

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

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JANUARY 18, 2013

The six hundred and seventy seventh meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on January 18, 2012, was called to order by Mr. S. Edward Jeter at 9:05 AM in Room No. 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

### **Board Members**

<b>Present:</b>	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

<b>Others Present:</b>	Robert M. Kuzmich	Department of Consumer Protection (DCP)
	Steven J. Schwane	Department of Consumer Protection
	Peter R. Huntsman	Attorney General's Office
	Diane Harp Jones	AIA/CT
	Bruce Spiewak	AIA/CT

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## **1. Old Business**

1A. Submission of the minutes of the November 16, 2012 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting; for review and approval. *The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written. (Hurd/Barkin)*

1B. Continuation of discussion concerning Licensing Law and One and Two Family Homes; verification of legislative history by Mr. Peter R. Huntsman, AAG, Board Counsel. Mr. Huntsman referred to the Board to an e-mail he sent Mr. Kuzmich on January 17, 2013 concerning this matter. The legislative history shows that the language was added in 1990 and was related to the L' Ambiance Plaza construction accident. He read aloud the transcripts of this discussion to the Board. The language clearly suggests that single family homes, regardless of size, were intended to be exempt

## **2. New Business**

2A. Report from Trade Practices Division concerning Complaints associated with the Architectural Licensing Board; Mr. Richard E. Maloney, Director, Trade Practices Division, is scheduled to meet with the Board at today's meeting at their request. Mr. Maloney introduced himself to the Board and explained the type and nature of complaints presented in the report he gave to the Board today. Among others, one complaint he detailed involves a billing dispute between an architect and consumer and concerns incomplete drawings. Mr. Maloney noted that if the Board so wishes, he will provide them with copies of all closed complaints for their information.

Mr. Hurd explained what the Board liked about the report type they received in the past from a former Department employee and stated that they liked this format which shows the dates the complaint's open of closed status, the nature of the complaint, the date it was received, and the resolution. Mr. Maloney offered to run a report for the Board to day in this new format type

The Board thanked Mr. Maloney for his time and effort and for speaking with them today.

2B. Newsletter of the North Carolina Board of Architecture; for discussion by the Board at the request of AIA/Connecticut. The Board speculates that AIA/CT is asking the Department for a newsletter based upon this agenda item. Ms. Jones was not present at first to further discuss this matter but later arrived and addressed the Board. The funding to accommodate a Newsletter was briefly discussed relative to what other Boards currently provide. The possibility of posting this Board’s Spring and Fall Regional Reports that are produced for the New England Council of Architectural Boards on the Department’s website was suggested. The Board voted unanimously to ask Mr. Kuzmich to follow through with the Department and post these reports on the Department’s website. (Briggs/Hurd)

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 architects in Connecticut. (Briggs/Hurd)

1. Banks, Joseph B.

2D. 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)

1	Bacon, Richard S.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 34679)
2	Cooperson, Jay N.	Waiver of Examination; Maryland	(NCARB File No. 16435)
3	Fautsch, Stephen J.	Waiver of Examination; Minnesota	(NCARB File No. 66355)
4	Gagliardi, George	Waiver of Examination; Rhode Island	(NCARB File No. 58383)
5	Jaccard, Lawrance	Waiver of Examination; District of Columbia	(NCARB File No. 73075)
6	Leeming, Julia M.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 134570)
7	Makowicki, Paul R.	Waiver of Examination; Washington	(NCARB File No. 652292)
8	Maynard, Nicholas	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 104980)
9	Moeller, Mark	Waiver of Examination; South Carolina	(NCARB File No. 86421)
10	Moore, Bruce P.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 587573)
11	Moriak, Stephen	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 65782)
12	Munoz-Baras, Hector V.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
13	Norback, David C.	Waiver of Examination; Kansas	(NCARB File No. 52213)
14	Patterson, Sara-Ann Logan	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 121438)
15	Ravelo, Julio C.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 671936)
16	Sambasivam, Priya	Waiver of Examination; Maryland	(NCARB File No. 94703)
17	Simon, Jerry R.	Waiver of Examination; California	Direct
18	Sorrentino, Vincent	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 1156222)
19	Thiel, Nancy G.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 74681)

20	Wise, Stephen M.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 67328)
21	Zyrkowski, Matthew A.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 128218)

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/Hurd)*

Avant Architects, Inc.  
3337 North 107<sup>th</sup> Street  
Omaha, Nebraska 68134

Larry D. Smith, CEO  
Connecticut Lic. No. 12591

Zero Energy Design, P. C.  
156 Milk Street, Suite 3  
Boston, Massachusetts 02109

Stephanie Horowitz, CEO  
Connecticut Lic. No. 12477

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

1. Mr. Schwane noted that he currently has no open complaints that he is working on in his files. Also, as a follow up to as request from the last Board Meeting, he informed the Board that NCARB's current Model Law does not include anything on Electronic Seals and refers to seals as impressions and not electronic seals or signatures.

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

1. The Board changed the date of their March 2013 meeting from March 15, 2013 to March 13, 2013 to accommodate the National Council of Architectural Registration Board's Regional Spring Meeting in Rhode Island which begins on Friday, March 15, 2013. The Meeting time and location will remain the same. Mr. Kuzmich will confirm the availability of the Meeting Room and communicate the same to the Board by E-Mail.

2. Mr. Schwane and Mr. Spiewak stated the Professional Engineer's Board is currently proposing their regulations be changed to accommodate electronic seals and signatures and this Board is asking if their Board can also be included in this change. Mr. Hurd addressed this possibility to Mr. Huntsman. In response, Mr. Huntsman stated that this Board can do this.

Mr. Schwane will give the Board all the necessary documentation in draft form for the Board, to discuss this matter further and possibly take action on, at their March 13, 2013 Regular Board Meeting.

3. Mr. Spiewak gave the Board a letter dated January 3, 2013 written by Mr. Anthony L. D'Andrea and addressed to the Department of Development Services for the City of Hartford concerning the Responsible Design Professional. Mr. Huntsman explained

that the letter involves an engineer and work done in the City of Hartford and specifically addresses incidental architecture related to the primary engineering work although is not clear in the language of the letter. The Board is very concerned about the implications this letter is suggesting and the fact that it is a public letter sent to a City Official. As such, the Board voted unanimously to continue their discussions on this matter at their March 13, 2013 Regular Board Meeting.

*The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m. (Briggs/Hurd) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.; State Office Building; Room 117; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.  
Board Administrator