

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

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MARCH 18, 2011

The six hundred and ninety eighth meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on March 18, 2011, was called to order by Acting Chairman Robert B. Hurd at 8:35 AM in Room No. 121 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

**Board Members**

**Present:**

Carole W. Briggs  
Robert B. Hurd  
S. Edward Jeter

Board Member  
Board Member  
Chairman/Board Member  
(Participated by telephone-  
Conference call)  
Board Member

Pauline S. Morales

**Board Members**

**Not Present:**

David H. Barkin

Board Member

**Vacancy:**

None

**Others Present:**

Robert M. Kuzmich

Department of Consumer  
Protection

Steven J. Schwane

Department of Consumer  
Protection

Matthew A. Wagner

Architect Registration  
Examination Candidate

Bruce Spiewak

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 February 18, 2011 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting; for review and approval. The following corrections were noted by Board Member Bob Hurd; on page three, fifth paragraph, line seven, the word "there" shall be changed to "their". On page four, first paragraph, line three, the word "he" shall be changed to "his". *After a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as amended herein. (Briggs/Jeter)*

1B. Unbound NCARB Council Record for applicant Matthew Anton Wagner, NCARB File No. 212773, for examination against State of Connecticut requirements for admission to the Architect Registration Examination as requested by NCARB. Mr. Wagner is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Hurd asked the candidate why he wants a license in Connecticut since he resides in New Jersey. Mr. Wagner noted that he has potential job prospects in Connecticut in part through connections with his father. Mr. Hurd explained the reason why Mr. Wagner was asked to come before the Board noting in particular the recent trend of NCARB's in forwarding many Unbound Records to Connecticut for review.

Mr. Wagner explained why he decided not to complete his fifth year of architecture school and his work history after graduation. The candidate completed NCARB's IDP requirements and the primary item in question before the Board today is Mr. Wagner's lack of an accredited degree. Mr. Jeter alerted the candidate that he will not be able to qualify for NCARB Certification because of his lack of the degree and his only option would be possible accreditation through NCARB's Broadly Experienced Architect Program.

*The Board voted, unanimously, to have a Professional Member step down to review the candidate's qualifications to sit for the examination. (Briggs/Morales) Mr. Hurd volunteered to step down to review the candidate's file and report back to the Board at their May 20, 2011 meeting.*

The possibility of developing a checklist for candidates such as Mr. Wagner was discussed to assist future candidates in preparing to make their application to Connecticut. Mr. Kuzmich will e-mail Mr. Hurd the standard letter he sends to

candidates as it stands today for his review, comment, and possible modification(s). In response to a question from Ms. Morales, Mr. Hurd explained, in detail, the Board’s evaluation process for non-main stream candidates and the criteria they use. In addition, he also noted his personal evaluation process that he has developed in conjunction with NCARB’s standards referenced earlier.

**2. New Business**

2A. 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/Jeter)

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| 1. Yue-Feng Chang     | 3. Valerie F. Schweitzer |
| 2. David M. McPherson | 4. Katherine B. Wilson   |

2B. 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/Jeter)

1.	Anderson, Erik D.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 77952)
2.	Batt, Martin J.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 87090)
3.	Bone, Kevin	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 38907)
4.	Colegate, James P.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
5.	Compton, Benjamin M.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 119880)
6.	Disla, Max	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
7.	Fusaro, Frank	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	(NCARB File No. 99164)
8.	Heiserman, Herbert A.	Waiver of Examination; District of Columbia	(NCARB File No. 93374)
9.	Levine, Joseph	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 101661)
10.	Nanzer, Timothy	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 96711)
11.	Pinzone, Joseph C.	Waiver of Examination; California	(NCARB File No. 58865)
12.	Popkin, Alan	Waiver of Examination; Indiana	(NCARB File No. 71986)
13.	Pranger, Joshua B.	Waiver of Examination; Nebraska	(NCARB File No. 81883)
14.	Randall, Michael B.	Waiver of Examination; Alabama	(NCARB File No. 62667)
15.	St. Florian, Friedrich	Waiver of Examination; Rhode Island	Direct

2C. 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)*

Packard Architecture & Design, Inc.  
2 Seaport Lane  
Boston, Massachusetts 02210

Mark E. Glasser, CEO  
Connecticut Lic. No. 11873

Pierce Goodwin Alexander & Linville, Inc.  
3131 Briarpark Drive, Suite 200  
Houston, Texas 77042

Jeffrey Gerber, CEO  
Connecticut Lic. No. 12183

2D. Update from Mr. Steven Schwane from the Consumer Protection's Legal Division regarding any Board issues.

1. Mr. Schwane will be on vacation and not able to attend the Board's May 20, 2011 Board Meeting.
2. Mr. Kuzmich noted that he will speak with Trade Practices Director Rick Maloney and ask him to attend the Board's May 20, 2011 regarding discussion to return to the complaint reporting format that Ms. Linda Roberts had presented to the Board in the recent past.

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

1. Mr. Hurd addressed an e-mail the Board received from AIA/CT regarding filing requirements and Town Clerks. The situation is that Towns want certain documents filed in their land records and seals of architects are not being accepted on site plans by certain municipalities. AIA/CT is asking the Board to write a letter explaining who can seal site plans and they believe that this would be better understood by the public if this explanation came from the Board. Mr. Spiewak stated that site plans being submitted by architects to municipalities are not being accepted and AIA/CT is looking for some clarification that can be made available to these entities that reiterates that the State Library Regulation permit site plans to be sealed by architects. This letter would help alleviate the current problems and help make the filing process more streamlined and encourage more development.

Mr. Schwane cautioned the Board not to interpret or define this regulation because it is not within their jurisdiction; what the Board can do is define the practice of architecture is and this would probably be in the form of a Declaratory Ruling. Ms. Briggs believes that a Declaratory Ruling for use in such a limited capacity is not appropriate. Mr. Hurd believes that those that are affected use the statutory definition

to convince the people receiving the plans that the use of an architect's seal is acceptable.

In conclusion, Ms. Briggs believes at this point there is nothing for the Board to act on with this issue other than to acknowledge that the Statutes are clear that design professionals have the authority to seal drawings that are within their technical purview and their licensing rights. Further, any Town that isn't acknowledging this is acting inconsistent with Connecticut Law.

2. Mr. Hurd addressed another e-mail received by the Department sent March 17 from AIA/CT from Diane Harp Jones. Ms. Briggs stated that the e-mail sounds like a complaint in which case the Board stopped their discussion and referred the matter to Mr. Schwane.

3. Mr. Hurd will be attending the NECARB Spring Regional Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio on March 26<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>.

*The meeting adjourned at 9:42 AM. (Hurd/Briggs) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, May 20, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.; State Office Building; Room 121; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.  
Board Administrator