Administrative Hearings Attorney/Department of Consumer Protection Attorney General's Office AIA/CT AIA/CT Architect

Note: The administrative functions of this Board are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information, call Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135.

1. Old Business

1A. Submission of the minutes of the July 20, 2007; for review and approval. *After a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2007 meeting as submitted. (Briggs/Hurd) It is noted that Mr. Hurd abstained from the vote.*

1B. Proposed Architects Legislation for 2008; latest Draft prepared by Mr. Steven J. Schwane. Mr. Schwane gave the Board the final draft of their legislation at today's meeting noting that it is essentially the same as previous the previous draft with the exception of an additional substitution of the term "technical submission". He e-mailed this copy to AIA/CT for their comment. This draft has been given to the Department's legislative liaison who has been asked to make this proposal a part of the Department's legislative package. He summarized the typical path of their legislative package usually ending with a substantial reduction in number of proposals by the Governor's Office. Mr. Schwane cannot guarantee that the Board's proposals will be a part of the final package. He advised that a back-up plan be in place perhaps with AIA/CT.

1C. Application of Mr. Harvey H. Lusk, Jr. for an architect's license in Connecticut by Waiver of Examination with an NCARB Certificate Record No. 63669 and an active license in Texas. Mr. Schwane explained that this matter was reviewed with the assistance of Mr. Mazza and noted that this applicant's administrative assistant was given the responsibility of submitting his application to various States for licensing including Connecticut. For some reason, she did not submit his application to Connecticut and went straight to the seal manufacturer with a made up number and had a seal made for him. Mr. Schwane recommends that the Board consider this application for approval. *As such, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Lusk's application for an architect's license in Connecticut. (Hurd/Briggs) It is noted that Mr. Mazza abstained from the vote.*

2. New Business

2A. Appearance before the Board by Mr. F. Michael Ayles, State IDP Coordinator, regarding an update on his recent activities in this position. Mr. Ayles distributed an article regarding A.R.E. timing in the State of Ohio and copies of related information on this topic from the AIA. The Purpose of his visit today is to introduce himself to the Board more as a resource than anything else. He is the State coordinator for IDP and noted that things are going well in this area.

Mr. Ayles addressed the A.R.E. timing issue stating that he has heard from many Interns that they wish to be able to take the exam while completing their internship. He

asked the Board to consider their position on this matter in the future and also noted that the NCARB has not taken a position on this issue and left the decision to the individual Boards.

Mr. Hurd asked if Mr. Ayles has heard from the architectural intern community regarding their feelings on this matter. In response, he noted that the information he received has been very positive and that Interns he has spoken with are very anxious to begin the examination process. Mr. Ayles has plans to address this issue with AIA/CT and the E.A.C.

Mr. Barkin asked for the history behind Connecticut's current position on examination timing. In response, Mr. Hurd stated that prior to 1986; the law stated that an individual had to have a combination of education and experience that totaled at least eight years. Most people at that time graduated with a five year degree leaving three years of work experience needed to complete the eight year total. Work experience became credited while individuals were still in school. Mr. Hurd mentioned that addressing this issue as a Board will raises many questions that need answers such as applications from individuals applying for a license by waiver of examination and the upcoming changes to the Architect Registration Examination in 2008.

Mr. Jeter explained the changes to the Architect Registration Examination and the potential major impact this may have on examination candidates in the pipeline, so to speak. He is recommending that new candidates wait until July 2008 to begin taking the new examination. Mr. Jeter believes that in time, the Board will see some feedback on how allowing candidates to begin the examination prior to completion of IDP is working out. As such, he stated that he is not in favor of jumping on the bandwagon in terms of the Board making a decision on IDP training and commencing the examination process. NCARB will not take a position on this matter but can track the results of the States that allow candidates to take the A.R.E. prior to completion of IDP.

In conclusion, Mr. Ayles offered to come back to the Board in future, if they so wish, and stated that he is always available to them if they require further information.

2B. The following candidates have passed the *Architect Registration Examination* and are recommended by the Department of Consumer Protection for licensing as Architects in the State of Connecticut; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individuals for licensing as architects in Connecticut. (Hurd/Briggs)*

1. Mary Clark
2. Jill P. Caouette
3. Alexander B. Fischer

4. Christopher M. McAleese

5. Christine L. O'Hare

6. Joshua C. Otto

7. Grant T. Wright

2C. Applications for reciprocal licensing; the following individuals are recommended by the Department of Consumer Protection for licensing as architects in the State of Connecticut on the basis of waiver of examination with an NCARB Certificate Record or by Direct Reciprocity; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individuals for licensing as architects in the State of Connecticut. (Briggs/Hurd)*

1.	Arends, David S.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 36233)
2.	Bailey, Jonathan D.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 52497)
3.	Bechtol, Timothy K.	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	(NCARB File No. 58635)
4.	Butler, Arthur S.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 115765)
5.	Catalan, Arnel T.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 63465)
6.	Dallabattista, Mauro	Waiver of Examination; Oklahoma	(NCARB File No. 108886)
7.	Erwin, Stephen	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 117208)
8.	Gollenberg, Glenn R.	Waiver of Examination; Arizona	(NCARB File No. 125812)
9.	Graham, Cary M.	Waiver of Examination; California	Direct
10.	Hansen, Janet L.	Waiver of Examination; Maine	(NCARB File No. 82956)
11.	Harlow, Stephan	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 26998)
12.	Hasse, III, Boris C.	Waiver of Examination; Colorado	(NCARB File No. 82269)
13.	Hess, Thomas G.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 49077)
14.	Hsu, Robert T.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 99551)
15.	Huston, Christopher J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 57834)
16.	Imhof, Jr., John M.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 106784)
17.	Jordan, Bruce D.	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 82681)
18.	Kimbrell, Willard W.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 25090)
19.	Kirn, Michael L.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 112138)
20.	Lee, Kyu M.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 99211)
21.	Levi, Murray L.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
22.	Lucas, John M.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	Direct
23.	Metsky, Richard	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
24.	Pulver, James	Waiver of Examination; Vermont	(NCARB File No. 40125)
25.	Rapp, Mark D.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
26.	Riley, Terence	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
27.	Ronis, Valdis G.	Waiver of Examination; Virginia	(NCARB File No. 90320)
28.	Silvestri, Philip J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 54662)
29.	Spaulding, Mark A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 11457)
30.	Spector, Mark B.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 100679)
31.	Urbanczyk, Christopher M.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 100551)
32.	Wells, Scott A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 11441)
33.	Wijnberg, James D.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct

NOTE: Mr. Steven J. Schwane, Attorney for the Department of Consumer Protection, shall address the Board concerning applications Nos. 17 & 19.

Mr. Schwane explained the circumstances surrounding applications 17 and 19. Applicant No. 19 from New York had a DUI on his record. The New York State Board took action against his license which involved a period of probation. The Connecticut's Board's position is that as long as he is complying with the terms that New York State has set forth, they see no problem with approving him for a license in Connecticut.

Applicant No. 17 signed plans for a self-storage facility located in Nevada without a Nevada license in 1999. The settlement agreement does not provide much detail for the Board. Here again, the Board noted that the applicant is current with NCARB and therefore, saw no reason to not approve the application.

2D. Applications for the Corporate Practice of Architecture; the Department has reviewed and recommends for approval the following applications; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following applications for the corporate practice of architecture in Connecticut: (Hurd/Briggs)*

<u><i>Bignell Watkins Hasser Architects, P.C.</i></u> 8150 Leesburg Pike, Suite 503 Vienna, Virginia 22182	Francis X. Watkins, CEO Connecticut Lic. No. 8089
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<u><i>Good, Fulton, & Farrell.</i></u> 2808 Fairmont Street, Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75201	Robert L. Good, CEO Connecticut Lic. No. 8098
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<u><i>Steffian Bradley Architects, Inc.</i></u> 100 Summer Street Boston, Massachusetts 02110	Peter Steffian, CEO Connecticut Lic. No. 3689
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2E Update from Mr. Steven Schwane from the Consumer Protection's Legal Division regarding any Board issues. Mr. Schwane addressed the Board concerning call he received from an attorney in New York City. He asked if a Naval Architect needs to be licensed as an architect or an engineer. The attorney's client designs yachts and submits his plans to the Coast Guard for approval. Mr. Kuzmich explained that the question is cautionary in nature because of the use of the term "Architect". Mr. Schwane will address this question to the Engineer's Board in the future. The Board recognized the long standing use of the title "Naval Architect" and further concluded that licensing with this Board is not required.

2F. "CHRO Reviews" CHRO CRITERIA PER SECTION 46a-80; it was noted by Mr. Jeter that there are none before the Board today.

2G. Any correspondence and/or business received in the interim.

1. Ms Briggs noted that Mr. Kermit Thompson and she spoke briefly recently regarding an Architect Registration Examination issue. He told Ms. Briggs that he wished the test centers used double computer screens. He noted that the testing company has seen many errors by candidates they believe resulted from switching between instruction and drawings screens. Ms. Briggs wanted to make the Board aware of this concern and noted that the solution may not be that expensive.

2. Ms. Harp Jones stated that AIA/CT continues to receive questions from the public and their members that they forward to the Department investigator Mr. Keith Lombardi regarding people that may be practicing architecture without a license. She noted that there is a huge backlog of these letters they have accumulated which leaves AIA/CT without answers for their members and others. She asked how this process can move forward more quickly by the Department of Consumer.

Mr. Kuzmich noted that unfortunately, Mr. Lombardi handles many Boards and as such, may have difficulty keeping pace with the volume of work that he receives. Ms. Harp Jones noted that there are approximately 25 inquires that she has not received responses to and noted for Mr. Schwane the general nature of these complaints. The Board noted that this is a significant number. Mr. Schwane offered to inquire as to the progress of these complaints and, perhaps, assist Mr. Lombardi. He will report back to the Board at their November 16, 2007 regular meeting. Ms. Jones offered to copy Mr. Schwane on any future complaints.

3. Ms. Harp Jones inquired as to the status of the change in the regulations started by the State Library. Mr. Schwane noted that he believes they have been published in the Connecticut Law Journal. He will get back to the Board at their November meeting.

4. Mr. Bruce Spiewak noted that he recently attended a Connecticut Building Officials Association meeting pertaining to the proposed changes to the Connecticut Building Code at which Ms. Barbara Epstein was also attending. She made a statement, based upon a handout that was given, that addressed the requirement for a licensed architect or engineer on certain buildings. Her statement was that that the hand-out information only applies to new buildings and if working in a building that is in alteration, even if it is over five thousand square feet, interior designers can perform work in such buildings provided that the work involves non-load bearing partitions.

Mr. Spiewak speculates that Ms. Epstein is alluding to a former Architectural Licensing Board Declaratory Ruling pertaining to Interior Designers. He is not sure that she was promoting this information accurately and brings this information to the Boards

attention today because of her activity in the Interior Designer community in the past and her lobbying efforts for the same. Mr. Spiewak cautioned the Board that if they choose to open up the architectural licensing law, they might see the above issue(s) reemerging.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM. (Briggs/Hurd) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, November 16, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.; State Office Building; Room 121; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator

