

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

-MINUTES-

NOVEMBER 20, 2015

The six hundred ninety first meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on November 20, 2015, was called to order by Acting Chairman Mr. Robert B. Hurd at 9:05 AM in Room No. 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Board Members

Present:	David H. Barkin	Board Member, Architect
	Carole W. Briggs	Board Member, Public Member
	Robert B. Hurd	Board Member, Architect
	Pauline S. Morales	Board Member, Public Member

Board Members

Not Present:	S. Edward Jeter	Chairman, Architect
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Vacancies:	None.
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DCP Staff Present:	Robert M. Kuzmich	License/Applications Specialist
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Others Present:	Diane Harp Jone	AIA/CT
	Bruce Spiewak	AIA/CT & Himself

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. Review of minutes of the September 18, 2015 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting.

After a thorough review, the Board approved the minutes as submitted.
(Briggs/Morales)

2. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today.

There were no comments from anyone present.

3. Old Business

3A. Application of Mr. Paul R. Walter for licensing by waiver of examination – direct endorsement; updated from Board Member Mr. Robert B. Hurd regarding his review of this application. Mr. Hurd elaborated on his review of Mr. Walter’s application detailing both his educational background and work history.

The applicant is a resident of New York; he had more than eighteen years of education and experience at the time he obtained his initial license. He has applied for direct reciprocity by waiver of the exam, but the Board’s Statutes preclude that application until 2018. Mr. Hurd noted that Mr. Walter has demonstrated that he has the aptitude and knowledge to obtain a license and practice independently.

Mr. Hurd stated that while the Board’s regulations require an accredited professional degree or satisfaction of NCARB’s education requirement, Section 20-289-3a (3) allows the Board to review an applicant’s individual circumstances to determine whether said applicant possesses “sufficient credentials in the areas of education, training and experience” to warrant admission to the examination.

Mr. Hurd further noted that Mr. Walter has exceeded the minimum number of years required to qualify for an NCARB certificate under the Broadly Experienced Architect Program. Further, he noted that Mr. Walter’s work in architecture and construction has given him a well-rounded view of the design and construction processes and of the business of architecture.

In conclusion, under Regulation 20-289-3a (3), Mr. Hurd recommends that the Board allow Mr. Walter to take the Architectural Registration Examination as a Connecticut Candidate. As such the Board voted to admit Mr. Walter to the examination as a Connecticut Candidate. (Briggs/Barkin)

The Board voted to add the following item to their meeting agenda:

3B. Mr. Barkin discussed the issue previously raised by Mr. Spiewak regarding the perceived lack of clarity concerning the recently amended regulations relating to electronic seals. He noted that some Building Officials have stated that there has been much confusion as to what forms of construction documents can be submitted with electronic seals rather than live wet seals.

The Building Official Community has raised two questions they would like this Board to answer:

1. When submitting documents requiring a seal in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 20-293 to a local Building Official, is an electronic seal only acceptable for documents submitted in electronic format such as internet uploads, e-mail, and the like.
2. May documents that are generated electronically, but subsequently printed and submitted as hard copy to the Building Official have electronic seals or are they required to have live, wet seals?

Mr. Barkin stated that in accordance with the newly adopted regulations, documents, only documents submitted in the electronic format can have electronic seals. Reproductions of the same require live wet seals. Mr. Spiewak noted that although this matter is clear to him, it is not to many Building Officials.

Mr. Barkin stated that the State Building Official should submit these questions in writing to the Board on behalf of the Building Official Community for their formal response. Mr. Spiewak will communicate this request to the Office of the State Building Official.

4. New Business

4A. E-Mail from Kathy Hillegas dated October 8, 2015 concerning NCARB's Request for Comments: Proposed Modifications to the NCARB Education Standard; for discussion by the Board.

Ms. Briggs noted that among the changes NCARB is proposing is dropping the electives requirement and calling the same optional studies. She firmly believes that an individual is a better professional if he/she is better-rounded. Electives are important and there is a reason for taking them. She further objects to calling electives "optional". Ms. Briggs stated that NCARB should not be deemphasizing the electives as a part of a well-rounded education for any professional entering the work force at present.

Mr. Barkin stated that has heard from many of his colleagues that architectural schools are not training architectural students to the realities of the profession meaning that they lack the basic knowledge of how buildings are put together. He believes a major contributing factor to this is the demise of the “draftsman” in the profession. He further noted that the term draftsman has become a pejorative title.

In summary the Board requests that NCARB maintain the electives as important to a well-rounded professional. In addition, the Board also believes that NCARB should not be diminishing the design aspects of an architectural education. Mr. Hurd noted that number of overall credit hours is essentially not changing; however, NCARB is reducing them in some areas of their education standard and increasing them in others; mainly in technical areas. Further Mr. Hurd stated that NCARB should avoid the temptation to develop technical myopia in future architects.

4B. The following candidates have passed the Architect Registration Examination and are recommended by the Department of Consumer Protection for licensing as an Architect in the State of Connecticut; after a thorough review of their applications, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individuals for licensing as architects in Connecticut. (Briggs/Barkin)

1. Aaron M. Dresben
2. Jerrod D. Kennard
3. Christopher M. McCagg
4. Alicia N. Wakefield

4C. 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/Barkin)

1	Barlis, Alan	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 100547)
2	Bass, Michael E.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 30564)
3	Berta, Michael R.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
4	Blake, Gerald F.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 67779)
5	Budd, Kenneth	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 116826)
6	Cannon, David D.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 66625)
7	Chiudina, Thomas	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 63295)
8	Ferrera, Jr., John A.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 76316)

9	Gordon, John C. T.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 83079)
10	Guidetti, Peter L.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
11	Kazubowski, Maciej	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 631031)
12	Kelly, Tessa	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 80190)
13	Kozak, Kevin A.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 66945)
14	Maran, Erik	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	Direct
15	Miller, Jonathan	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 62861)
16	Moenig, Thomas	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 58792)
17	Ozan, Cevat A	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 111563)
18	Paul, Allison B.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 96683)
19	Peters, Lynne M.	Waiver of Examination; Hawaii	(NCARB File No. 110748)
20	Povero, Jeffrey	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 92813)
21	Raasch, Jeffrey C.	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 117852)
22	Reagan, Michael J.	Waiver of Examination; Rhode Island	(NCARB File No. 101606)
23	Sarrazin, Pierre J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
24	Slade, James	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 60736)
25	Stanton, Nathaniel M.	Waiver of Examination; Michigan	(NCARB File No. 55128)
26	Steitzer, Michael P.	Waiver of Examination; Iowa	(NCARB File No. 26647)
27	Varner, David J.	Waiver of Examination; Maryland	(NCARB File No. 104897)
28	Vaughn, Randall C.	Waiver of Examination; Alabama	(NCARB File No. 41771)
29	Wallace, Jr., David L.	Waiver of Examination; North Carolina	(NCARB File No. 95716)
30	Wanskus, John P.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 67566)
31	Whitlock, Margit	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 72126)
32	Wilson, Laurence F.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 107901)

4D. 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/Barkin)*

Juster Pope Frazier LLC.
82 North Street
Northampton, Massachusetts 01060

Kevin Chrobak, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 11322

RDG NE PC
900 Farnum on the Mall, Suite 100
Omaha, Nebraska 68102

Joseph W. Lang, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 12810

4E. DCP Trade Practices Division Complaint Status Report; review of complaint report submitted by the DCP Trade Practices Division including open, closed, and dismissed cases. It was noted by Ms. Briggs that these reports can only provide information that will not affect the Board's ability to adjudicate any of these matters that may come before them in the future in the form of hearings. Ms. Morales stated that she would also like to see the closed complaints on this report.

The Board asked that the report more closely follow the format of previous reports and asked that the Board's March 2015 Complaint Report be used as an example. The Board also asked that Mr. Maloney come to their January 15, 2016 meeting to further discuss the format and content of the reports.

4F. Department of Consumer Protection's 2016 Schedule for Board, Commission, and Council Meetings; for the Board's information. The Board reviewed and acknowledged their 2016 Meeting dates.

4G. Any correspondence and/or business received in the interim.

1. Ms. Briggs discussed the NCARB's 2016 Spring Joint Regional Summit to be held in Savannah, Georgia on March 10th through the 12th. Mr. Hurd will attend the Savannah meeting. Mr. Barkin cannot attend this meeting but would like to attend NCARB's 2016 Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington.

5. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today.

1. Mr. Spiewak agrees with the Board's position that the Board's Counsel needs to be present at each of the Board's meetings to answer questions that arise. As an example, he cited the Board's discussion earlier today concerning electronic seals and the questions raised from the Building Official community for the Board to address.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05AM. (Briggs/Barkin) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, January 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.; State Office Building; Room 117; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator

Upcoming Architectural Licensing Board Meeting Dates:

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| 1. January 15, 2016 | 4. July 15, 2016 |
| 2. March 18, 2016 | 5. September 16, 2016 |
| 3. May 20, 2016 | 6. November 4, 2016 |