

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

**Present:** Nicole Dosso, Chair  
Greg Canaras, Vice Chair  
Nicole Karpf  
Giuseppe Lauro  
Fred Mosher, Jr.  
Anik Pearson  
Joel Peterson (10:40)  
Talisha Sainvil (10:04)

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

**August 5, 2026**

**OPEN SESSION**

1. **Motion:** *Pearson/Mosher:* That the Board enter Executive Session.
2. The Board resumed Open Session.
3. **Approval of Minutes**  
**Motion:** *Sainvil/Canaras:* That the minutes of the May 20, 2026 meeting of the State Board for Architecture be approved.  
**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
4. **Board Chair Report**  
Chair Dosso opened up a discussion about NAAB funding and asked Board members if they had heard of any updates on this topic. Members engaged in discussion surrounding the issue, with the commentary that college programs are having to pay increased costs for accreditation.
5. **Board Office Report**  
The Executive Secretary delivered the Board Office Report, which included updated statistics, recent activities, and proposed legislation.

The bill affecting updated requirements for certified interior designers (A4840-A/S9673) was discussed. The State Board unanimously agreed that requiring a certificate of candidates and score reports to come from the national organization was excessively burdensome and added cost for candidates wanting to become CIDs in New York. The Board recommended that a technical amendment be considered by the Department to send to the Legislature to remove the certification requirement and the requirement that exam scores come from the national organization for interior design and its possible implications for related professions.

Board members had previous questions on the NYC DoB false documents bill that has not been introduced since 2021, and the Executive Secretary included the 2021 language in the board package for the Board's information.

6. **Old Business**

**NCARB Annual Meeting Summary**

Member Peterson described the results of elections for the NCARB Board of Directors, and shared discussions and questions that arose about the *Pathways to Practice* initiative. One question was related to the fee structure and how it would impact candidates. Member Peterson discussed the need for increased communication between NCARB and firms regarding future changes to experience assessments. He also noted that there has been a change in the AXP Licensing Advisors community, with a two-tier system now set up.

The Executive Secretary added that NCARB has hired consultants to help facilitate and communicate legislative changes that Member Boards may need to engage in to effect changes due to the *Pathways to Practice* initiative. The State Board discussed the need for NCARB to monitor the quality of future assessments and the need to focus on whether candidates are ready to independently practice architecture. Board members also commented on the need to have clarity in the licensure process, and that NCARB should not overcomplicate the process to the point where candidates become paralyzed when confronted with too many choices.

**Future Regulatory Amendments**

The Executive Secretary updated the Board on the technical corrections to an architect's seal and adding a new endorsement pathway for UK architects. These proposed regulatory amendments are still scheduled to be discussed by the Board of Regents in December with action by the Regents in early 2027.

**Project Construction Cost Estimates - NYC**

There is no update regarding this issue.

**Architecture as STEM**

The Executive Secretary spoke with Georgi Ann Bailey at AIA NYS and new staff at AIA NYS may assist with getting this effort launched.

**Women in Architecture Series**

Member Pearson updated the Board on the seminar held last month that was very well attended. This group is working on their upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> season that will begin with a network session that will be held in September at Member Pearson's office.

7. **New Business**

**Proposed NCARB Visit**

The Executive Secretary shared a list of potential topics for a future NCARB visit. Board members suggested asking NCARB if they will have a test run for candidates prior to *Pathways to Practice*'s official launch. Another question asking how the data NCARB has previously collected supports the changes that NCARB is pursuing with *Pathways to Practice* was suggested.

**Research for Experience Credit**

The Executive Secretary reviewed a memo to the Board that provided some guidance on evaluating research for credit. The Board agreed that the best way to determine how research should be evaluated is by creating an Ad Hoc committee. Members Sainvil, Lauro and Karpf volunteered for this committee. Member Pearson will contribute context as an Extended Member. The Board office will gather information and prepare a matrix based on past research for experience credit and will share this information with the Ad Hoc committee.

**Disciplinary Spreadsheet Update**

The Executive Secretary shared a spreadsheet that houses sortable information on all disciplinary cases from 1994 – present day that is shared with the State Board every 1-2 years. He will email the spreadsheet to the Board members.

**NCARB by the Numbers 2026**

The Executive Secretary shared the 2026 NCARB by the Numbers booklet with the Board.

**2027 Meeting Dates**

Dates for the 2027 Board meetings were agreed to as follows - February 10, May 12, August 4, and November 9

**NCARB MBC/MBE Meeting – October 9/10**

Since Member Pearson cannot make the November 2026 meeting of the State Board, Member Canaras will attend the MBC/MBE meeting in place of Member Pearson and report back to the Board in November.

**2027 NCARB Regional Summit – February 25-27**

Should approval be granted by New York State, Members Sainvil, Peterson and the Executive Secretary will attend.

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

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2026 in NYC.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Lopez, RA  
Executive Secretary

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### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. **Practical Exam:**

The Board conducted a practical exam and, after discussion, voted unanimously to recommend the candidate for licensure.

2. **Education Review:**

The Executive Secretary reviewed a proposal from a New York college's NAAB-accredited program that would add a practicum component for academic credit. After discussion, the Board recommended that the following questions be added to the list of comments and questions posed by staff that were included in the Board package:

- Does NCARB allow the simultaneous award of academic credit and credit towards AXP completion? The Executive Secretary will ask this question of NCARB.
- Why does the college want to institute this optional practicum component?
- Should the Department approve the college's proposal, the Board recommended that a warning be given to students that should they choose to take the optional practicum, they may not be able to count the experience towards NY licensure. Should NCARB respond that students cannot get academic credit and AXP credit for the optional practicum courses, the college should include that warning too.

The Executive Secretary suggested that a conversation between OP and the college is a logical next step so that staff and Board comments can be conveyed to the college.

Member Lauro recused from this conversation.

3. **Experience Review:**

The Executive Secretary reviewed a candidate's request for reconsideration of experience credit by the Board. After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed that the candidate's experience was not acceptable to the Board.

4. **Disciplinary Cases:**

The Executive Secretary shared that OPD has offered to attend State Board meetings and discuss the specifics of completed cases. The Board agreed that it would be helpful to have them come once a year, and the Executive Secretary will invite them to the November meeting.

The Executive Secretary reviewed and discussed two disciplinary cases.

5. **Practical Exam Candidate in November:**

Members Sainvil, Mosher and Pearson previously volunteered to facilitate the November practical exam. Member Lauro will replace Member Pearson as she is unable to attend the November meeting.

6. **Motion:** *Pearson/Sainvil:* That the Board resume the Open Session.  
**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Lopez, RA  
Executive Secretary