

**Minutes of the Meeting
State Board for Architecture**

1411 Broadway; Regents' Room
New York, NY 10018

Present: Anik Pearson, Chair
Nicole Dosso, Vice Chair
Carol Bentel
Greg Canaras
Fred Mosher, Jr. (12:30 dep)
Talisha Sainvil
Marcy Stanley

Absent: Jitendra Vaidya
Michael Samuelian

Staff: Robert Lopez, Executive Secretary

Guests: Kenneth Van Tine – NCARB
Michael Armstrong – NCARB
Joshua Batkin - NCARB

February 7, 2024

OPEN SESSION

1. Motion: Dosso/Bentel: That the Board enter Executive Session.
2. The Board resumed the Open Session.
3. **Introductions, Welcome Guests and New Member, Board Departure:** Chair Pearson welcomed Messrs. Van Tine, Armstrong, and Batkin from NCARB, as well as new Board member, Talisha Sainvil, and expressed thanks for Member Samuelian's service. The Executive Secretary added his thanks to Member Samuelian, who has served two terms on the State Board.
4. **New Business:**
NCARB Visit: Mr. Armstrong gave a brief introduction of NCARB for the new Board members, including its history, advisory nature, vision, and mission of collaborating with its member boards to facilitate licensure to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. NCARB promulgates Model Laws and Regulations to assist and advise State Boards in regulating the practice of architecture; jurisdictions decide how much or how little to incorporate into their own regulatory frameworks.

Mr. Van Tine described the importance of committees to the detailed work of NCARB and how they are formed. He encouraged New York Board members to examine potential committees that best suit their expertise and interest and to fill out the volunteer application that NCARB recently out via email. Mr. Van Tine described NCARB's current initiative to study the competencies that architects need when they are first licensed, how important those competencies are, and how they may influence the future direction of the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) and the Architectural Experience Program (AXP).

Draft NCARB resolutions put forth by NCARB were discussed, including the first two, which are simply housekeeping items. Additionally, draft resolutions that relate to Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA) that NCARB has entered were briefly discussed, however, New York is not

a participating jurisdiction in the MRA agreements. It was noted that the MRA with Taiwan may be pulled from consideration.

The last three resolutions were discussed in more detail, as noted below:

ARE eligibility timing

Mr. Armstrong provided some context for the conversation around the draft resolution that would set the ARE eligibility date to graduation from high school within NCARB's Model Law. Board members described the advantages of removing potential impediments to licensure candidates should New York adopt this earlier option. Others suggested that this change would only permit a candidate to begin testing earlier; it does not mean that all candidates will test as early as graduation from high school. The Board leaned in favor of supporting an earlier eligibility date; the Executive Secretary advised that such a change would require a regulatory amendment given that New York adopted an earlier exam eligibility date in 2020.

Removal of NCARB Certificate requirement for non-office NCARB Board of Directors (BoD)

This draft resolution, if adopted, would require that only officer positions on the NCARB BoD hold the NCARB Certificate; other BoD members who are architects would not be required to hold the Certificate. The Executive Secretary raised the issue of whether the NCARB Certificate should be required for any architect on the NCARB BoD, including those in officer positions. After discussion, the Board agreed that this seemed like a good compromise and first step in removing this requirement for all architects on the BoD.

Regional Realignment

This draft resolution proposes condensing the six current regions of NCARB to five regions. If adopted, New York would move into the Northeastern Region. Members of the State Board were neutral on realignment at this time.

Chair Pearson and the Executive Secretary will be attending the NCARB Regional Summit March 1-2 and will bring information received at that time regarding the draft resolutions to the State Board meeting in May.

Elections – Chair and Vice Chair:

Motion: Stanley/Bentel: That Chair Pearson be re-elected as Chair. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion: Bentel/Stamley: That Member Dosso be re-elected as Vice Chair. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NCARB Region 2 Pre-Board of Directors' January Meeting

A summary was in the Board package, with many of the items discussed at the NCARB BoD meeting already discussed at this meeting.

Overview of Elections and Resolutions

Details were included in the Board package with an overview discussed as part of this meeting.

Annual Meeting Attendee

Public Member Stanley volunteered to attend the NCARB Annual Meeting June 13-15, 2024, if approved by New York State to travel.

MBE/MBC Summit

Given Chair Pearson's inability to attend the Member Board Executives/Member Board Chairs Summit on October 17-19, Member Canaras volunteered to attend in her place, if approved by New York State to travel.

5. Motion: Dosso/Bentel: That the minutes of the November 8, 2023 meeting of the State Board for Architecture be approved. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
6. **Board Chair Report**: Chair Pearson noted that at the November 2023 meeting of the State Board, she cited some key takeaways from the "NCARB by the Numbers" publication. The Executive Secretary again suggested that Board members may either review the video put out by NCARB on this topic, or the Board may decide to have NCARB subject matter experts give a presentation to the Board.
7. **Board Office Report**: The Executive Secretary gave the Board Report. Board office staff were thanked for pitching in to keep up with the backlog of work until a new Assistant in Professional Education is hired.
8. **Old Business**:
Experience/Education Review: The Ad Hoc Committee on Education/Experience consists of Members Bentel and Canaras. This Committee's work is currently on hold until a new Assistant in Professional Education is hired. New York variations from national standards set by NCARB will be examined as part of this committee's work. Post meeting, Vice Chair Dosso agreed to join the group.

Women in Architecture Series: Chair Pearson gave a brief background of this series of events now in its 5th season. The goals are to improve opportunities, maintain work/life balance, and give women in the architecture profession role models to hear from and to support them in their career aspirations. Chair Pearson is hopeful that this ongoing series can improve the licensure pipeline for women in architecture.
9. **New Business**:
Additional NCARB Items: Mr. Armstrong described ongoing conversations with the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) regarding fees paid by NCARB, AIA, ACSA, and AIAS.
10. **Other Board Member Topics for Future Meetings**: The Executive Secretary suggested that a revisiting of NCARB's MRA with the UK be a topic for conversation at a future Board meeting.
11. Motion: Bentel/Mosher: Moved to adjourn. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, May 15, 2024, in NYC.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The Board was informed that the practical exam candidate scheduled for today canceled due to illness. The candidate will take the practical exam at the May 15, 2024 Board meeting. Chair Pearson, Vice Chair Dosso, and Member Bentel volunteered to conduct this practical exam.
2. The Executive Secretary notified the Board that a practical exam candidate resubmitted their application documents and was subsequently found to have met the requirements to sit for the practical exam. That exam will be conducted at the August 7, 2024 Board meeting. Vice Chair Dosso and Members Mosher and Canaras volunteered to conduct this practical exam.
3. The Board reviewed disciplinary cases.
4. Motion: Dosso/Bentel: That the minutes of the November 8, 2023 meeting of the State Board for Architecture be approved. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
5. Motion: Stanley/Mosher: That the Board resume the Open Session. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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