

Minutes of the Meeting
State Board for Architecture
1411 Broadway; Regents' Room
New York, NY 10018

Present: Nicole Dosso, Chair
Carol Bentel, Vice Chair
Greg Canaras
Giuseppe Lauro
Fred Mosher, Jr.
Anik Pearson
Joel Peterson
Talisha Sainvil
Marcy Stanley

Staff: Robert Lopez, Executive Secretary
Gina Sacco, Assistant in Professional
Education

Guests: None

May 21, 2025

OPEN SESSION

1. **Motion:** *Stanley/Bentel:* That the Board enter Executive Session.
2. The Board resumed Open Session.
3. **Welcome New Member:**
The Board welcomes new public member Joel Peterson. Member Peterson introduced himself followed by introductions from all Board members.
4. **Approval of Minutes:**
Motion: *Mosher/Pearson:* That the minutes of the February 13, 2025 meeting of the State Board for Architecture be approved.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
5. **Board Chair Report:**
Chair Dosso discussed the misuse of the title “architect” and possible ways to address it. She noted that most enforcement cases reflect a general lack of awareness of misuse of the title. She suggested that NCARB has the resources and reach to help raise awareness and elevate this issue. Member Sainvil recommended involving AIA in the discussion.

Chair Dosso also revisited the idea of an “all-education” pathway, previously discussed by the Board. She pointed to the NAAB website, which outlines requirements for NAAB-accredited architecture programs, and emphasized the need to align these with the 16 core competencies required for licensure. She suggested beginning the conversation with NCARB, who could then approach NAAB. The Executive Secretary will add this topic to the agenda for the upcoming NCARB visit.
6. **Board Office Report:**
The Executive Secretary delivered the Board Office Report, which included updated statistics, recent activities, and proposed legislation.

A new Education Credentials Specialist 1 will begin in the Board office on June 5th.

The Executive Secretary and Member Peterson noted a reorganization within NCARB's outreach team that could affect future licensure presentations.

The Board discussed several legislative proposals:

- **S7220:** A bill to modernize continuing education (CE) requirements for landscape architects. The Executive Secretary noted that the language mirrors recent CE changes for architects, except for an exemption for first-time licensees.
- **S3268:** A bill promoting comprehensive infrastructure project delivery. The Board discussed this in the context of Chapter 534 of the Laws of 2024 (authorizing alternate delivery in NYC) and Parts Y and Z of the NYS Executive Budget Bill, which aim to expand such methods statewide. The Board reaffirmed confidence in the protections recommended in its previously developed design-build white paper.
- **S5838:** A bill involving pre-approved construction documents. The Board raised concerns about public safety if licensed design professionals are not involved.

7. **Old Business:**

Education and Experience Review:

The Executive Secretary reported that Board-approved changes to education and experience awards have been implemented and posted online. These changes are already positively affecting candidates, especially the 50/50 split allowed in Categories I and J, except for the "all-experience" pathway.

The Board had previously supported reducing the required years of experience for the "all-experience" pathway from 12 to 10. However, such a change would require an amendment to the Education Law. The Board agreed to wait for NCARB's upcoming pathways-to-practice updates before making further recommendations.

Proposed Updates to AXP:

The Executive Secretary reviewed the memo included within the Board package with the State Board and asked for the Board's input on two items:

- **Change to experience reporting policy:** The Board recommended support of this change allowing more flexibility for candidates to record experience towards AXP. The Board also suggested that NCARB consider an appeals process for candidates with experience older than one year who can verify their experience to determine if it should receive full (100%) credit instead of 75% credit.
- **Removing Canadian Architects as Equivalent to US Architect from Work Setting A:** The Board recommended that the proposed removal of Canadian architects in work setting A appears to be inconsistent with NCARB's Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) with Canada. If Canadian architects are recognized for NCARB certification via the MRA, the Board recommended that experience under a Canadian architect should be considered as AXP's work setting A. The Board also recommended that NCARB consider extending this approach to other countries with which NCARB has an MRA.

The Executive Secretary will submit the Board's comments to NCARB by the May 30, 2025 deadline.

2025 NCARB Regional Summit Summary:

Member Pearson summarized key topics discussed:

- **MRA Process:** the process to evaluate other countries licensure requirements and its mapping to NCARB requirements was described. The discussion surrounding the MRA process brought forward some questions for NCARB such as what happens after an agreement is signed and does it get reviewed if there are regulatory changes in a different country?
- **Pathways to Practice:** Multiple pathways to licensure are being examined by NCARB. One goal is for candidates to have at least 2 options for completing at least 8 of the competencies between education, experience and exam, with validated outcomes. The Board acknowledged that the current scenario of having to meet education, experience and exam requirements were well understood and would like NCARB to help candidates to better understand the possibilities in an uncertain future. NCARB hopes to finalize the pathways by July of 2028.

2025 April NCARB BoD Meeting:

The Executive Secretary shared updates on IPAL and other items discussed at the NCARB Board of Directors meeting.

2025 NCARB Annual Meeting:

The Executive Secretary reviewed the resolutions, with Board recommendations below:

- **Resolutions**
 - 2025-01 No
 - 2025-02 Withdrawn
 - 2025-03 No
 - 2025-04 Yes
 - 2025-05 Yes
- **Elections**
 - The Board reviewed the candidates running for office and decided to permit those attending the Annual Meeting to listen to speeches and vote accordingly.
- **Selection of Voting Delegate:**

Motion: *Bentel/Lauro*: That Marcy Stanley designated to vote in representation of the Board.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NCARB Visit:

Chair Dosso and the Executive Secretary discussed topics for the NCARB visit in August. Board members agreed with the proposed agenda and suggested adding items on NCARB outreach and the evolving role of Licensing Advisors to the agenda.

Project Construction Cost Estimates - NYC:

The Executive Secretary shared feedback from AIA NY, which aligned with the Board's concerns on this topic. The Board suggested that AIA NY may be best positioned to lead further efforts. The Executive Secretary will coordinate next steps with AIA NY.

Women in Architecture Series:

Member Pearson shared her experience with the Women in Architecture series, now in its sixth season. Sessions continue to be well-attended. She invited Board members to recommend future speakers. The next session is scheduled for September.

8. **New Business:**

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The Executive Secretary shared information about this website that allows the public to search for architects as well as other licensed professionals and pay a fee in return for architectural services. Multiple cases of fraud have come up in Ohio where fraudulent license numbers and seals were used without an architect's knowledge. Member Lauro suggested that this is a much larger issue than just within New York and impacts professions other than architecture. Updates regarding this issue will most likely be discussed at the NCARB Annual Meeting.

RAND Building Impact Study:

The Executive Secretary shared some of the key recommendations of the study, highlighting the recommendation for consideration of the development of two tracks within NAAB-accredited programs – one for those pursuing licensure upon graduation and one for those who may be unsure about pursuing licensure or who are interested in alternative career paths. This led to a Board discussion surrounding college professors who are not architects and those who do not practice architecture while teaching.

9. **Other Board Member Topics for Future Meetings:**

Since Member Lauro cannot attend the August meeting, he suggested that it would be helpful for NCARB to be clear about end goals with its initiatives and to create a stronger tie between the NAAB, NCARB and the State Boards.

Motion: *Bentel/Sainvil*: Moved to adjourn.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next meeting of the Board will be August 6, 2025, in NYC.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Lopez, RA
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. One disciplinary case was reviewed.
2. **Approval of Minutes:**
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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. **Motion:** *Mosher/Pearson:* That the Board resume the Open Session.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Lopez, RA
Executive Secretary