

ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD
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State of Connecticut
Department of Consumer Protection
Occupational & Professional Licensing Division
165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

The six hundred and eighty second meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on July 8, 2008, was called to order by Chairman Mr. S. Edward Jeter at 8:37 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	Board Member Board Member Board Member Chairman/Board Member
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Board Members Not Present:	None.
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Others Present:	Robert M. Kuzmich Steven J. Schwane Diane Harp Jones	License and Applications Specialist/Department of Consumer Protection Administrative Hearings Attorney/Department of Consumer Protection AIA/CT
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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 May 23, 2008; for review and approval. *After a thorough review by all, the Board voted, unanimously, to accept the minutes as written. (Briggs/Barkin)*

1B. Request from AIA/CT for a review of Architecture Regulations pertaining to the Code of Ethics as stated in their E-mail dated February 27, 2008; continuation of discussion. Mr. Kuzmich reminded the Board that AIA/CT was to bring in the actual documentation relative to their request for the Board's interpretation of this issue. Ms. Harp Jones e-mailed this item to Mr. Kuzmich but he has not received it to date. Ms. Jones asked the Board if they are content with the Code of Ethics as they currently stand. She stated that there was a Statutory Section involving this issue that was removed and was more stringent. After some discussion, it was determined that it was the Regulation that Ms. Jones is referring and that she thought that this former regulation section contained more stringent language than the current regulation.

It was decided to postpone further discussion on this item until the Board's September 19, 2008 meeting at which AIA/CT will bring the supporting documentation.

1C. Continuation of discussion concerning Continuing Education for Architects; as originally requested by Board Member Mr. David H. Barkin at the Board's January 18, 2008 meeting. Mr. Kuzmich reminded the Board that they have information from New York State and Rhode Island concerning the administration of their CE Programs. Mr. Hurd brought with him Massachusetts information which is substantially similar to Rhode Island's program.

Mr. Jeter stated that licensure has always been equated to a three legged stool so to speak; education, IDP training and the examination. By suspending an architect's license for non-compliance with Continuing Education (CE) is, in effect, equating it with all phases of the licensure process which he believes is not right. He reminded the Board of the California study which did not support the need for CE in their State. Mr. Jeter is not opposed to CE and has always pursued this on his own as California found with many of their architects in their studies. He noted that a bad practicing professional is a bad practicing professional regardless of whether they have continuing education or not and believes that mandatory CE is not appropriate for this Board to be involved with. Mr. Jeter believes that the public would be well served if there was a website they could access to check an architect's continuing education background.

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Barkin, Mr. Kuzmich used the Board of Landscape Architects as an example of how their continuing education program came to be. He noted that initially, the momentum came from the Board itself and eventually became a

statutory requirement. The regulation further defined the implementation and mechanics of the program. Mr. Schwane concurred.

Mr. Barkin suggested that the Board consider tabling this matter and asked Ms. Harp Jones if AIA/CT could bring their opinion to the Board at their September meeting, perhaps in writing. Mr. Hurd agreed that tabling this discussion is a good idea and would give him a chance to do more research regarding other New England States requirements for CE. As mentioned earlier, he has researched Massachusetts and has their information in hand. It would also be helpful to know about how Board staff actually run the program in terms of audits, etc. Ms. Jones offered the services of AIA/CT's Program Director to assist the Board in the future in setting up the process should they need it.

As such, the Board tabled further discussion on this item until their September 19, 2008 regular Board Meeting.

2. New Business

2A. Resignation letter from Public Board Member Joseph R. Russo. The Board acknowledged receipt of Mr. Russo's letter to the Governor.

2B. Letter from Mr. David A. Riggles, dated May 22, 2008, regarding Reciprocal Registration of Architects. the Board discussed, in detail, Mr. Riggles letter to them dated May 22, 2008 requesting their consideration for his application for an architect's license in Connecticut by Waiver of Examination.

After an extensive review and discussion of Mr. Riggles situation and the Statutory limitations of Section 20-291, the Board arrived at the following conclusions. They cited his apparent qualifications for NCARB Certification as he has done in his correspondence. As such, they do not believe that the certification process will be as time consuming as Mr. Riggles states based upon his credentials; namely the completion of IDP and his accredited education.

In addition, the Board noted that Mr. Riggles does not qualify for consideration under their Regulation that allows them to consider those candidates that are unable to satisfy NCARB's qualifications; specifically Section 20-289-3a(B)(3).

Therefore, in conclusion, the Board voted, unanimously, that Mr. Riggles only options are those cited in Statute Section 20-291; namely NCARB Certification or both current licensure and practice in a qualifying State for not less than ten years. In addition, their ruling shall be sent to him in writing.

2C. The following candidate has passed the *Architect Registration Examination* and is recommended by the Department of Consumer Protection for licensing as an Architect in the State of Connecticut; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individual for licensing as an architect in Connecticut. (Briggs/Hurd)*

1. Pawel Paszczuk

2D. 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 (Hurd/Briggs)*

1.	Arencibia, Albert	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
2.	Beaulieu, Kevin	Waiver of Examination; Rhode Island	(NCARB File No. 99417)
3.	Byrne, Kevin B.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
4.	Dunn-Raynoha, Kathleen	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
5.	Elson, Harry	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
6.	Gumberich, Preston J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 129044)
7.	Henry, Ronald R.	Waiver of Examination; Michigan	(NCARB File No. 57289)
8.	Hiat, David W.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 47224)
9.	Khajekian, Vahak	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
10.	Lentz, Merrick D.	Waiver of Examination; Washington	(NCARB File No. 29804)
11.	Nemeth, Louis E.	Waiver of Examination; Kansas	Direct
12.	Quigley, Robert H.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 123976)
13.	Shahjahan-Cantelmi, Mariam	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 108401)
14.	Smith, Walter P.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
15.	Vanze, Stephen J.	Waiver of Examination; District of Columbia	Direct
16.	White, James C.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 68483)
17.	Wiencek, Michael A.	Waiver of Examination; Virginia	(NCARB File No. 106524)

2E. 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/Jeter)*

DiMella Shaffer Associates, Inc.
 281 Summer Street
 Boston, Massachusetts 02210

Francis L. Dimella, CEO
 Connecticut Lic. No. 8032

WTW Architects, P.C.
 127 Anderson Street, Timber Court
 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15212

Richard De Young, CEO
 Connecticut Lic. No. 9276

2F. Application for Joint Corporate Practice of Architecture & Professional Engineering; the Department has reviewed and recommends for approval the following application; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following application for the Joint Corporate Practice of Architecture & Professional Engineering in Connecticut.* (Hurd/Briggs)

ESI Architectural & Engineering Services, Inc.
950 Walnut Ridge Drive
Hartland, Wisconsin 53029

Timothy P. Gibbons, President
Connecticut Lic. No. 9644

2G. Update from Mr. Steven Schwane from the Consumer Protection's Legal Division regarding Complaints and any other Board issues. Mr. Schwane elaborated on the document that was distributed to the Board dated June 26, 2008, concerning complaints under investigation by the Trade Practices Division and one investigation report with the Legal Division. The Item Numbers represent the Department's computer system number along with the date the complaint was first entered into the same. The resolved complaints will appear on future reports.

The major corruption cases involving Federal action are not listed on the report but Mr. Schwane will attempt will try and follow-up on these items and add them to this document in the future. Ms. Harp Jones offered to help Mr. Schwane by providing additional information on these matters. The list has not changed much since the last meeting. Mr. Schwane categorized the complaints in basically two areas; complaints involving misuse of the term architecture and other more serious complaints. In response to comments from Ms. Jones, Ms. Briggs noted that Ms. Jones raises an excellent point in that Ms. Briggs would rather the Board receive a complaint and be told to hold action instead of not receiving the complaint at all. The current process on complaints involving Federal investigations that were not filed with the Department, by outside request, prevents the Board from doing their job in protecting the public.

Mr. Barkin asked a question concerning the Board's authority/role in matters involving corruption relative to their basic duties of the protection of public health, safety, and welfare. Issues of corruption do not necessarily mean that buildings are being built in an unsafe manner. In response, Ms. Briggs noted that the Board considers an ethical component in their investigative duties. Mr. Hurd noted that their Regulation does address accepting gifts from or providing gifts to Public Officials.

Mr. Jeter asked that the Stewart case be added to this list as an update for the Board's information. This was a very serious case that went to a Hearing after which the Board imposed sanctions on the defendant.

2H. "CHRO Reviews" CHRO CRITERIA PER SECTION 46a-80; Mr. Jeter noted that there are no cases before the Board today.

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

1. Mr. Jeter reported on the recent NCARB 2008 Annual Meeting he attended noting that controversial Resolution 11 addressing rules of conduct and NCARB's Model Regulations relative to the project architect was not passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 AM. (Briggs/Hurd). The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, September 19, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.; State Office Building; Room 121; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator

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