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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE ARCHITECTS LICENSURE BOARD

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

May 14, 2024

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2 State Architects Licensure Board

3 May 14, 2024

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
6 at 9:30 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
7 with Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, for
8 the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
9 deliberations and to receive the advice of counsel.
10 The Board returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.]

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12 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
13 Architects Licensure Board was held on Tuesday, May
14 14, 2024. Jerry K. Roller, RA, President, called the
15 meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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17 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

18 [President Roller requested an introduction of Board
19 members and attendees. A quorum of Board members was
20 present.]

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22 [Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, reminded
23 everyone that the meeting was being recorded and
24 voluntary participation constituted consent to be
25 recorded.]

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2 Approval of minutes of the March 20, 2024 meeting

3 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

4 The first item on the agenda is the
5 approval of the minutes.

6 MS. MCCLENAGHAN:

7 I'll make a motion to approve the
8 minutes.

9 MR. BATES:

10 I'll second.

11 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

12 Ms. McClenaghan, would you call the
13 roll, please?

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15 Mr. Roller, yes; Mr. Claggett, aye; Mr.
16 Bates, yes; Mr. Burns, yes; Mr. Johns,
17 aye; Ms. McClenaghan, aye; Mr.
18 Piligian, yes.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 Report of Prosecutorial Division

22 [Angela L. Solomon, Esquire, Board Prosecution
23 Liaison, had nothing to report but did note there
24 were consent orders in the works.]

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1 Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Update
2 [Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, on behalf
3 of Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, who is
4 on medical leave, provided a regulatory update. She
5 noted Mr. Farrell anticipated completing the
6 Regulatory Analysis Form for the General Revisions
7 package soon, where it will then go through the
8 internal review process.

9 Ms. Goshert also mentioned the Act 41 package is
10 still in queue, but currently the General Revisions
11 package was being given priority.

12 President Roller asked whether there was a
13 projected date for submission. Ms. Goshert noted
14 that a date was not provided by Mr. Farrell.

15 President Roller asked Ms. Goshert to convey a
16 speedy recovery to Mr. Farrell. He also hoped that
17 the work gets speedily submitted and reminded
18 everybody that this goes back prior to his tenure on
19 the Board.]

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21 Report of Board Counsel - Order to Show Cause

22 MS. GOSHERT:

23 Agenda items 3 and 4. Based on
24 discussions in Executive Session, the
25 Board would entertain a motion to

1 direct counsel to schedule the Matters
2 of Elizabeth Goodall Springer & Dames
3 Design, LLC, Case Nos. 22-41-002781 &
4 23-41-009589, and the Matter of ARTECTG
5 Group PC, Case No. 22-41-00637, to be
6 scheduled for a hearing in front of the
7 Board at a future scheduled Board
8 meeting.

9 Do we have a motion to have me
10 schedule this?

11 MS. MCCLLENAGHAN:

12 I'll make a motion.

13 MR. BATES:

14 I'll second that motion.

15 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

16 Ms. McClenaghan, would you call the
17 roll, please?

18
19 Mr. Roller, yes; Mr. Claggett, aye; Mr.
20 Bates, yes; Mr. Burns, yes; Mr. Johns,
21 aye; Ms. McClenaghan, aye; Mr.
22 Piligian, yes.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 Report of Acting Commissioner

1 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
2 Professional and Occupational Affairs, informed Board
3 members that all licensees will be able to print
4 their own license on May 31, 2024, through the
5 Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS). He noted the
6 staff will also continue to print licenses as they
7 are issued until the implementation of the new
8 licensing system.

9 President Roller requested an update regarding
10 the replacement for PALS.

11 Acting Commissioner Claggett explained that they
12 are in the final stages of replacement and would
13 provide an update upon completion. He also mentioned
14 the plan is to have it in place for the June 2025
15 renewal cycle.

16 Ms. Harris stated licensees should reach out to
17 the Board if they had not received their wall
18 certificate. President Roller suggested sending a
19 notice to licensees to let them know wall
20 certificates are available.

21 Acting Commissioner Claggett noted the staff
22 could send a notice informing licensees of the wall
23 certificates, and Ms. Harris offered to work on
24 sending out that notice.]

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1 Report of Board President - Discussion of
2 Resolutions/Regional Realignment
3 [Jerry K. Roller, RA, President, referred to
4 resolutions and regional realignment. He stated they
5 will be attending the National Council of
6 Architectural Registration Boards' (NCARB) 2024
7 Annual Business Meeting June 12-15, 2024, in Chicago,
8 Illinois. He mentioned being selected as the voting
9 delegate and requested Board member input on the
10 resolutions.

11 President Roller stated Resolution 2024-01 is a
12 sunset of general policy resolutions from the '60s
13 and '70s and asked whether Board members would vote
14 in favor of the resolution. Board members agreed to
15 vote in favor of Resolution 2024-01.

16 President Roller noted Resolution 2024-02 is a
17 sunset of policy resolutions passed prior to 1960 and
18 asked whether Board members would vote in favor of
19 the resolution. Board members agreed to vote in
20 favor of Resolution 2024-02.

21 President Roller noted Resolution 2024-03 is a
22 new recognition agreement to replace the existing
23 mutual recognition agreement between NCARB and their
24 counterparts in Australia and New Zealand. He asked
25 whether Board members would vote in favor of the

1 resolution. Board members agreed to vote in favor of
2 Resolution 2024-03.

3 President Roller noted Resolution 2024-04 is an
4 amendment to the examination eligibility language in
5 NCARB's Model Law and Regulations, a clarification
6 that NCARB carries a Model Law for adoption by
7 boards. He explained that Pennsylvania had not
8 adopted the Model Law in the past, which is only
9 peripherally related to the Board. He explained that
10 the gist of the amendment to the Model Law would
11 allow anyone to take the Architect Registration Exam
12 upon graduation from high school.

13 Ms. McClenaghan commented that it was a bad idea.
14 She mentioned that artificial intelligence (AI) is
15 very popular with the younger generations, noting AI
16 has already passed with the bar exam and medical
17 boards. She expressed concern with someone
18 generating their own test questions. She voted
19 against Resolution 2024-04 and Board members agreed.

20 President Roller noted Resolution 2024-05 is an
21 amendment to the NCARB certificate requirement for
22 positions on the NCARB Board of Directors. He stated
23 there is currently a requirement that any architect
24 member of the board hold an NCARB certificate. He
25 explained that it would change that requirement to

1 apply to any of the officers, secretary, treasurer,
2 vice president, or president, but not apply
3 necessarily to the newly created positions of at-
4 large delegates or theoretically to of regional
5 directors.

6 Ms. McClenaghan stated everyone should have a
7 certificate and also believed that at-large members
8 and regional leadership should be required to have a
9 certificate.

10 President Roller mentioned that it would apply to
11 architect members, because there is a possibility
12 that one of the at-large members could not be an
13 architect. Board members agreed to vote against
14 Resolution 2024-05.

15 President Roller noted Resolution 2024-06 is an
16 update of the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA)
17 between NCARB and their counterparts in Canada and
18 Mexico and asked whether Board members were in favor
19 of the resolution. Board members agreed to vote in
20 favor of Resolution 2024-06.

21 President Roller noted Regional Realignment
22 Resolution 2024-07 is the final map that is being
23 recommended by NCARB's Board of Directors. He
24 reported Pennsylvania would be part of the northeast
25 region to include New England, New York,

1 Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, and Delaware.

2 Mr. Bates noted the realignment seems to be a
3 fairly well-balanced map, and Board members agreed.

4 President Roller suggested having further
5 conversations with others attending the meeting in
6 Chicago, depending on the reaction of their
7 colleagues in Virginia, West Virginia, and New
8 England and whether there has been a proper
9 realignment.

10 President Roller mentioned that there was some
11 discussion earlier about merging what is currently
12 Region 1 and Region 2, but nothing happened and did
13 not know where New England is with the realignment.

14 Michael Armstrong, CEO, National Council of
15 Architectural Registration Boards, informed Board
16 members that Virginia and West Virginia were flexible
17 and will go with what is best for the organization
18 nationally. He reported New England remains divided,
19 where they are not getting broken up but are
20 acquiring new friends. He noted it to be their
21 understanding that Massachusetts would accept the
22 map. He also reported at least two of the states are
23 not responding at all as to which map they would
24 prefer, and Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Vermont
25 are opposed to any change in the map. He added that

1 the resolution is a bylaws amendment and requires 37
2 yes votes to pass.

3 Mr. Armstrong addressed current data indicating
4 that some jurisdictions would vote for an option and
5 do not want realignment. He mentioned that between
6 the first map in January and this map that they would
7 have a two-thirds vote if everyone chose to vote for
8 this map.

9 Ms. McClenaghan asked what other states besides
10 Virginia and West Virginia have moved regions or
11 propose to move regions in the rest of the country.

12 Mr. Armstrong explained that Colorado and Idaho
13 would be moving out of the western region and have
14 indicated no objection to that. He also noted
15 Virginia and West Virginia would be moving into the
16 upper midwestern region. He also mentioned that New
17 York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, most of Region 2,
18 minus Virginia and West Virginia, would merge up with
19 Region 1.

20 President Roller asked Board members whether they
21 were happy with the five regions as with the six
22 regions, and Board members agreed subject to
23 discussions with Virginia and New England to see what
24 develops. He mentioned that Ms. McClenaghan and Mr.
25 Johns are also going to Chicago and will vote

1 accordingly.

2 Ms. McClenaghan asked whether NCARB would be
3 providing support to help facilitate the merger with
4 Region 1 and Region 2.

5 Mr. Armstrong explained that they have already
6 done research on the financial side given the bank
7 accounts that exist for each of the regions and how
8 they would transfer and separate out the percent of
9 those dollars that would move with the member states.
10 He noted being prepared to help regional executives
11 transition in terms of making sure the membership
12 have adequate opportunities to convene. He believed
13 being ready but did not know what the final map will
14 look like.

15 Ms. McClenaghan requested information concerning
16 what the transition will look like and how long it
17 will take to complete the transition.

18 Caitlin Stromberg, MPA, Assistant Vice President,
19 Member Relations and Volunteer Engagement, National
20 Council of Architectural Registration Boards,
21 explained that there is a plan in place for it to go
22 into effect by the next business meeting. She noted
23 it would still be six regions at the Regional Summit,
24 but the Regional Leadership Committee would be
25 charged with some of the transition planning over the

1 next year.

2 Ms. Stromberg noted the Regional Summit might
3 look a little different next year in preparation for
4 the transition. She also reported that the Regional
5 Leadership Committee has already started
6 brainstorming ideas. She mentioned Ms. McClenaghan
7 will be joining that committee next year and would be
8 coming her way if it were to pass in terms of
9 planning and staff being fully ready to support any
10 transition.]

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12 Miscellaneous - Appointment - AIA Pennsylvania Update
13 [Stephen M. Swarney, JD, Executive Director, American
14 Institute of Architects Pennsylvania, reminded
15 everybody that the American Institute of Architects
16 (AIA) Tri-States Fusion Conference is in Hershey, PA,
17 November 18-20, 2024. He reported having a very
18 strong partnership with AIA New York and AIA New
19 Jersey. He informed Board members that the
20 conference will be based around artificial
21 intelligence (AI) and touch on design.

22 Mr. Swarney noted AIA is starting a new program
23 this summer called the Business of Architecture and
24 is similar to a Master of Business Administration
25 (MBA) for architects. He stated it will touch upon

1 all the business aspects of running an office and how
2 to advance in an office, starting from entry level to
3 potentially ownership. He mentioned that he and Mr.
4 Potter will have a class, and some members will be
5 involved.

6 Mr. Swarney noted AIA is hiring another full-time
7 administrative coordinator in June to work in all
8 departments, particularly government affairs.

9 Mr. Swarney reminded everyone that the convention
10 is coming up. He noted AIA will be having meetings
11 in Pennsylvania to discuss how to cast votes and
12 touch base with the other chapters to get on the same
13 page. He reported having a strong relationship with
14 NCARB and already having a meeting with Ms. Stromberg
15 and Mr. Armstrong.

16 Mr. Swarney noted AIA has expanded their board
17 and changed bylaws for this year. He mentioned
18 having a couple of at-large positions and starting to
19 look at candidates to sit on the AIA Pennsylvania
20 Board to increase diversity.

21 Mr. Swarney stated President Metzger has done a
22 tremendous job. He noted the next president will be
23 Jamie Ober from the Philadelphia Chapter and
24 anticipated the next president will be a female
25 architect.

1 Mr. Swarney mentioned attending the AIA National
2 Leadership Summit and had some really good
3 congressional meetings and received a lot of positive
4 feedback. He noted Senator Casey's office reached
5 out and offered to assist them with a couple issues.

6 Mr. Swarney announced AIA will be having a
7 virtual year-end report in January with all of their
8 leaders who will be reviewing things AIA has done and
9 be available to answer questions.

10 Amal Mahrouki, Director of Legislative Affairs,
11 American Institute of Architects Pennsylvania, noted
12 AIA Pennsylvania hosted Architects Action Day in
13 April. She reported over 70 legislators and staff
14 attended the legislative reception and received
15 compliments from legislators and members.

16 Ms. Mahrouki addressed issues AIA advocated for
17 at Architects Action Day, including the Statute of
18 Repose. She noted meeting with Chairwoman Lisa Baker
19 and discussing the Board's questions about the
20 reduction in the Statute of Repose from 12 years to 6
21 years.

22 Ms. Mahrouki informed Board members that the
23 Senate Judiciary Committee is focused on criminal
24 justice issues, noting AIA will continue to meet with
25 that committee and committee staff to highlight that

1 issue, in addition to defining the term "lawfully."
2 She mentioned that the issue is something that needs
3 more education from them to the Senate Judiciary
4 Committee.

5 Ms. Mahrouki mentioned there was discussion
6 regarding mandatory continuing education for
7 architects, high performance buildings, and the
8 Whole-Home Repairs Program passed by Senator Nikil
9 Saval. She noted the Whole-Home Repairs Program was
10 not funded last year in the budget but has seen some
11 movement potentially on the federal level. She noted
12 Senator Fetterman has introduced legislation that
13 would create a Whole-Home Repair Program nationally
14 based on Pennsylvania's model.

15 Ms. Mahrouki noted AIA also always advocates for
16 the Uniform Construction Code, updates to
17 accessibility codes, and for school construction
18 funding. She mentioned AIA has been focused on the
19 budget for June 30 and the recommendations from the
20 Basic Education Funding Commission for school
21 facilities funding for Pennsylvania.

22 Ms. Mahrouki stated AIA will be reviewing the new
23 draft of the amendments to the Architects Licensure
24 Law. She addressed changes from the last draft,
25 including certifying interior designers in a separate

1 chapter. She noted it would be a certification only,
2 a title only, and there would be no licensure and no
3 signing and sealing.

4 Ms. Mahrouki also noted they would be changing
5 all of the language around certificates for
6 architects to licenses to avoid confusion. She
7 mentioned that AIA referenced the NCARB Model Law,
8 which was a suggestion at the last Board meeting.

9 Ms. Mahrouki addressed historic preservation,
10 noting there is a cosponsor memo out that has been
11 introduced by Senator Frank Farry and Senator Nikil
12 Saval that would expand the historic preservation tax
13 credit in Pennsylvania.

14 Ms. Mahrouki stated AIA's Housing Committee is
15 putting together guiding principles, noting a lot of
16 housing information and housing legislation is being
17 introduced, and they wanted to make sure that AIA has
18 guiding principles and weighing in on issues in a
19 consistent manner.

20 Mr. Bates asked how soon AIA expects the interior
21 designer piece to move forward.

22 Ms. Mahrouki explained that AIA has been working
23 for over a year to get this in place, noting their
24 goal is to have legislation approved internally by
25 the internal stakeholders of AIA and the Interior

1 Design Legislative Coalition of Pennsylvania (IDLCPA)
2 by the end of the month and then see introduction by
3 the beginning of June.

4 Ms. Mahrouki believed both organizations are on
5 the same page, and AIA has advocated for this within
6 the General Assembly. She hoped to see swift
7 movement once it is introduced.

8 Mr. Swarney commended the legislative staff in
9 the Capitol for their tremendous amount of work,
10 along with colleagues at IDLCPA for standing with
11 their original agreements and being good partners.

12 Ms. Mahrouki noted the end of the year is the end
13 of the legislative session, and they would have to
14 reintroduce and start the process over again after
15 this year.

16 Mr. Bates mentioned that Aram Piligian is going
17 to resign and asked whether AIA PA could help in
18 identifying qualified candidates to fill that seat.

19 Mr. Swarney stated AIA would be happy to put
20 forward some names.

21 Mr. Bates asked whether AIA has a process to flag
22 inappropriate or illegal architectural practice
23 across the state or encourages members to pay
24 attention to those who may be doing something
25 illegally.

1 Ms. Solomon explained that anybody who has any
2 suspicion of unlicensed or improper practice could go
3 to PALS, make a public complaint, and refer it to the
4 prosecution division for review. She noted
5 complaints can be filed anonymously for those who are
6 uncomfortable providing their contact information.

7 Mr. Swarney stated AIA has a committee for that
8 but have not received any formal calls or anybody
9 wanting to fill out anything in the last few months
10 or so. He noted having a webinar a little while ago
11 explaining AIA's process and offered to have another
12 one to remind people what to look for that may be
13 illegal architectural practice.

14 Ms. Mahrouki noted the task force is activated
15 upon receiving a complaint. The task force can help
16 with by pointing them where to go. She stated AIA's
17 Practice Encroachment Task Force is very active, so
18 getting the conversion between hearing something
19 anecdotal to actually filing the complaint is
20 something they could continue to work on.

21 Mr. Swarney commented that the Pennsylvania
22 Society is a great tradition in Pennsylvania that has
23 events in New York City. He noted they are reviving
24 that again this year, which is a reception held with
25 colleagues in the architecture, engineering, and

1 construction (AEC) industry. He mentioned AIA will
2 be providing more details and encouraged members to
3 attend.]

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5 Miscellaneous - Appointment - NCARB Presentation
6 [Michael Armstrong, CEO, National Council of
7 Architectural Registration Boards, informed Board
8 members that he has been with NCARB since 2011 and
9 provided a brief history of his professional
10 background. He noted focusing on the regulatory side
11 of things in his jobs, either in government or
12 adjacent to government.

13 Mr. Armstrong addressed visits to state boards,
14 noting their legal counsel at Venable review current
15 regs and statutes for the jurisdiction via their
16 model law to look where things are in alignment or
17 not. He mentioned the Board can address regulations
18 but is a state legislature issue if it is a statutory
19 impediment.

20 Mr. Armstrong provided examples of where there is
21 not alignment, one of which is the Tri-National
22 Agreement with Canada and Mexico. He explained
23 Pennsylvania currently does not recognize that
24 agreement, even though there is no legislative
25 impediment to recognizing the agreement.

1 Mr. Armstrong believed the Board chooses to
2 consider everything on a case-by-case basis but
3 governing language says that holding an NCARB
4 certificate is prima facie evidence of being eligible
5 for a reciprocal license. He noted not being clear
6 as to why Pennsylvania is not recognizing that
7 certificate holder as being eligible for a reciprocal
8 license.

9 Ms. Harris explained that it was more like the
10 portfolio review factor of it. She noted it is a
11 case-by-case basis with their review and believed
12 that is where it was because it is not set up the
13 same way as other MRAs and is where they turn to
14 individual review.

15 Mr. Armstrong agreed that the process is
16 different and has done, for the other Mutual
17 Recognition Agreements, an analysis of other
18 countries path to licensure versus the U.S. path and
19 determine that those other paths are substantially
20 equivalent. He noted using the United Kingdom as an
21 example, where it does not look quite the same but
22 starts matching up when the elements and licensure
23 steps are broken down.

24 Mr. Armstrong stated the Tri-National Agreement
25 involves a lot more extra work on the part of the

1 candidate and the countries, where the applicant has
2 to be proficient in the language of the country of
3 which they are pursuing a license. He mentioned the
4 issue is usually around Mexico, not so much Canada,
5 because they have a separate agreement with Canada
6 already.

7 Mr. Armstrong noted the Mexican education system
8 and the Mexican path to licensure is different
9 enough, where there is an interview process involving
10 representatives from Canada, Mexico, and the U.S. who
11 review a portfolio and decide based on the criteria
12 that are outlined in the agreement as to whether that
13 candidate has met that criterion.

14 Mr. Armstrong addressed the program, noting they
15 are probably overly rigorous to make sure no one is
16 uncomfortable with how people are being awarded the
17 certificate. He noted that one of the resolutions
18 discussed earlier is to make some adjustments, where
19 they probably have overdone it and do not need to
20 make people wait 10 years of practice to apply, that
21 maybe 5 years is enough. He noted fees have been too
22 restrictive, along with other barriers toward more
23 people using this agreement.

24 Mr. Armstrong offered to discuss Pennsylvania not
25 being in alignment and how the process works with

1 legal counsel offline, and Acting Commissioner
2 Claggett agreed.

3 Mr. Armstrong discussed another matter that would
4 involve AIA, because it would be a statutory change
5 regarding their integrated path to architectural
6 licensure. He stated NCARB encourages National
7 Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB)-accredited
8 programs to realign their curriculum so that a
9 student could work while they are in school, try to
10 pursue getting their Architectural Experience Program
11 (AXP) credit while they are in school, and be exposed
12 to their exam. He mentioned it to be easier with the
13 new practice exams because they can just take the
14 practice exams and not bother with the Architect
15 Registration Examination (ARE).

16 Mr. Armstrong mentioned that someone who enrolls
17 in the Integrated Path to Architectural Licensure
18 (IPAL) or chooses the IPAL track in a school is
19 declared eligible to take the ARE while they are
20 still in school. He noted, by regulation, people are
21 recognized who have taken the ARE pre-graduation
22 through IPAL if it is a reciprocal license because
23 they can govern reciprocity at the regulatory level.

24 Mr. Armstrong noted, at the statutory level for
25 initial licensure, Pennsylvania does not recognize

1 individuals who have taken the ARE before graduating.
2 He provided a hypothetical, where someone went to
3 Drexel through the IPAL program and took and passed
4 an exam while the individual was still in school,
5 ultimately graduated and passed all their AREs, would
6 have to go to another state first to get their
7 license and then come back to Pennsylvania to get a
8 reciprocal license. He commented that there is a
9 statutory barrier to initial licensure for people who
10 took the exam before graduation.

11 Chair Roller stated they had Drexel grad's
12 license be recognized, where some of that actually is
13 in regulations that are wending their way through the
14 morass of Pennsylvania regulation amendments. He
15 noted that could be cured with the revised
16 regulation.

17 Mr. Armstrong offered to provide supporting
18 language for that legislation.

19 Mr. Armstrong referred to the annual business
20 meeting in Chicago, noting NCARB is anticipating a
21 big turnout. He mentioned a pretty high interest in
22 resolutions and having a special lunch for first-time
23 attendees. He addressed workshops and first ever at-
24 large elections. He reminded everybody that the
25 board seats are open to people who have either served

1 for two years on a state licensing board or have
2 served for two years as a volunteer on an NCARB
3 committee.

4 Mr. Armstrong informed everyone that President
5 John Baker is the first NCARB president since 1959
6 who did not graduate from a NAAB-accredited program.
7 He referred to their initiative called pathways to
8 practice, where the hope is to persuade more
9 jurisdictions to do what Pennsylvania has done and
10 recognize the many paths toward licensure that best
11 adapt to the individual's way of learning and
12 demonstrating competence. There is no one way to get
13 there as long as everybody meets the requirements for
14 licensure.

15 Mr. Armstrong reported at least 3 jurisdictions,
16 in addition to the 17 that already allow multiple
17 paths, are contemplating statutory changes. He
18 mentioned that many cases will require statutory
19 changes, and alliances will be needed with the AIA
20 community.

21 Mr. Armstrong noted it to be a win not only the
22 profession but also for the public they serve, where
23 people can have access to an architect who has the
24 same perspective they have about their community and
25 concerns, which is important in the national

1 conversation about inclusion and equity.

2 Mr. Armstrong discussed prioritizing outreach to
3 community colleges. He noted meeting with community
4 colleges first and then NAAB-accredited programs. He
5 mentioned there is not a lot of consistency with
6 community colleges in terms of who offers an
7 associate's degree, who has an articulation agreement
8 with a NAAB-accredited program for transfer of
9 credits.

10 Mr. Armstrong noted the importance of learning
11 about community college education to be able to
12 design a new entry portal for licensure that affirms
13 community college education counts toward the
14 licensure path. He mentioned that firms are finding
15 that a lot of community college students seem to have
16 better practical skills.

17 Mr. Armstrong stated what is being taught in
18 community colleges is arguably as relevant or more
19 relevant to what they care about with licensure. He
20 believed they can learn a lot from community colleges
21 and maybe destigmatize community college education.

22 Mr. Armstrong noted they are moving toward a new
23 competency framework for licensure that their board
24 will be officially adopting in September. He
25 referred to the chairs of the executive summit in

1 October 2024 in Fargo, North Dakota, where there will
2 be discussion concerning competency and revisiting
3 their exam, experience program, and other measurement
4 and assessment tools to redesign the licensure
5 toolkit.

6 Mr. Armstrong stated their committees will be
7 focused on this with workshops, emails, webinars, and
8 one-on-one conversations. He mentioned that no
9 matter where someone is in the political spectrum
10 that elected officials have legitimate concerns about
11 the regulatory process. He noted the importance of
12 having a more contemporary perspective and providing
13 leadership and data by looking at processes that
14 exist in other countries as well as other
15 professions.

16 Mr. Armstrong stated NCARB has been in
17 conversation with their counterparts for landscape
18 architecture at the Council of Landscape
19 Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB), interior
20 design at the Council for Interior Design at
21 Qualification (CIDQ), and engineering and surveying
22 at the National Council of Examiners for Engineering
23 and Surveying (NCEES). He noted the group of four,
24 including NCARB, is called the Interorganizational
25 Council on Regulation (ICOR), and every December/

1 January their leaders caucus at a summit and staff
2 meets every summer.

3 Mr. Armstrong stated the issue of overlapping
4 practice is not addressed in their model law, which
5 is a point of confusion for most member boards, and
6 creates an enforcement dilemma as well. He discussed
7 finding a way to codify what is acceptable
8 overlapping practice and a way to write model law
9 language where all four organizations could agree on
10 the same words if they choose to use it.

11 Mr. Armstrong noted having a steering committee
12 chaired by Wendy Ornelas, along with Kristine Harding
13 and Bob Calvani as members. He reported being close
14 to delivering model law language and to socialize the
15 idea at each of their annual meetings with NCARB
16 being first in June.

17 Mr. Armstrong noted NCARB will be seeking
18 feedback from member boards at the annual meeting on
19 how likely the model law would be adoptable in their
20 state or how much work they need to do.

21 Mr. Bates commented that Pennsylvania has been
22 pretty successful in working out practice boundaries
23 between engineers, architects, and landscape
24 architects for quite some time but not so much in
25 other parts of the country.

1 Mr. Armstrong mentioned that engineers and
2 architects are more established professions and are
3 more immediately recognized by legislators as part of
4 the professional community. He noted that
5 establishing legitimacy as a profession for landscape
6 architects and interior designers has been a
7 difficult process.

8 Mr. Armstrong reported seeing more and more firms
9 in the design field blending those four disciplines
10 in one firm and offering all of those services as a
11 team to a client. He noted the importance of making
12 sure there is not unfair or inappropriate
13 competition, and NCARB's mission is to and to assist
14 member boards in protecting the public.

15 Ms. McClenaghan requested information regarding
16 how at-large applicants came about and referred to
17 discussion about NCARB having a committee that vetted
18 or made sure the applicants were diverse.

19 Mr. Armstrong explained that a workgroup came up
20 with proposals, including a nominating committee but
21 the membership felt that was giving power to a group
22 to be kingmakers or queenmakers and believed the
23 membership as a whole should make that decision.

24 Mr. Armstrong noted it was decided that the
25 Credentials Committee would determine whether the

1 candidates are eligible, where eligibility is simply
2 that someone had to have served on a state or a
3 member licensing board for two years or had been an
4 appointee to an NCARB committee for two years. He
5 mentioned that beyond that it is up to the membership
6 to review their biographies and make a decision on
7 the best qualified.

8 Mr. Armstrong reported that of the current 10 who
9 are running, 2 are member board members, and the
10 other 8 either have not served on a member board or
11 have termed off of their member board. He also
12 reported white males are a definite minority of the
13 10, noting they achieved their goal.

14 Mr. Armstrong informed Board members that NCARB
15 will have a booth at the AIA Convention. He also
16 mentioned they are hosting the Maryland Board, D.C.
17 Board, and Virginia Board at their booth since they
18 are proximate to Washington and might have registered
19 architects or candidates in those jurisdictions.

20 Chair Roller thanked Mr. Armstrong and Ms.
21 Stromberg for their presentation.]

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23 Report of Board President - Discussion of At-Large
24 Candidates

25 [Jerry K. Roller, RA, President, asked Board members

1 how they would like to allocate their votes.

2 Ms. McClenaghan commented that Ronnie McGhee
3 summed it up best by saying the positions are really
4 for people who would not otherwise have the
5 opportunity and mentioned that she was impressed with
6 Marcus Thomas from North Carolina, Julio Sanders from
7 Georgia, and Kevin Singh from Louisiana.

8 Mr. Bates agreed with some of the ones Ms.
9 McClenaghan mentioned and would be okay with adding
10 to the diversity through the vote, noting he would
11 trust Chair Roller, Ms. McClenaghan, and Mr. Johns'
12 judgment.

13 Chair Roller asked anybody on the Board with an
14 interest to look through the video. He mentioned
15 there would be more opportunity to hear from these
16 people at the annual business meeting and suggested
17 feedback so the Board could come to a consensus. He
18 believed that the addition will accomplish the vision
19 of the Board by having people with different paths.]

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21 Report of Board President - NCARB Correspondence
22 [Jerry K. Roller, RA, President, referred to NCARB
23 correspondence for the Board's review.]

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25 Report of Board Administrator

1 [Jessica Harris, Board Administrator, requested Board
2 approval for the proposed 2025, 2026, and 2027 Board
3 meeting dates.

4 Chair Roller commented that scheduling meetings
5 on Mondays and Fridays makes it difficult for people
6 to attend in Harrisburg and suggested Tuesday,
7 Wednesday, or Thursday for meetings listed on Friday.

8 Ms. Harris offered to double check, noting she
9 did schedule all Thursdays in 2027, and there are 29
10 boards scheduling meetings in that space.

11 Acting Commissioner Claggett stated the dates
12 before the Board are the available dates because all
13 of the board meetings are in the boardroom and not
14 any other rooms because the space would not allow for
15 the public to join. He mentioned that most people do
16 not attend in person and is not a big conflict. He
17 also informed Board members that they could change
18 the meeting date if there is a cancelation from
19 another board.

20 Chair Roller proposed an amendment to the
21 approval that they ask the Board administrator to see
22 if there are alternatives to the Friday dates for
23 meetings regularly held.

24 Ms. Harris again offered to double check, noting
25 2025 was a challenge and is why she is scheduling out

1 so far in advance, noting 2027 has all of their
2 normal dates.]

3 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

4 We need a motion for this.

5 MS. MCCLENAGHAN:

6 I'll make a motion.

7 MR. BATES:

8 I'll second.

9 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

10 Ms. McClenaghan, would you call the
11 roll, please?

12

13 Mr. Roller, yes; Mr. Claggett, aye; Mr.
14 Bates, yes; Mr. Burns, yes; Mr. Johns,
15 aye; Ms. McClenaghan, aye; Mr.
16 Piligian, yes.

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 Applications - ARE Approved Applications

20 [Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
21 Board decided to table the application of Stephen
22 Foss at agenda item 9 to obtain further information
23 and clarification related to his application.]

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25 MS. GOSHERT:

1 At agenda item 10, based on Executive
2 Session deliberations, I believe the
3 Board would entertain a motion to
4 provisionally deny the ARE Approval
5 Application of Sean Keffer.

6 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

7 Do I have a motion?

8 MS. MCCLENAGHAN:

9 I'll make a motion.

10 MR. BATES:

11 Second.

12 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

13 Ms. McClenaghan, please call the roll.

14

15 Mr. Roller, yes; Mr. Claggett, aye; Mr.
16 Bates, yes; Mr. Burns, yes; Mr. Johns,
17 aye; Ms. McClenaghan, aye; Mr.
18 Piligian, yes.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 Requests - ARE Accommodations (Approved)

22 MS. GOSHERT:

23 At agenda item 11, I believe the Board
24 would entertain a motion to ratify the
25 approval of the ARE Accommodation

1 requested by Stephen Chelius.

2 MS. MCCLENAGHAN:

3 I'll make a motion.

4 MR. BATES:

5 Second.

6 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

7 Please call the roll, Ms. McClenaghan.

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9 Mr. Roller, yes; Mr. Claggett, aye; Mr.

10 Bates, yes; Mr. Burns, yes; Mr. Johns,

11 aye; Ms. McClenaghan, aye; Mr.

12 Piligian, yes.

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 Adjournment

16 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

17 This meeting is adjourned. Thank you
18 very much for participating and thanks
19 for the folks at NCARB for coming to
20 see us.

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22 [There being no further business, the State
23 Architects Licensure Board Meeting adjourned at
24 12:09 p.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Architects Licensure Board meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Architects Licensure Board meeting.



Rachel Wilbur-Adams,
Minute Clerk
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