

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

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JULY 18, 2012

The six hundred and seventy fourth meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on July 18, 2012, was called to order by Mr. S. Edward Jeter at 8:37 AM in Room No. 121 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Board Members

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| Present: | David H. Barkin | Board Member |
| | Carole W. Briggs | Board Member |
| | Robert B. Hurd | Board Member |
| | S. Edward Jeter | Chairman |
| | Pauline S. Morales | Board Member |

Board Members

Not Present: None

Vacancy: None

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| Others Present: | Robert M. Kuzmich | Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) |
| | Steven J. Schwane | Department of Consumer Protection |
| | Ahmad A. Dadi | Professional Engineer |
| | Diane Harp Jones | AIA/CT |

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions, and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information, contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135 or Fax (860)-706-1255.

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1. Old Business

1A. Submission of the minutes of the June 1, 2012 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting; for review and approval. *The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written. (Barkin/Hurd)*

1B. Update regarding request from Mr. Ahmed Dadi for consideration to sit for the Architect Registration Examination. Mr. Dadi is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Barkin noted that the report he presented to the Board was updated following a meeting with Mr. Dadi in January of 2012. Mr. Dadi gave the Board documentation he authored, dated July 17, 2012, addressing his qualifications stating his justification to sit for the Architect Registration Examination. Mr. Dadi stated to the Board that he was to present to them written recommendations from the Town of West Hartford Building Inspector, the retired Building Inspector from East Hartford, and architect Peter Byrne who now resides in Florida. He apologized to the Board for not having this material again today and accepting full responsibility for the same attributing the delay to the fact that he has been very busy. After some brief discussion, the Board voted, unanimously, to postpone further discussion on this matter until Mr. Dadi can provide the Board the reference letters he spoke of today. (Briggs/Hurd)

Mr. Hurd noted that the Board may be replaced soon and as such, he should provide the letters as soon as possible so the current Board can conclude this matter.

1C. Continuation of discussion concerning Licensing Law and One and Two Family Homes; for discussion by the Board.

2. New Business

2A. E-Mail from Mr. Robert Dean dated June 29, 2012 concerning structural design work done by his Architectural Firm; for discussion by the Board. Ms. Diane Harp Jones from AIA CT suggested that Mr. Dean address his concerns directly to the Board. His question relates to a request by a local building inspector for his firm's structural design work, relating to alterations made to a residence, be certified by a structural engineer. Mr. Dean noted that although the path of least resistance would be to simply comply, the request conflicts with his previous experience.

Mr. Dean is concerned that by not using the authority vested in their licenses, Architects are rapidly losing the same. He noted that although he does not wish to pick a fight with the local Building Official, he does want to convince him to accept his certification of conditions and in communicating with him, demonstrate that his statements and work comply with Connecticut licensing law.

After significant discussion of Mr. Dean’s E-mail to them and his proposed draft letter to the Town of Greenwich Building Official, the Board suggested that his concerns regarding his firm’s residential structural design work be directed to the Office of the State Building Official. The Board noted that they have no jurisdiction over Building Officials in the State of Connecticut. The Board also referred Mr. Dean to Connecticut General Statutes Section 20-309(5) which lists exemptions to the requirements for holding an engineer’s license. Architects may perform structural work which is “incidental” to their profession.

The paragraphs Mr. Dean references in his letter to the Town of Greenwich Building Official suggest that architects have a blanket exemption to “. . .carry out” structural design work regardless of the scope or size of the project. If that was his meaning, then he is not correct. As referenced in the Statutes, an architect’s structural design work is limited to that which is considered to be incidental to the architectural work. Although, the term incidental is not defined per say, the intent of such term is work of a very limited and simple nature and ultimately as determined by the Building Official in the Town or City where the permit is issued. The Board would be willing to comment on any information the Office of the State Building Official gives Mr. Dean if he so desires.

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. (Briggs/Hurd)

1. Fraser, Alayna A.
2. Malani, Seema
3. Marshall, James A.

2C. Applications for licensing by waiver of examination; 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 Endorsement; the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individuals for licensing as architects in the State of Connecticut. (Briggs/Hurd)

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| 1 | Beale, Roger L. | Waiver of Examination; Virginia | (NCARB File No. 94245) |
| 2 | Cassiere, II, Joseph L. | Waiver of Examination; Louisiana | (NCARB File No. 20886) |
| 3 | Croteau, David | Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts | Direct |
| 4 | Evans, Julie D. | Waiver of Examination; New York | Direct |
| 5 | Giannetti, Rocco | Waiver of Examination; New York | (NCARB File No. 583853) |
| 6 | Herr, Mark C. | Waiver of Examination; Wisconsin | (NCARB File No. 30320) |
| 7 | Hicks, Robert C. | Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts | (NCARB File No. 559193) |

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| 8 | Iddings, Donald A. | Waiver of Examination; North Carolina | Direct |
| 9 | Jacobsen, Eric D. | Waiver of Examination; New York | Direct |
| 10 | King, Timothy L. | Waiver of Examination; Maryland | (NCARB File No. 57239) |
| 11 | Kreie, Randy E. | Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts | (NCARB File No. 43576) |
| 12 | Labarthe, Jules | Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania | (NCARB File No. 20143) |
| 13 | Lappe, Bernard | Waiver of Examination; Ohio | (NCARB File No. 90275) |
| 14 | Lindsay, Kevin S. | Waiver of Examination; Virginia | (NCARB File No. 71026) |
| 15 | Magar, Scott D. | Waiver of Examination; Arkansas | (NCARB File No. 82148) |
| 16 | Maners, Barry A. | Waiver of Examination; Texas | (NCARB File No. 38646) |
| 17 | Minnerly, Lee C. | Waiver of Examination; Michigan | (NCARB File No. 421713) |
| 18 | Rice, Harley S. | Waiver of Examination; Florida | (NCARB File No. 89578) |
| 19 | Soudry, Anat | Waiver of Examination; New York | (NCARB File No. 111487) |
| 20 | Strack, James E. | Waiver of Examination; Alabama | (NCARB File No. 25803) |
| 21 | Street, Michael W. | Waiver of Examination; California | Direct |
| 22 | Tarver, Alan | Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania | (NCARB File No. 82194) |
| 23 | Zlotnicki, Andre | Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania | Direct |

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. (Briggs/Hurd)*

Architrave Group PC
157 Broad Street, Suite 107
Red Bank, New Jersey 07701

Jose C. Santos, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 12417

HBA Architecture & Interior Design, Inc.
One Columbus Center, Suite 1000
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462

Bruce Prichard, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 12497

Massa Montalto Architects,
3297 Route 66
Neptune, New Jersey 07753

Gabriel J. Massa, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 9989

2E. Report from Trade Practices Division concerning Complaints associated with this Board; for the Board's information. Mr. Hurd noted that the Board does not want to know who is involved in the complaint. They want to know how many complaints are pending, how many complaints have been filed since the last meeting, and how many have been resolved since the last meeting.

2F. Update from the Department's Legal Staff regarding any Board issues or otherwise.

1. Mr. Hurd stated to the Board that he and Mr. Hurd are currently working on a case and have a proposed Settlement Agreement in the works. He noted that respondent has since moved out-of-State.

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

1. Ms. Harp Jones stated to the Board that she recently attended a meeting regarding the subject of unlicensed practice and how the same is being addressed by various neighboring States. She was told that there is general concern by all that due to budget cutbacks; enforcement of this issue is at a minimum. She cited an example involving the New York State Attorney General's Office and his comment that unless there was a major building atrocity, his Office doesn't want to get involved. Reference was also made to the California State Website for possible ideas for our State to use regarding the enforcement issue. Ms. Harp Jones suggested that the subject of increased fines be looked at a way to strengthen enforcement.

2. Mr. Jeter noted that all the NCARB Resolutions were passed with the exception of Resolutions Nos. 9, 11, and 12 which were withdrawn at the meeting. Ms. Briggs stated that a former Attorney for NCARB and present Public Board Member noted the difference in his perspective from being on inside and now on the outside as a Public Member in terms of how the politics of NCARB work.

3. Mr. Jeter updated the Board regarding the Daniel Galiendo matter and NCARB's refusal to accept a significant portion of IDP Time he registered due to a technicality in how the same was submitted. Mr. Jeter spoke with the appropriate personnel who stated that this matter will be reviewed again. Mr. Jeter emphasized the fact to NCARB that this type of case is by no means unique and the way NCARB is handling the matter is wrong. Mr. Jeter expects to hear their decision in the next two weeks.

4. Ms. Briggs raised the issue of funding for Board Members to the National and/or Regional Meetings prior to the event and not have Board members pay the expenses out of pocket ahead of time. Both the National and Regional Councils have agreed they do not want a financial hardship to prevent Board Members from attending an event and therefore, agreed to pay Board Member meeting expenses ahead of time if so requested by the Member.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM. (Hurd/Briggs) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, September 21, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.; State Office Building; Room 121; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator