

**Minutes of the Meeting
State Board for Architecture**

1411 Broadway; Regents' Room
New York, NY 10018

Present: John Tobin, Chair
Anik Pearson, Vice Chair
Carol Bentel
Nicole Dosso
George Miller
Michael Samuelian
Marcy Stanley
Jitendra Vaidya (PT – phone)

Absent: Latoya Kamdang

Staff: Robert Lopez, Executive Secretary
Eric Greppo, Executive Secretary,
PE/LS/PG and CID Boards

May 11, 2022

OPEN SESSION

1. Motion: Miller/Stanley: That the Board enter Executive Session. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
2. The Board resumed the Open Session.
3. The Board introduced themselves to and welcomed Eric Greppo, the new Executive Secretary for the Engineering, Land Surveying and Geology Board and the Interior Design Board. The Executive Secretary said that Mr. Greppo would be observing the Board meeting.
4. Motion: Dosso/Stanley: That the minutes of the February 9, 2022 meeting of the State Board for Architecture be approved. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
5. **Board Chair Report**: Chair Tobin mentioned that the NCARB Annual Meeting would be discussed later in the Board meeting under new business.
6. **Board Office Report**: The Executive Secretary mentioned that a virtual licensure presentation was given to students at City Tech and most of their students are not enrolled in the five-year Bachelor of Architecture program, opting for the four-year BTech or two-year AAS programs instead. Board members discussed the varying points of accessible pathways to licensure and briefly commented on and compared five years of education as opposed to four. The Executive Secretary and members of the Board thanked outgoing Member Miller for his 10 years of service on the Board.
7. **Old Business**:
Continuing Education Modernization: The Executive Secretary has given draft regulations to OP leadership for review. He mentioned that Board members' input on the draft will be solicited during the regulatory period.

Practice Guidelines: Members Dosso and Samuelian were extremely helpful with suggested updates to the Board's Practice Guidelines prior to the pandemic, and it is expected that this effort will be resurrected in the coming months.

Women in Architecture Series: Vice Chair Pearson noted the importance of this series in the continued development of building networks for women in their careers. She thanked AIANY for their help in providing additional exposure for the program, now into its 3rd season.

8. **New Business:**

ARE Exam Vendor - PSI: The Executive Secretary informed the Board about the transition in exam vendors from Prometric to PSI. Candidates will begin taking the ARE with PSI instead of Prometric starting June 14, 2022.

ARE Pass Rates: The Board reviewed and commented on the ARE pass rates included in the Board package. Empirical data suggests that the opportunity for candidates to test earlier in their careers may be having an impact on pass rates, given that so much of the ARE is based upon practical experience. The Executive Secretary mentioned that under current regulation, New York would not be able to accept ARE scores for those ESL candidates who receive an accommodation for additional testing time and use of an English translation dictionary.

NCARB March Regional Summit Summary: The March Regional Summit summary was discussed.

NCARB April 2022 Region 2 Pre-BoD Summary: NCARB's memo regarding its upcoming Board of Directors meeting was discussed.

NCARB Annual Meeting: Motion: Pearson/Samuelian: That Chair Tobin be the voting delegate for New York, with Member Miller designated as an alternate delegate. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

After review of the Resolutions to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting, Chair Tobin will vote as follows:

- 001 – No
- 002 – No
- 003 – No
- 004 – Yes
- 005 – Yes
- 006 – Yes
- 007 - Yes

9. **Other Board Member Topics for Future Meetings:** None raised.

10. Motion: Samuelian/Miller: Moved to adjourn. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, August 10, 2022, tentatively scheduled for NYC.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The Executive Secretary informed the Board that its recommendation to have an age limit on projects eligible to be used by candidates during the practical exam has been sent to OP attorneys for review. Most Board members were in favor of restricting projects to those completed during the 15 years immediately preceding a candidate's application to ensure that the projects illustrated a candidate's knowledge of current practice in architecture.
2. The Board reviewed disciplinary cases. Member Bentel asked questions regarding the types of issues to be looking for relative to certain cases; the Executive Secretary responded with suggestions and additional information to request from OPD.
3. Motion: Dosso/St Stanley: That the minutes of the February 9, 2022 meeting of the State Board for Architecture be approved. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. Motion: Pearson/Bentel: That the Board resume the Open Session. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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