

Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners
Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2021
Via Zoom

Present: Allen J. Bacque – Chair; J. David Brinson – Secretary, Ronald B. Blicht, John Cardone, Richard J. LeBlanc, Kevin Singh, Knox Tumlin

Staff: Katherine E. Hillegas, Executive Director; Tyson J. Ducote, Deputy Director

Legal Counsel: Paul Spaht, Attorney

Bacque welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. He opened the floor for comments from the public and there were none.

Legal Counsel Report

Incidental Practice Task Force

Spaht reported that the Task Force met in late March and discussed alternate solutions to the proposed definition of incidental practice prepared by LAPELS. He stated that assignments had been made for members of the Task Force to prepare recommendations for consideration at the next meeting. He further reported that there was consensus regarding the development of a joint committee comprised of representatives from LSBAE and LAPELS to review cases where an individual may have crossed the line of incidental practice.

The Board reviewed LAPELS' proposed definition and provided feedback on modifications to present to the Task Force for consideration. Such modifications included the necessity to have a definition that included the incidental practice of architecture to engineering and the incidental practice of engineering to architecture.

Rulemaking

LAC 46:I: Chapter 11, §1109 Military Licensure

LAC 46:I: Chapter 23, §2303 Adoption and Amendment of Rules

LAC 46:I: Chapter 23, §2305 Declaratory Rulings

The Board reviewed final drafts of proposed changes to its rules related to Military Licensure and the Adoption and Amendment of Rules, and a proposed new rule addressing Declaratory Rulings. A minor modification was requested to LAC 46:I: Chapter 23, §2305 Declaratory Rulings.

Motion #1: Tumlin/LeBlanc: To approve the proposed changes to LAC 46:I: Chapter 11, §1109 Military Licensure and LAC 46:I: Chapter 23, §2303 Adoption and Amendment of Rules, and the proposed new rule identified as LAC 46:I: Chapter 23, §2305 Declaratory Rulings, and authorize the rulemaking process begin by submitting the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statements (FEIS) for these rules to the Legislative Fiscal Office for review and consideration. **Passed. 7-0.**

Spaht reported that following review and approval of the FEIS, the proposed rule changes and new rule would need to be submitted to the Occupational Licensing Review Commission for its consideration. Approval of the OLRC is required prior to the publishing of a Notice of Intent.

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SCS Inquiry: Use of Title Architect Response (FYI)

Spaht shared a copy of the Board's response to State Civil Service regarding its inquiry related to the use of the title "architect" in job titles and role descriptions for individuals in the Office of Technology Services who hold positions in the information technology field. He also shared a copy of the Board's response to the request from the Attorney General's Office regarding its preparation of an opinion for State Civil Service related to this same issue.

NOLA Proposed Ordinance 122

Spaht shared the draft response to NOLA's request for feedback regarding possible amendments to its Code to require pre- and post-construction surveys of city right of way infrastructure to ensure that any damage sustained to said infrastructure during a permitted construction job is noted and properly fixed before occupancy is permitted.

The Board reviewed the draft response, suggested a few modifications, and asked that the letter be released.

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 26, 2021 meeting.

Motion #2: Blitch/Tumlin: To approve the minutes of the February 26, 2021 meeting. Passed. 7-0.

CRC Report

Case #2021-03 - Ducote reported on a professional architectural firm which practiced and/or offered to practice architecture with an expired license. The respondent had signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the CRC. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Respondent to pay a fine of \$4,000 payable in eight installments and costs of \$316.98;
2. Suspension of the architect's license if a scheduled payment is missed until the full balance is paid;
3. Publication of this disciplinary action on the Board's website and a summary of this matter in the Board's newsletter identifying Respondent by name, and
4. Reporting this matter to NCARB Disciplinary Database identifying Respondent by name.

Motion #3: Tumlin/Brinson: To accept the consent order for Case #2021-03 and authorize staff and legal counsel to move forward in obtaining a judgment against the respondent in an attempt to collect the fine and costs. Passed 4-0, with CRC members abstaining.

After the motion was passed, the respondent was identified as **RGD Architecture, Inc.**

Ducote provided an update on current enforcement statistics noting that there were 10 open cases, 4 cases closed since the last meeting, 2 cases opened since the last meeting, and 13 pending cases.

Ducote then shared cumulative enforcement statistics for 2019 and 2020.

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Licenses Issued for Ratification

Hillegas reported the following registrations had been issued since the last Board meeting:

- 7 initial architect licenses,
- 23 reciprocal architect licenses,
- 8 reinstatement architect licenses,
- 18 Architectural Firms (4 in-state; 14 out-of-state),
- 3 Architectural Firms reinstated (1 in-state; 2 out-of-state),
- 2 Professional Architectural Corporations reinstated (1 in-state; 1 out-of-state), and
- 2 Architectural Engineering Corporations (2 out-of-state)

Motion #4: Tumlin/Cardone: To approve the list of licenses and certificates of authority issued for the period February 22, 2021 through April 13, 2021. **Passed. 7-0.**

Executive Directors Report

February and March 2021 Financial Statements

Hillegas reported that as of March 31 revenue from licensure continued to exceed budget projections by approximately \$50K. This was due in part to conservative budgeting anticipating a drop in licensure due to COVID-19, as well as the 3-month extension for firm licensure renewals. She noted that firm renewals will begin in May; however, that revenue will be deferred to the FY22 books.

She reported that expenses continue to run below the projected budget, in part due to travel restrictions related to COVID, as well as increased efforts to tighten the belt. She informed the Board that due to her computer crashing there was an unanticipated expense which will result in an overspend on the Capitol Outlay budget of approximately \$2,500.

NCARB Special Business Meeting and ABM

Hillegas reminded the Board that NCARB will be hosting a Virtual Special Business Meeting on May 12 at 2:00 p.m., and she encouraged Board members to attend. A resolution will be presented that amends the Bylaws to allow for remote voting during business meetings which requires a vote by the Board.

She then reported that the NCARB Annual Business Meeting will take place on June 24 – 26 in Los Angeles. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this meeting will be a hybrid meeting where attendees can opt to participate in person or virtually. Bacque was identified as the voting delegate for both the Special Business Meeting as well as the Annual Business Meeting.

NCARB Resolutions

Hillegas reviewed proposed NCARB Resolutions.

- Resolution 2021-01: *NCARB Bylaws Amendment - Remote Meetings*
- Resolution 2021-B: *NCARB Certification Guidelines Amendment – Qualifications for Education Alternative*
- Resolution 2021-C: *NCARB Certification Guidelines Amendment – Qualifications for Foreign Alternative*
- Resolution 2021-D: *Sunset of Resolution 2000-1 (Opposition to Interior Design Licensing)*
- Resolution 2021-E: *Amendment and Restatement of the NCARB Legislative Guidelines and Model Law/Model Regulations*

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- Resolution 2021-F: Omnibus Sunset of Resolutions in Conflict with Current Council Policies
- Resolution 2021-G: *NCARB Bylaws* Amendment – Director Term
- Resolution 2021-H: *NCARB Bylaws* Amendment – NCARB Board of Directors Realignment
- Resolution 2021-I: Member Board Dues Reduction

The Board discussed each resolution and had no objections to them as proposed.

2020 CE Audit

Hillegas reported that the audit of 2020 continuing education records was launched earlier in the week and that she anticipates the Continuing Education Committee will meet prior to the June Board meeting to review the outcomes. She noted that 175 records were randomly selected for the audit and that staff was following the guidelines and procedures established for the 2019 audit.

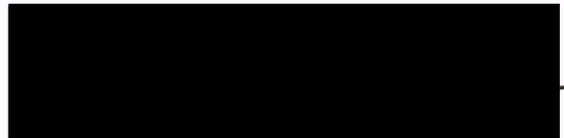
There being no further business,

Motion #5: LeBlanc/Blich: To adjourn. Passed. 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Allen Bacque, Chair



David Brinson, Secretary

INITIAL LICENSES			
License #	Name	City	State
9468	Joyce Bergman	New Orleans	LA
9476	Ashley LeJeune	New Orleans	LA
9478	Guy Avellone	Baton Rouge	LA
9480	Regina Davis	New Orleans	LA
9486	Henry Bein	Baton Rouge	LA
9492	Casey Byrnes	Baton Rouge	LA
9479	Olivia Pontiff	Atlanta	GA
RECIPROCAL LICENSES			
License #	Name	City	State
9465	Dwayne Dancy	West Haven	CT
9466	Dwayne Eshenbaugh	Las Vegas	NV
9467	Peter Leenman	Destin	FL
9469	John Rademacher	Dayton	OH
9470	Rajeev Bhave	Matthews	NC
9471	Ralph Watson	Reston	VA
9472	Gregory Daspit	Dallas	TX
9473	Christopher Clark	Wichita	KS
9474	Michael Kopecky	Houston	TX
9475	Edward Soenke	West Des Moines	IA
9477	Brian Bonar	Seattle	WA
9481	Shane Larsen	Grimes	IA
9482	Todd Eppenbach	Frisco	TX
9484	Lindsay Edwards	Eschborn	AF Europe
9485	Katie Wurst	Grapevine	TX
9488	Jeffery Button	Naperville	IL
9489	Michael Aragona	Barrington	IL
9491	Gerald Weber	Lakewood	OH
9493	Michael Krych	Minneapolis	MN
9494	David Sassano	Reston	VA
9496	Galina Stumbur	Lexington	KY
9497	Darrell Sears	Cincinnati	OH
9498	William Nugent	Franklin	TN
LICENSE REINSTATEMENTS			
License #	Name	City	State
1796	Jaime Gutierrez	Naples	FL
8219	Joel Blackstock	Homewood	AL
6623	Anna Ghelase	New Orleans	LA
3149	Hyman Turpin	Shreveport	LA
4114	Hashmet Wali	Houston	TX



LICENSE REINSTATEMENTS			
License #	Name	City	State
4669	Jimmy Cassetty	Hendersonville	TN
8001	Christopher Coe	Shreveport	LA
5356	William Hidell	Carrollton	TX
Total Individual Licenses Issued In Reporting Period			
	Initial		7
	Reciprocal		23
	Reinstatement		8
Total Individual Licenses			
	In-State		1,312
	In-State Emeritus		39
	In-State Suspended		1
	Out-of-State		2,054
	Out-of-State Emeritus		49
	Delinquent		-
	Total		3,493



FIRM LICENSES			
Architectural Firm Licenses Issued			
License #	Firm Name	City	State
AF0787	AEDO+TERRA Studio LLC	New Orleans	LA
AF0778	Lickel Architecture, P.C.	Kansas City	MO
AF0779	W. Briar Jones Architect, PLLC	Starkville	MS
AF0780	Harvard Jolly, Inc.	St. Petersburg	FL
AF0781	mckAyde architecture STUDIO, pllc	Lutz	FL
AF0782	Loring Design Group, LLC	Marietta	GA
AF0783	Zebra Projects, Inc.	Scottsdale	AZ
AF0784	Richard L. Bowen & Associates, Inc.	Cleveland	OH
AF0785	Archon Corporation	Grapevine	TX
AF0786	Hashmet Wali & Associates, Inc.	Houston	TX
AF0788	Progressive Architecture Engineering & Planning I, LLC	Grand Rapids	MI
AF0789	AXO Architects, P.C.	Reston	VA
AF0790	ARCH7, LLC	Independence	LA
AF0791	Zach Smith Consulting & Design, LLC	New Orleans	LA
AF0792	Prime Architects	Norman	OK
Architectural Firm Licenses Reinstated			
License #	Firm Name	City	State
AF0205	Inventure Design, LLC	Houston	TX
AF0453	Daniel Taylor & Associates LLC	New Orleans	LA
AF0572	Kronberg Wall Architects, LLC	Atlanta	GA
Professional Architectural Corporation Licenses Issued			
License #	Firm Name	City	State
NO PAC's ISSUED			
Professional Architectural Corporation Licenses Reinstated			
License #	Firm Name	City	State
AC0867	COE Architecture International	Shreveport	LA
AC0798	Williams Blackstock Architects, PC	Birmingham	AL
Architectural-Engineering Corporation Licenses Issued			
License #	Firm Name	City	State
AE0479	Cardno GS, Inc.	Charlottesville	VA
AE0480	Progressive Architecture Engineering & Planning I, LLC	Grand Rapids	MI



Licenses Issued for Board Ratification
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Total FIRM Licenses Issued In Reporting Period		
Architectural Firm - In-State		4
Architectural Firm - Out of State		14
Professional Architectural Corporation - In-State		0
Professional Architectural Corporation - Out-of-State		2
Architectural Engineering Corporation - In-State		0
Architectural Engineering Corporation - Out-of-State		2
Total Firm Licenses		
Architectural Firm - In State		304
Architectural Firm - Out of State		405
Professional Architectural Corporation - In State		116
Professional Architectural Corporation - Out of State		189
Architectural Engineering Corporation - In State		20
Architectural Engineering Corporation - Out of State		122
<i>Total In-State</i>		440
<i>Total Out-of-State</i>		716
Total Firm Licenses		1,156