

**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
Giuseppe Lauro
Fred Mosher, Jr.
Talisha Sainvil
Marcy Stanley
Jitendra Vaidya (10:14 AM arrival)

Absent: None

Staff: Robert Lopez, Executive Secretary

Guests: None

May 15, 2024

OPEN SESSION

1. Motion: Stanley/Bentel: That the Board enter Executive Session.
2. The Board resumed the Open Session.
3. **Introductions**: Chair Pearson welcomed a new Board member, Giuseppe "Joe" Lauro, to the State Board. Member Lauro introduced himself as did all other members of the State Board.
4. **Approval of Minutes**: Member Stanley offered up a correction to the February 7, 2024 meeting minutes to remove Member Canaras from attending the NCARB Annual Meeting in June since he will not be attending. Members agreed to this edit on the meeting minutes.
Motion: Dosso/Sainvil: That the corrected minutes of the February 7, 2024 meeting of the State Board for Architecture be approved. PASSED 8-0; ABSTAINING – Member Lauro.
5. **Board Chair Report**: Chair Pearson described some key takeaways from the 2024 NCARB Regional Summit, which was her first NCARB meeting. Most of the At-Large candidates for the NCARB Board of Directors made speeches, regional realignment was discussed in detail, George Guida from the Harvard Laboratory Institute described AI and its current and future impact on architecture, and future developments related to NCARB's discussions on competency at the time of initial licensure were topics of discussion.
6. **Board Office Report**: The Executive Secretary gave the Board Report. David Hamilton was appointed by the Board of Regents to be Deputy Commissioner given Sarah Benson's retirement. Gina Sacco joined the Board office staff on April 25, but the office is still short one person since a promotion was awarded to the former Administrative Assistant. The CID legislation and Geology legislation were discussed within the context of the State Board's upcoming review of the education and experience requirement in architecture.
7. **Old Business**:
Experience/Education Review: The Ad Hoc Committee on Education/Experience consists of Vice Chair Dosso and Members Bentel and Canaras. The Executive Secretary noted that it has been decades since New York reviewed its education and experience requirements and that the

current requirements at an NCARB and jurisdictional level would be examined to understand where New York sits relative to other jurisdictions within NCARB.

Members were asked for any questions or context that this Committee should be aware of as they begin their work. Suggestions included that work experience has value in the licensure process and can fill in gaps of knowledge not gained while in college, the potential of shortening the experience requirement depends upon the quality of the experience received by a licensure candidate, the importance of mentoring, a certain amount of experience is needed to gain the required knowledge to ensure competency at the time of licensure, and AI may permit candidates to focus on achieving competency more efficiently as the mundane tasks a licensure candidate performs can be shortened. The importance of avoiding the unintended consequence of avoiding education should the all-experience pathway be shortened was also mentioned.

Women in Architecture Series: Chair Pearson gave a brief background of this series of events now in its 5th season. She updated the Board on its current activities, including a visit to a NYC area architecture firm and an upcoming session with three female architects on May 16, 2024.

2024 NCARB Regional Summit Summary: In addition to Chair Pearson's report, the Executive Secretary described additional highlights of the Regional Summit.

8. **New Business:**

NCARB ARE Candidate Misconduct Sanctions: The Executive Secretary reviewed the recent misconduct sanctions by NCARB against three candidates taking the ARE that included a five-year testing authorization suspension, and a requirement to take 6 hours of ethics education.

2024 NCARB Annual Business Meeting

- Delegate: Motion: Bentel/Dosso: That Member Stanley be designated as the voting delegate for New York. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Resolutions: After review of the Resolutions to be voted upon at the Annual Business Meeting, and barring any changes on the floor, the Board recommended that New York State vote as follows:
 - 2024-01 *Omnibus Sunset of Resolutions in Conflict with Current Council Policies* – Yes
 - 2024-02 *Omnibus Sunset of Remaining Resolutions in Conflict with Current Council Policies* - Yes
 - 2024-03 *New Mutual Recognition Agreement with the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia and the New Zealand Registered Architects Board* – No
 - 2024-04 *NCARB Model Law and Regulations Amendment – Examination Eligibility Updates* – No
 - 2024-05 *NCARB Bylaws Amendment – Update to Certificate Requirement for Board of Director Positions* – Yes
 - 2024-06 *Tri-National Mutual Recognition Agreement for International Practice – Amendment* – No
 - 2024-07 *NCARB Bylaws Amendment – NCARB Regions* – No
- Elections: Chair Pearson, Member Stanley, and the Executive Secretary have listened to the majority of the 10 candidates running for the At-Large seats on the NCARB

Board of Directors. After briefings by Chair Pearson and Member Stanley, the Board narrowed the list to its top three candidates and agreed to permit Member Stanley and the Executive Secretary to listen to candidate's speeches at the Annual Business Meeting and for Member Stanley to vote for the most favorable candidate.

Miscellaneous NCARB Items

- MBE/MBC Summit: Member Canaras reaffirmed his ability to attend this meeting, should travel approval be granted by NYS.

Future Endorsement Pathway: This agenda item was tabled and will be discussed at the August 2024 meeting of the State Board.

9. **Other Board Member Topics for Future Meetings**: None at this time.

10. Motion: Mosher/Bentel: Moved to adjourn. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, August 7, 2024, in NYC.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The Board conducted a practical exam. After scoring the candidate's performance, the Board determined that the candidate had not passed the exam and will not be recommended for licensure.
2. Vice Chair Dosso and Members Mosher and Canaras confirmed that they will conduct the practical exam scheduled in August. Vice Chair Dosso will Chair the Exam.
3. The Board reviewed a candidate's research to determine if it met the Board's policy for research as a means of gaining experience in Category J. After discussion and review of the materials, the Board recommended that the candidate's experience be accepted towards the experience requirements in Category J to the maximum extent permitted.
4. The Board reviewed a disciplinary case. At the next Board meeting, the Executive Secretary will update the disciplinary case spreadsheet for distribution to the State Board.
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