

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

MINUTES

March 15, 2007

Public Session

I CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:30 am in the Union Conference Room on the third (3rd) floor at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. However, due to a lack of quorum, the members present worked as a "Committee" of the Board and make its recommendations. These recommendations will be ratified by the full Board at its next meeting.

PARTICIPANTS	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
President Albert Zaccone, RA	(X)	()	()
Vice President Janice M. Mintz	()	()	(X)
Public Member			
Board Member Paul DeMassi, RA	()	()	(X)
Board Member Alex Garcia, RA	()	()	(X)
Board Member Diane Goté, CID	()	()	(X)
Board Member Howard Horii, RA	(X)	()	()
Board Member Bernard Kellenyi, RA	()	()	(X)
Board Member Frederick Kniesler, CLA	(X)	()	()
Board Member Vacant - Architect Member			
Board Member Vacant - Government Member			
Board Member Vacant - Public Member			

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General; James S. Hsu, Executive Director, Board of Architects; Margaret Hinkley, Secretary to Executive Director and staff member Beverly Rankin of the Board of Architects.

II OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The statement required by Chapter 231, public laws of 1975, the "Open Public Meetings Act," was read and it was announced that notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board of Architects and mailed to the Secretary of State, the Newark Star-Ledger, the Trenton Times, the Camden Courier-Post, the Record and the Atlantic City Press.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 22, 2007

ACTION: Mr. Horii recommended to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Kniesler seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

IV ANNOUNCEMENTS

1pm - Investigative Inquiry scheduled for today pertaining to ITEM NOs. 36191; 44501; and 44502.

Mr. Zaccone announced that he will be attending the NCARB Joint Regional meeting which is

scheduled to be held March 22 to 24, 2007.

Mr. Kniesler announced that he attended the CLARB Regional meeting. CLARB is still looking to find a new Executive Director. Concerns pertaining to the examination have been worked out with the vendor, Thompson Prometric. Also CLARB is also moving its offices closer to Washington, DC within the next few weeks.

V OLD BUSINESS

Exam candidate #1174332

Summary: Exam candidate #1174332 who has been approved by Board to take the ARE, has requested some special accommodations due to her disability. NCARB has granted her request for additional time, but has denied her request for a reader. On September 14th, DAG Albertson was requested to review the additional material sent in by Exam candidate #1174332 pertaining to her disability to determine if there is enough information. On September 28, 2006 DAG Albertson reported that Exam candidate #1174332 wants a reader and two test booklets as aids for the exam. Ms. Albertson then spoke with NCARB and it was determined that 'test booklets' as Exam candidate #1174332 refers to them are really 'scratch books'. Candidates can have unlimited amount of scratch booklets, however, the candidate can only have one scratch booklet at one time and all scratch booklets are turned into the moderator at the exam. DAG Albertson will assist in the language for this letter to Exam candidate #1174332 advising that she must provide independent evaluation of her medical condition for NCARB to further consider her request for a reader. Also she must be notified that if the Board overrules NCARB's decision and grants a reader that she would not be eligible for NCARB Certification. On January 11th, the Board reviewed a copy of a letter dated December 20, 2006 addressed to Michael Yates, Asst. Director, NCARB, from Hillary D. Freeman, attorney for Exam candidate #1174332, is attached for board information. After reviewing the letter to NCARB and some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to wait for NCARB to reach a decision in this matter. On January 25th, the Board reviewed a letter dated January 9, 2007 from Michael Yates forwarding a December 20, 2006 letter from Hillary Freeman, attorney for Exam candidate #1174332, along with copies of a November 27th letter from Michael Gallaway, OD, PC; as well as a letter dated December 8th from Karen Wicks, PhD, Learning Specialist, President of Edvista Learning Centers. DAG Albertson apprised the Board of her conversation with Executive Director Hsu regarding this matter. The Board staff will forward the new reports pertaining to Exam candidate #1174332's disability to NCARB for re-consideration of her request for special accommodations in taking the ARE.

3/15/07 Response letter dated February 12, 2007 from Michael Yates, NCARB, advising that a reader for Exam candidate #1174332 will be provided by Thomson Prometric is attached for Board review.

ACTION: Board members present accepted the letter from NCARB and directed staff to advise Exam candidate #1174332 of her accommodations with copies of this letter to go to NCARB and the exam vendor.

VI NEW BUSINESS

A. Correspondence

Copy of an e-mail from John Delesandro requesting ideas how they can contact our licensees pertaining to the new rules adopted here at the Department of Community Affairs. N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.20, 3.14, 5.3, 5.4, 5.19G, 5.21, 5.22 and 5.23B. The adoption provides for five new certifications in the areas of special inspections. These certifications will be required as of November 6, 2007. The areas concerned are: Structural Steel & Welding, Spray-applied

Fireproofing, Exterior Insulation Finish System (EIFS), Concrete, and Structural Masonry special inspections.

3/15/07 Copy of N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.20, 3.14, 5.3, 5.4, 5.19G, 5.21, 5.22 and 5.23B is attached for board information.

ACTION: Board members present determined to forward this information to AIA NJ for distribution among its members for information.

B. Information

Copy of NCARB Fast Facts dated February 22, 2007 is attached for Board information.

ACTION: Duly noted.

C Issues of Board concern - Unlicensed Practice

Members present discussed how to handle unlicensed practice of architecture cases. Some suggestions considered were forwarding the complaints to the Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) within the Division of Consumer Affairs and/or to the County Prosecutor's Office for action.

ACTION: This matter will be discussed at the next meeting with all board members.

VII REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

A. Applications for Licensure by Credentials

The following individuals have applied for licensure by credentials, have met board requirements and are recommended for licensure: - NCARB Council Record Holder

Bass, Roger W.	Borello, Thomas	Brady, Michael G.*
Buford, Robert S Jr.	Correll, Randy	Duany, Andres M.*
Hofmann, David E.	Johnson, Brian R.	Juskevich, Robert*
Kim, Taeik*	Kokdil, Sami	Little, James S. Jr. *
McManus, Paul	Morales, Christopher	Papazian, Edgar*
Quinn, Michael L	Simon, Victor	Zhang, Zhen*
Brewer, Gary	Jones, Steven C.	Sweet, Gary*
Beasley, Karen	Haarstad, Rolf	Tang, Stanley
Ytterberg, Michael R.	Harris, Robert A	Flowers, Jeffrey*
Sholar, Ronald*		

ACTION: Mr. Kniesler recommended the above individuals be licensed through licensure by credentials. Mr. Horii seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

B. Applications for Examination

The following applicant/s applied for admission to the Architectural Registration Examination and are recommended by staff:

Anthony C. Kiiru	Rolando D. Cabero	Susan M. Dehart
Bryan J. Easter	Alfonso Torino	John T. Hartelius PE

ACTION: Mr. Horii recommended the above individuals be admitted to the ARE process. Mr. Kniesler seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

C Licensure by Examination

The following applicant/s have completed all Divisions of the Architectural Registration Examination and are submitted to the Board for licensure:

Chiu Pit-Hang Dowling, Julie Freeman, Thomas Fried, Katherine Mehta, Nidhip Noga, Anthony Rodriguez, Christopher Vandal, Afshan

ACTION: Mr. Kniesler recommended the above individuals be licensed inasmuch as they have completed the licensure process. Mr. Horii seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

D Certificate/s of Authorization

1 FRANCK LOHSEN MCCREY ARCHITECTS, INC. Architecture
1715 N Street NW
Washington DC 20036

Responsible Architect: Arthur C. Lohsen - License #AI017466

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by two New Jersey architects who own 100% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

ACTION: Mr. Kniesler recommended issuing a Certificate of Authorization to Franck Lohsen Mccrey Architects, Inc. Mr. Horii seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

2 SCOTT & GOBLE ARCHITECTS, INC. Architecture
1437 S. Boulder - Ste 800
Tulsa OK 74119

Responsible Architect: Dale H. Scott - License #AI012720

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by a New Jersey architect who owns 65% of the shares in business with seven unlicensed individuals who own 35% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

ACTION: The Board members present determined to hold this application until the following questions can be answered pertaining to Mr. Goble. The Board would like to know is Mr. Goble licensed?; How do you intend to ensure the New Jersey consumer that Mr. Goble is NOT a licensed architect in your advertising, letterhead, etc.? By using the word Architects it implies there are other licensed individuals in the firm, who are the other licensed architects in the firm? Also it appears by the application that you do not hold 2/3 of the shares as required by statute.

3 KALTSIS GROUP LLC Architecture
509 87TH Street
North Bergen NJ 07047

Responsible Architect: Demetrios Kaltsis - License #AI017213

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by two New Jersey architects who own 100% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

ACTION: Mr. Horii recommended issuing a Certificate of Authorization to Kaltsis Group LLC. Mr. Kniesler seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

4 GRAY WATT & PARTNERS, INC. Architecture
601 Bangs Avenue - Ste 805
Asbury Park NJ 07712

Responsible Architect: Arthur C. Lohsen - License #AI017466

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by two New Jersey architects who own 100% of the shares in business with an unlicensed individual. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

ACTION: Mr. Horii recommended issuing a Certificate of Authorization to Gray Watt & Partners, Inc. Mr. Kniesler seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

5 BERTONE, COZZARELLI, CIRMINIELLO ARCHITECTS LLC Architecture
727 Joralemon Street
Belleville NJ 07109

Responsible Architect: Robert Cozzarelli - License #AI009548

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by two New Jersey architects who own 100% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

ACTION: Mr. Horii recommended issuing a Certificate of Authorization to Bertone, Cozzarelli, Cirminiello Architects LLC. Mr. Kniesler seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

6 B.L.D.G. ARCHITECTURE LLC Architecture
617 Union Avenue - 3-13
Brielle NJ 08730

Responsible Architect: John R. Burgdorfer - License #AI012599

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by a New Jersey architect who owns 100% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

ACTION: Mr. Horii recommended issuing a Certificate of Authorization to B.L.D.G. Architecture LLC. Mr. Kniesler seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

VIII PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seeing no one from the public is present, Mr. Zaccone proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

IX CLOSED CASES

ITEM NO. 47921

LEONARDO, Jack - Unlicensed

Summary: The complainant alleges the unlicensed practice of architecture by Mr. Leonardo. On December 14th, the Board discussed its concerns whether Mr. Leonardo is practicing architecture. Discussion covered referring this matter to the Department of Community Affairs to investigate its construction official in that township if they have accepted the same plan for other projects in the town. Board staff provided verification that Jack Leonardo is registered as a Home Improvement Contractor (HIC) with the Division of Consumer Affairs. This matter

should also be referred to the HIC unit because Mr. Leonardo may be working outside his HIC registration by designing plans. Board also determined to send a letter to the complainant advising that they can contact the police department or county prosecutor to file criminal charges. The Board unanimously voted to schedule Mr. Leonardo for an inquiry before the Board in addition to sending out the above noted referrals to the Department of Community Affairs and the Home Improvement Unit in the Division of Consumer Affairs. On February 8th, the board held an investigative inquiry scheduled with Mr. Leonardo. Mr. DeMassi motioned to issue an offer of settlement letter to immediately cease and desist from the preparation of plans/drawings for decks. Based on testimony the Board found that probable cause to support a finding that he violated of N.J.S.A. 45:3-10 in that he prepared plans/drawings for homeowners at Four Seasons at Mirage, in Barnegat, New Jersey, which constitutes the unlicensed practice of architecture. Ms. Goté seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Settlement letter sent to Mr. Leonardo on February 14, 2007. On March 15th, Board members present accepted the signed settlement letter from Mr. Leonardo and closed out this matter. CASE CLOSED.

X EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:30am, members present discussed ITEM NOs. 36191; 44501; and 44502 and whether an inquiry is necessary based on the additional information.

At 10:30am, members present reviewed the minutes and discussed the disciplinary matters on the agenda.

X NEXT MEETINGS

March 29, 2007 Regular Meeting Union Room - 3rd Floor
Investigative inquiry pertaining to ITEM No. 44686 - 10:30am

April 12, 2007 Regular Meeting Union Room - 3rd Floor

XI ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11am.