

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

1411 Broadway; Regents' Room
New York, NY 10018

Present: Anik Pearson, Chair
Nicole Dosso, Vice Chair
Carol Bentel
Latoya Kamdang
Marcy Stanley
John Tobin
Jitendra Vaidya

Absent: Michael Samuelian

Staff: Robert Lopez, Executive Secretary
Marcy McKenna, Assistant in
Professional Education

May 17, 2023

OPEN SESSION

1. Motion: Bentel/Stanley: That the Board enter Executive Session. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
2. The Board resumed the Open Session.
3. Motion: Tobin/Kamdang: That the minutes of the February 8, 2023 meeting of the State Board for Architecture be approved. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. **Board Chair Report**: Chair Pearson noted that the Board has effected many positive changes toward streamlining the path to licensure, that the Board and Department should maintain an open mind about future opportunities to streamline and expressed her hope that the pursuit of balancing regulation necessary for public protection against the imposition of undue barriers will continue.
5. **Board Office Report**: The Executive Secretary noted recent efforts to conduct outreach regarding licensure to nontraditional collegiate populations. He mentioned that the NYC Department of Buildings (DoB) is pursuing a pilot program to allow for their employees to pursue some type of temporary outplacement program to obtain diversified architectural experience and he requested that the DoB submit a proposal for the State Board to consider. Legislation was also discussed.
6. **Old Business**:
ARE Rolling Clock Retirement/Score Validity Policy: The Board of Regents passed emergency regulations, effective May 16, 2023, which eliminate the rolling clock, rolling clock extensions, and implement NCARB's new score validity policy.

ARE ESL Accommodations: The Board of Regents passed emergency regulations, effective May 16, 2023, which allow ESL accommodations in accordance with recently adopted NCARB policy. Data supplied by NCARB indicate that passing rates among those who tested previously and who subsequently received the ESL accommodations have risen.

Practice Guidelines: The Executive Secretary thanked the members of the ad hoc committee, Vice Chair Dosso, Member Samuelian, and Member Bentel, for their efforts in producing the

draft guidelines. After discussion, the Board agreed that the draft should be forwarded to OP leadership and attorneys for review. The Executive Secretary will forward on any comments that they may have for the Board to review.

Continuing Education Modernization: Changes to the continuing education requirements for architects took effect on May 3rd. The Executive Secretary gave a summary on what the new requirements are, and, except for the elimination of the first-time exemption, the changes grant architects additional flexibility. The Executive Secretary brought up an architect's service on a state-wide Board that reviews cases seeking a NYS Building Code variance and given the required research into the Building Code for these cases, the Board recommended that this be considered an educational activity by the State Board.

Women in Architecture Series: Chair Pearson gave the Board an update on this work and mentioned that planning was well underway for the next session in June.

7. **New Business:**

NCARB Regional Summit Summary: The Executive Secretary included a recap of this meeting in the Board package.

NCARB Annual Meeting:

- Delegate: Motion: Bentel/Stanley: That Member Samuelian be designated as the voting delegate for New York. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Motion: Bentel/Dosso: That Member Kamdang be designated as the alternate delegate for New York. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Resolutions: After review of the Resolutions to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting, and barring any changes on the floor, the Board recommended that Member Samuelian vote as follows:
 - 2023-01 *NCARB Model Law and Regulations* Amendment – Responsible Control – No
 - 2023-02 Omnibus Sunset of Education Policy Regulations – Yes
 - 2023-03 Omnibus Sunset of Resolutions in Conflict with Current Council Policies – Yes
 - 2023-04 *NCARB Model Rules of Conduct* Amendment – Ethics Update – Yes
 - 2023-05 Amendment and Restatement of the NCARB Bylaws – Governance – Yes
- Elections: The Board agreed to permit Member Samuelian and the Executive Secretary to listen to candidate's speeches and to vote for the most favorable candidate in the contested elections.

NCARB/UK MRA: The Executive Secretary mentioned that he has requested some time to speak with NCARB staff regarding this MRA at the NCARB Annual Meeting. There is a question as to whether jurisdictions who participate in the MRA have the capability to layer on additional requirements, i.e. New York's practical examination. The Board requested information about UK licensure requirements to better understand the differences between New York and the UK.

8. **Other Board Member Topics for Future Meetings**: Chair Pearson brought up the topic of how AI could be a future topic of the Board.

9. Motion: Kamdang/Tobin: Moved to adjourn. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, August 9, 2023, in NYC.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Lopez, RA
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The Board conducted a practical exam. After discussion, the Board voted unanimously that the candidate passed the practical exam and recommended that the Department license the candidate.
2. The Board reviewed disciplinary cases.
3. Motion: Tobin/Kamdang: That the minutes of the February 8, 2023 meeting of the State Board for Architecture be approved. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. Motion: Tobin/Stanley: That the Board resume the Open Session. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

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