



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS  
BATON ROUGE, LA 70809-1592  
FEBRUARY 16, 2024, 10:00 A.M.

At 10:05 a.m. on February 16, 2024, Kevin J. Singh called the meeting to order at the board office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the following members present:

Kevin J. Singh, President  
David K. Brossett, Secretary  
John Cardone Jr.  
Kristine A. Kobila

Absent: Ronald B. Blicht  
Michael F. Holly  
Christian R. Elbersen

Also present: Tyson J. Ducote, Executive Director  
Justin G. Owens, Deputy Director  
Paul H. Spaht, Board Legal Counsel  
Lindsay Stewart, Board Licensing Advisor

President Singh welcomed everyone to the meeting, reviewed the agenda, and recognized public comment time.

### **Minutes**

The board unanimously approved the motion by Mr. Brossett, seconded by Ms. Kobila, to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2023, board meeting.

Ms. Stewart entered the meeting.

### **Legal Counsel Report**

#### Rule §307, Meetings amendment update:

Spaht reported that the Occupational Licensing Review Commission had granted its initial approval for this proposed rule change in early December and that a Notice of Intent was published in the December 20, 2023, issue of the *Louisiana Register*. No comments to the proposed amendment were received, and the comment period has expired. Rule-making will proceed.

#### Rule §1907, General Disciplinary Guidelines amendment update:

Spaht reported that a Notice of Intent for the proposed amendment of this rule was published in the November 20, 2023, issue of the *Louisiana Register*. No comments to the proposed amendment were received, and the comment period has expired. Rule-making will proceed.

#### Architect/Civil Engineer Task Force update:

The Task Force met again on December 19, 2023, and February 7, 2024, via Zoom, and Mr. Spaht reported his observations of these meetings. The Task Force failed to reach an agreement satisfactory to both sides. No further Task Force meetings are scheduled.

#### Licensing Laws and Rules revision update

Spaht reported that the Laws & Rules Committee (L&R) has thus far focused upon the licensure sections of the laws and rules, and drafts of proposed revisions to these sections made by L&R were reviewed by the board. The board suggested a few additional revisions. L&R will incorporate those suggestions into the next draft of revisions of the licensure sections, and it will then turn its attention to those sections of the laws and rules that concern the organization, structure, and authority of the board.

The board meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and resumed at 12:40 p.m.

### **Strategic Planning Review**

Ducote updated the board on several of its points of focus from the LSBAE Action Plan. The first item discussed was **Developing and Implementing a Continuing Education (CE) Tracking/Auditing System**. Ducote discussed an option built into the licensing system that would allow CE audits in conjunction with the renewal cycle. This option would require only the audited licensees to upload their CE documentation during renewal periods.

The second item discussed was **Enhancing and Growing Interactions with LA Schools**. Ducote and Singh discussed several opportunities that have arisen recently, including school visits by the NCARB team, which Ducote and Stewart will attend.

Ducote and Spaht then discussed the plans for the next section of the board's laws and rules reorganization and rewrite.

Singh announced his candidacy to serve as an at-large Director on the NCARB board, and the board gave Singh its full support.

### **Complaint Review Committee Report**

Kobila and Owens presented the report of the Complaint Review Committee consisting of Kobila, Holly, and Brossett.

Owens then provided an update on current enforcement statistics, noting that there were 24 open and 22 pending cases. Since the December meeting, there were 5 letters of caution issued, 10 cases closed, and 11 cases opened.

### **Licenses/Certificates Issued for Ratification**

Ducote reported that the following licenses/certificates had been issued from November 27, 2023, to February 8, 2024:

- 10 Initial Architects
- 28 Reciprocal Architects
- 6 Architect Reinstatements
- 15 Architectural Firms (7 in-state; 8 out-of-state)
- 1 Architectural-Engineering Corporation
- 6 Firm Reinstatements

#### License/Certificate statistics as of February 8:

##### Individual Licenses:

- In-state active – 1,261
- In-state emeritus – 49
- Out-of-state active – 2,142
- Out-of-state emeritus – 45

Total – Individual Licenses: 3,497

#### Firm Certificates of Authority as of February 8:

- Architectural Firms
  - In-state – 337
  - Out-of-state – 483
- Professional Architectural Corporations
  - In-state – 114
  - Out-of-state – 157
- Architectural-Engineering Corporations
  - In-state – 13
  - Out-of-state – 134

Total – Firm Certifications: 1,238

The board unanimously approved the motion by Ms. Kobila, seconded by Mr. Cardone, to acknowledge and approve the list of licenses and certificates issued for the period November 27, 2023, through February 8, 2024.

Ducote reported on the January 2024 data provided by NCARB on Louisiana architectural candidates, transmittal requests, and NCARB record holders:

- Number of exam candidates - 364
- Number of Louisiana licensed architects who are NCARB record-holders - 2,520

#### **Data from October 1, 2023, to January 31, 2024**

- Exam divisions administered – 114
- Number of candidates completing core requirements – 16
- Number of initial transmittal requests to NCARB – 16
- Number of reciprocal transmittal requests to NCARB – 47
- New NCARB records opened – 38
- NCARB records renewed - 214

#### **Executive Director's Report**

##### Financials

Ducote reported on the January financial numbers. With five months left in the fiscal year, income was approximately 95% of the FY24 budgeted amount, and expenses were approximately 50% of the budgeted amount.

##### Licensee Outreach

Ducote reported that he sent the December newsletter to 4,300 individuals, and at the end of January, he sent the 2024 biennial LSBAE Customer Service Survey to 4,100 licensees and Points of Contact. Results will be discussed at the May board meeting.

##### Miscellaneous

Ducote noted that the kick-off email for the 2024-25 Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund was sent out to the four Louisiana schools of architecture. The deadline for application proposals is April 1. Proposals will be reviewed at the May board meeting. Ducote then gave a report on the NCARB Region 3 Educators and Practitioners Conference held in Charlotte, NC, on February 3, 2024, and reminded the board members about NCARB's FY25 call for committee volunteers.

#### **Discussion Items**

##### NCARB 2024 Draft Resolutions

The board briefly discussed each of the eight draft resolutions, which the jurisdictions will vote on at the NCARB Annual Business Meeting in June.

##### Miscellaneous

There was a brief discussion on NCARB's position on NAAB accreditation and funding.

Stewart exited the meeting.

Ducote reminded the board that he, Mr. Singh, Mr. Holly, and Mr. Cardone were NCARB-funded delegates to the Regional Summit. He then requested approval of full funding for the travel expenses of the unfunded board members and the Deputy Director to the 2024 NCARB Regional Summit.

The board unanimously approved the motion by Mr. Cardone, seconded by Ms. Kobila, to approve travel expenses for the unfunded board members and the Deputy Director to attend the 2024 NCARB Regional Summit, which will be held from February 29 to March 2, 2024, in Savannah, GA.

Ducote then requested the names of two architect members who would be the NACRB-funded delegates to the 2024 NCARB Annual Business Meeting. After some discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Singh and Mr. Brossett would be the two funded architect members. Ducote and Mr. Cardone would also receive funding through NCARB. Ducote then requested approval of full funding for the travel expenses of the unfunded board members and the Deputy Director to the 2024 NCARB Annual Business Meeting.

The board unanimously approved the motion by Ms. Kobilá, seconded by Mr. Brossett, to approve travel expenses for the unfunded board members and the Deputy Director to attend the 2024 NCARB Annual Business Meeting, which will be held on June 13-15, 2024, in Chicago, IL.

### **Adjournment**

The board unanimously approved the motion by Ms. Kobilá, seconded by Mr. Brossett, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kevin J. Singh, Board President

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David K. Brossett, Board Secretary

Initial Licenses Issued			
License #	Name	City	State
10049	Mr. Guy Dugas Jr	Baton Rouge	LA
10054	Rene Duplantier	Meraux	LA
10056	Mr. Andrew Hutcheson	Lafayette	LA
10060	Miss Julia Scheuermann Hodgins	Metairie	LA
10062	Mrs. Lane Rapier Kozicz	New Orleans	LA
10063	Mr. Todd St. Julien	Youngsville	LA
10065	Mr. Trenton Mays	Lake Charles	LA
10071	Mr. Christopher Henry Savoie	Mandeville	LA
10075	Mr. Bryan C. Lee Jr	New Orleans	LA
10076	Mr. Sebastian Pierre	New Orleans	LA

Reciprocal Licenses Issued			
License #	Name	City	State
10043	Mr. Anthony E. Pellicciotti	Memphis	TN
10044	Mrs. Jacqueline Renee Rye	Houston	TX
10045	Mr. Scott Thomas Wilson	Fort Worth	TX
10046	Mr. Eric Steven Luttmann	Seminole	FL
10047	Mr. Samuel McKeever Miller	Seattle	WA
10048	Mr. Thien Huu Nguyen	Charlotte	NC
10050	Ms. Meghan Elizabeth Frederick	Traverse City	MI
10051	Mr. Matthew Stephen Enquist	Scarsdale	NY
10052	Mr. Todd Barnes	Brentwood	CA
10053	Mr. Jeffery Michael Klymson	Chicago	IL
10055	Mr. Song Sun	Atlanta	GA
10057	Mr. Walter Daniel Fritts	Birmingham	AL
10058	Mr. Evan Kardell Lamprecht	Omaha	NE
10059	Mr. Robert J. Sullivan	Strongsville	OH
10061	Mr. Addison William Bliss	Pea Ridge	AR
10064	Mr. Richard Shoemaker Cobb	Lillie	LA
10066	Ms. Laura S. Serebin	Madison	WI
10067	Mr. Ryan Eli Baker	Fairhope	AL
10068	Mr. Brice Zickuhr	Saint Louis	MO
10069	Mr. Radwan Madani	Irvine	CA
10070	Mr. Chukwudifu Francis Okwuje	Chicago	IL
10072	Mr. Luke Wayne Jumper	Alton	IL
10073	Mrs. Jinger Amber Tapia	Irvine	CA
10074	Mr. Alec Luong	Houston	TX
10077	Ms. Gretchen Noel Fisher	Murfreesboro	TN
10078	Ms. Arlene Gulbenkian-Edjourian	Glendale	CA
10079	Mr. Christopher L. Grossnicklaus	Dallas	TX
10080	Ms. Stephanie Pielich	Nashville	TN

Reinstatement Licenses Issued			
License #	Name	City	State
3049	Mr. Frederic Macnaughton Ball Jr	New Orleans	LA
6351	Mr. Michael O'Hern Sikes	TULSA	OK
6693	Mr. Michael R. Abernathie	TULSA	OK
7101	Mr. Kobi Karp	Miami Beach	FL
7261	Karl A. Komatsu	Ft. Worth	TX
9008	Miss Keely Williams	Trinidad	CO

Total Individual Licenses Issued In Reporting Period			
	Initial	10	
	Reciprocal	28	
	Reinstatement	6	



<b>Total Individual Licenses</b>			
	In-State	1261	
	In-State Emeritus	49	
	Out-of-State	2142	
	Out-of-State Emeritus	45	
<b>Total Architect Licenses</b>		<b>3,497</b>	
FIRM CERTIFICATES			
Architectural Firm Certificates Issued			
Certificate #	Firm Name	City	State
AF1000	Major Design Studio, PLLC	Columbus	MS
AF1001	Calabrese Architects, Inc.	Perkinsville	VT
AF1002	Allied Works Architecture, Inc.	Brooklyn	NY
AF1003	HUE an Architecture Studio	New Orleans	LA
AF1004	CRAGERdna, LLC	Florence	MS
AF1005	Thr3e Design LLC	Houston	TX
AF1006	Pioneer Architecture PLLC	Frisco	TX
AF1007	TBA Holdings Inc.	West Monroe	LA
AF1008	Mia Kaplan Studio LLC	Lacombe	LA
AF1009	Threshold Architecture LLC	Lafayette	LA
AF1010	Sykes O'Connor Salerno Hazaveh, P.A.	Atlantic City	NJ
AF1011	Lamp Design Build, LLC	Ponchatoula	LA
AF1012	MDLE LLC	Mandeville	LA
AF1013	Colloqate Design	New Orleans	LA
AF1014	WGI, Inc.	West Palm Beach	FL
Architectural Firm Certificates Reinstated			
Certificate #	Firm Name	City	State
AF0526	ACS Architectural Construction Services, Inc.	Newport Beach	CA
AF0594	STA + Design, LLC	New Orleans	LA
AF0787	AEDO+TERRA Studio LLC	New Orleans	LA
Professional Architectural Corporation Certificates Issued			
Certificate #	Firm Name	City	State
Professional Architectural Corporation Certificates Reinstated			
Certificate #	Firm Name	City	State
AC0057	Hewitt-Washington & Associates, Architect-Planners (APC)	New Orleans	LA
AC0609	HCO, Inc.	Indianapolis	IN
AC0726	Komatsu/Rangel, Inc. dba Komatsu Architecture	Fort Worth	TX
Architectural-Engineering Corporation Certificates Issued			
Certificate #	Firm Name	City	State
AE0499	Shaffer, Wilson, Sarver & Gray, PC	Herndon	VA
Architectural-Engineering Corporation Certificates Reinstated			
Certificate #	Firm Name	City	State
<b>Total FIRM Certificates Issued In Reporting Period</b>			
	Architectural Firm - In-State		7
	Architectural Firm - Out of State		8
	Professional Architectural Corporation - In-State		0
	Professional Architectural Corporation - Out-of-State		0
	Architectural Engineering Corporation - In-State		0
	Architectural Engineering Corporation - Out-of-State		1
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<b>Total FIRM Reinstatements In Reporting Period</b>		
Architectural Firm - In-State		2
Architectural Firm - Out of State		1
Professional Architectural Corporation - In-State		1
Professional Architectural Corporation - Out-of-State		2
Architectural Engineering Corporation - In-State		0
Architectural Engineering Corporation - Out-of-State		0
		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Active Firm Certificates</b>		
Architectural Firm - In State		337
Architectural Firm - Out of State		483
Professional Architectural Corporation - In-State		114
Professional Architectural Corporation - Out-of-State		157
Architectural Engineering Corporation - In-State		13
Architectural Engineering Corporation - Out-of-State		134
<b>Total In-State</b>		<b>464</b>
<b>Total Out-of-State</b>		<b>774</b>
<b>Total Firm Certificates</b>		<b>1,238</b>