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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: 10:36 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

January 11, 2024

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State Architects Licensure Board
January 11, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:

- Jerry K. Roller, RA, President
- Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
- William J. Bates, RA, Secretary
- Jonathan Burns, Esquire, Deputy Attorney General, Office of Attorney General
- Michael Johns, RA
- Mary E. McClenaghan, RA, Vice President
- Aram Piligian Jr., RA

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

- Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
- Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel
- Ray Michalowski, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor and Prosecution Liaison
- Angela L. Solomon, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
- Jessica Harris, Board Administrator
- Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of State
- Carlton Smith, Deputy Chief Counsel, Prosecution Division
- Deena Parmelee, Legal Office Administrator 1, Department of State

ALSO PRESENT:

- Anthony S. Potter, Esquire, General Counsel, American Institute of Architects Pennsylvania
- David Kent, Project Architect, HHS DR Architects and Engineers, Inc.
- Matthew Ford

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2 State Architects Licensure Board

3 January 11, 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 Thursday,
14 January 11, 2024. Jerry K. Roller, RA, President,
15 called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

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17 Introduction of Board Members

18 [President Roller requested a roll call of Board
19 members.]

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21 Introduction of Attendees

22 [President Roller requested an introduction of
23 attendees.]

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25 [Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the

1 Board entered into Executive Session with Board
2 Counsel for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
3 deliberations and to receive the advice of counsel.

4 Ms. Goshert also reminded everyone that the
5 meeting was being recorded and voluntary
6 participation constituted consent to be recorded.]

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8 Amendment to the Agenda

9 MS. GOSHERT:

10 Based on discussions prior to public
11 session, I believe there is a motion to
12 amend today's agenda to include a
13 discussion related to attendance at
14 NCARB's Annual Meeting to be held in
15 June.

16 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

17 Do I have a motion for that
18 modification to the agenda?

19 MR. JOHNS:

20 So moved.

21 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

22 Do I have a second?

23 MR. PILIGIAN:

24 Second.

25 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

1 Ms. McClenaghan, would you call the
2 roll?

3 [Mary McClenaghan experienced technical difficulties]

4 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

5 Jess, please call the roll.

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7 Mr. Roller, yes; Mr. Claggett, aye; Mr.
8 Bates, yes; Mr. Burns, yes; Mr. Johns,
9 aye; Ms. McClenaghan, yes; Mr.
10 Piligian, yes.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 Report of Board President - Election of Officers

14 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

15 Do I have a nomination for the position
16 of President?

17 MS. MCCLENAGHAN:

18 I'll nominate Jerry Roller.

19 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

20 Do I have a second?

21 MR. Piligian:

22 Second.

23 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

24 Are there any other nominations for
25 President?

1 MS. GOSHERT:

2 Mr. Roller, do you accept the
3 nomination?

4 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

5 I accept the nomination.

6 MS. GOSHERT:

7 Is there a motion to elect Mr. Roller
8 as President of the Board?

9 MR. BATES:

10 So moved.

11 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

12 I have a motion. We need a second?

13 MS. MCCLLENAGHAN:

14 I'll second it.

15 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

16 Jessica, would you please call the
17 roll?

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

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

1 Do I have a nomination for Vice
2 President of the Board?

3 MR. BATES:

4 I would nominate Mary McClenaghan for
5 Vice President.

6 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

7 Do I have a second?

8 MR. JOHNS:

9 Second.

10 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

11 Are there any other nominations? Ms.
12 McClenaghan, would you accept the
13 nomination?

14 MS. MCCLENAGHAN:

15 Yes.

16 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

17 Motion to elect Ms. McClenaghan as Vice
18 President.

19 MR. JOHNS:

20 Motion to elect Ms. McClenaghan as Vice
21 President.

22 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

23 I have a motion. Do I have a second?

24 MR. BATES:

25 Second.

1 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

2 Please call the roll.

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4 Mr. Roller, yes; Mr. Claggett, aye; Mr.
5 Bates, yes; Mr. Burns, yes; Mr. Johns,
6 aye; Ms. McClenaghan, yes; Mr.
7 Piligian, yes.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

11 Do I have a nomination for Secretary of
12 the Board?

13 MS. MCCLENAGHAN:

14 I'll nominate Bill Bates.

15 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

16 We have a nomination for Bill Bates.
17 Do we have a second?

18 MR. JOHNS:

19 Second.

20 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

21 Do I have other nominations for
22 Secretary?

23 Mr. Bates, will you accept the
24 nomination?

25 MR. BATES:

1 Yes.

2 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

3 Could I have a motion to approve Bill
4 Bates as Secretary of the Board?

5 MR. JOHNS:

6 Motion to approve.

7 MS. MCCLLENAGHAN:

8 Second.

9 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

10 Can we have a roll call, please?

11

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

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

17

18 Approval of minutes of the November 9, 2023 meeting

19 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

20 Moving on to approval of the minutes
21 from November 9. Are there any
22 additions or corrections to the
23 minutes?

24 MS. MCCLLENAGHAN:

25 Page 2 line 32, Gloria does not have a

1 last name. Page 3 line 10, we did not
2 start at 10:30 a.m. We started at
3 11:08 a.m.

4 [The Board discussed corrections to the minutes.]

5 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

6 Let's defer that and come back to it.

7 If we can do it, we'll do it now.

8 If not, we'll defer this until the
9 next meeting.

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11 Miscellaneous - Appointment - American Institute of
12 Architects (AIA) Pennsylvania Update

13 [Anthony S. Potter, Esquire, General Counsel,
14 American Institute of Architects Pennsylvania,
15 informed Board members that the new AIA Pennsylvania
16 Board members will be sworn in and brought into the
17 AIA functioning board at the first meeting of the
18 year on January 25.

19 Mr. Potter provided a brief update on where they
20 stand with discussions on interior design. He
21 reported that the discussion is moving forward,
22 noting they provided responses back to the joint
23 conference on behalf of AIA. He mentioned Ms.
24 Mahrouki would be attending a meeting on January 15
25 with members of the legislature and members of the

1 committee. He stated they continue to work in a
2 collaborative nature with both the legislature and
3 organizations who are working toward trying to get
4 legislation passed.

5 President Roller asked whether legislation has
6 been introduced or whether it is still being drafted.

7 Mr. Potter stated the legislation is still being
8 drafted and offered to provide a copy once the
9 legislation has been introduced.]

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11 Report of Prosecutorial Division

12 [Angela L. Solomon, Esquire, Board Prosecution
13 Liaison, had nothing to offer from the prosecutorial
14 division.]

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16 Report of Prosecutorial Division - Appointment -

17 Annual Prosecution Division Presentation

18 [Carlton Smith, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,
19 Prosecution Division, informed Board members that he
20 assumed his role in March 2023 when Carolyn
21 DeLaurentis was promoted to the executive deputy
22 chief counsel position and provided a brief history
23 of his professional background.

24 Mr. Smith reported a decrease in the number of
25 Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs

1 (BPOA) complaints for all boards and commissions from
2 roughly 22,000 in 2022 to 19,000 in 2023.

3 Mr. Smith presented the 2023 Prosecution
4 Division's Annual Report for the State Architects
5 Licensure Board. He reported roughly 1,100 active
6 licensees with 271 opened cases in 2023. He noted
7 159 open cases and 210 closed cases. He stated the
8 average number of days to close a case from the time
9 the complaint is received until disposition was 171
10 days in 2023. He also reported the most common
11 discipline in 2023 was mostly fines by way of a
12 citation, noting 6 fines under Act 48.

13 Mr. Smith addressed cases where there was no
14 discipline and referred to prosecution not warranted
15 under Z02 and warning letters under Z18. He stated
16 warning letters seem to be the most common method of
17 cases for the Board when discipline is not sought.

18 President Roller thanked Mr. Smith for the report
19 and the diligence of the prosecutorial division.]

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21 Report of Board Counsel

22 MS. GOSHERT:

23 Item 3 is review of the Final
24 Adjudication and Order for Case No. 22-
25 41-013755, for Applicant, David Kent.

1 Based on Executive Session
2 deliberations, I believe the Board
3 would entertain a motion to approve the
4 Final Adjudication and Order.

5 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

6 Do I have a motion to approve that
7 Adjudication and Order?

8 MR. PILIGIAN:

9 So moved.

10 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

11 Do I have a second?

12 MR. BATES:

13 Second.

14 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

15 Ms. Harris, would you call the roll?

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

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

19 aye; Ms. McClenaghan, yes; Mr.

20 Piligian, yes.

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Update

24 [Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, Office of

25 Chief Counsel, again mentioned that the counsel

1 division has recently gone from one attorney working
2 full-time on nothing but regulation writing and
3 reviewing to three attorneys, and he was assigned to
4 be the designated regulatory attorney for the Board.

5 Mr. Farrell noted the Board currently has three
6 open regulation packages. He addressed Act 41
7 licensure by endorsement, noting it continues to work
8 its way through the many layers of internal review
9 and approval.

10 Mr. Farrell also noted the Board has a general
11 revisions package and a rolling clock package. He
12 mentioned that the language for the changes to be
13 made has been approved and agreed upon and is a
14 matter of putting together the formal rulemaking
15 documents.

16 Mr. Farrell suggested merging the rolling clock
17 package into the general revisions package because
18 they are currently running parallel and believed it
19 would make more sense to merge the subject matter of
20 the rolling clock into the general revisions. He
21 explained that there is no practical reason to keep
22 the rolling clock package separate at this point
23 because they already waived the rolling clock
24 provision.

25 President Roller commented that they were both

1 approved by the Board did not believe anybody has any
2 objection with putting those together. He requested
3 an update regarding the general regulations.

4 Mr. Farrell reported extensive discussions in
5 March and May with Ms. O'Malley. He explained that
6 the annex has been drafted and agreed upon after some
7 very detailed changes. He stated they would need to
8 prepare the rest of the rulemaking documents and is
9 hoping to have something for the Board's review at
10 the next Board meeting in March.

11 Mr. Farrell noted the most sense would be to
12 merge the rolling clock regulation into general
13 revisions and present everything to the Board in one
14 package for review one last time.

15 President Roller mentioned that it was on the
16 Board's agenda when he joined the Board six years ago
17 stated it is his goal to have it finished before he
18 leaves the Board in two years. He asked whether Mr.
19 Farrell could take what they have to the next step
20 for review.

21 Mr. Farrell mentioned that it is not going to be
22 anything new and would just be a merger of the two
23 and offered to send it on its way.

24 Acting Commissioner Claggett suggested the Board
25 see the package one more time before it goes

1 somewhere else, so there is no discussion after Mr.
2 Farrell starts the process.

3 Ms. Goshert stated they could officially merge
4 those together and put it on the agenda for the Board
5 to take another look at the package.

6 President Roller also requested a projected
7 timetable for approval of the regulations when the
8 new package is presented to the Board. He stated
9 there are many licensing review items that the Board
10 has agreed to change but still needs changed because
11 what they want to do as a Board does not match what
12 is in their current regulations.

13 President Roller commented that it is time to
14 revise the set of regulations because they have not
15 been revised since 1983. He requested everything be
16 ready to go at the March meeting, along with
17 counsel's best guess as to when, where, and how it
18 gets processed.]

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20 Report of Board Counsel

21 [Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, addressed
22 upcoming legislation regarding interior design and
23 continuing education. She informed Board members
24 that she would continue to keep everyone updated.

25 President Roller asked whether it was

1 appropriate for the Board to comment on that
2 legislation.

3 Acting Commissioner Claggett suggested any
4 Board's comments on the legislation be sent to Mr.
5 McDonald.

6 President Roller stated he circulated any issues
7 and comments through Ms. Goshert's office and asked
8 whether the Board wanted to make any formal comments
9 on the proposed legislation. He suggested the Board
10 put it on their agenda, formally review it, and
11 provide comments and recommendations to the
12 legislature once they actually have the legislation.

13 President Roller requested Ms. Harris place it on
14 the agenda for March, assuming that something
15 actually gets drafted, for circulation and comment on
16 that legislature, particularly the continuing
17 education.

18 President Roller mentioned that Pennsylvania is
19 one of three states in the country that does not have
20 continuing education for architects and puts their
21 licensees at a disadvantage because many states will
22 accept continuing education from their home state in
23 lieu of their particular requirements. He noted it
24 would allow licensees who have reciprocal licenses to
25 simply satisfy Pennsylvania.

1 Mr. Farrell noted the policy office will ask
2 counsel to prepare a memorandum and seek Board's
3 input to the extent the legislation moves.]

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5 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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7 Report of Board President - Attendance at NCARB
8 Regional Summit

9 [Jerry K. Roller, RA, President, asked whether any
10 Board members were interested in attending the 2024
11 National Council of Architectural Registration Boards
12 (NCARB) Regional Summit in Savannah, Georgia, March
13 1-2. He mentioned that funding should be available
14 through Region 2 stated he would be attending, along
15 with Mr. Johns and Ms. McClenaghan. He suggested Mr.
16 Bates inform Ms. Harris if he decides to attend, so
17 she could contact Region 2 to verify funding.

18 President Roller asked whether any Board members
19 would like to be considered so they could get state
20 approval for travel for the NCARB Annual Business
21 Meeting in Chicago, June 13-15. He requested Ms.
22 Harris get authorization for Mr. Bates, Ms.
23 McClenaghan, Mr. Johns, and himself, and placed on
24 the agenda at the next meeting to decide who is going
25 and what funding may be requested.]

1 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

2 I would like a motion to authorize
3 myself, Ms. McClenaghan, Mr. Johns, and
4 Mr. Bates to attend the NCARB Regional
5 Conference in Savannah, March 1-2, with
6 funding to be arranged through NCARB
7 and NCARB Region 2.

8 MS. MCCLLENAGHAN:

9 I'll make a motion.

10 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

11 I have a motion. Do I have a second?

12 MR. BATES:

13 Second.

14 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

15 Ms. Harris, would you call the roll?

16

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

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

22

23 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

24 I would entertain a motion for Mr.
25 Johns, Mr. Bates, myself, and Ms.

1 in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* regarding construction
2 safety and the role of professionals in construction
3 safety.]

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5 Report of Board President - NCARB Correspondence
6 [Jerry K. Roller, RA, President, referred to NCARB
7 correspondence and asked whether there were any
8 questions or comments regarding NCARB's Fast Facts,
9 Update, or Data by Jurisdiction but did not hear any
10 comments.]

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12 Report of Board President - Application Committee
13 Discussion

14 MS. GOSHERT:

15 I believe the Board would entertain a
16 motion to create a three-person
17 Application Review Committee and grant
18 the committee the authority to grant
19 applications when the majority of the
20 committee, should be two people, agrees
21 to grant the application with later
22 ratification of the Board.

23 If there is not a majority from the
24 Application Review Committee to grant
25 the application, the application would

1 then go to the Board for review by the
2 Board in full.

3 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

4 Do we have a motion?

5 MS. MCCLENAGHAN:

6 I'll make a motion.

7 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

8 Do we have a second?

9 MR. BATES:

10 Second.

11 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

12 I have a motion and a second to create
13 an Application Committee. Ms. Harris,
14 would you call the roll, please?

15

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

20 [The motion carried unanimously. Volunteers for the
21 Application Review Committee are Ms. McClenaghan, Mr.
22 Piligian, and Mr. Johns.]

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24 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

25

1 Applications - Reciprocity without NCARB Applications

2 MS. GOSHERT:

3 Agenda item 10, Jack Nelson. I
4 believe, in accordance with discussions
5 in Executive Session, the Board would
6 entertain a motion to approve that
7 Application.

8 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

9 Do I have a motion?

10 MR. BATES:

11 So moved.

12 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

13 Do we have a second?

14 MR. PILIGIAN:

15 Second.

16 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

17 Please call the roll.

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

23 [The motion carried. Mary McClenaghan opposed the
24 motion.]

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1 MS. GOSHERT:

2 Agenda item 11, Jaime Rasmussen. I
3 believe the Board would entertain a
4 motion to approve that Application.

5 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

6 Do I have a motion?

7 MR. BATES:

8 So moved.

9 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

10 Do I have a second?

11 MR. JOHNS:

12 Second.

13 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

14 Please call the roll.

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

20 [The motion carried. Mary McClenaghan opposed the
21 motion.]

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23 MS. GOSHERT:

24 Agenda item 12. I believe, in
25 accordance with discussions in

1 Executive Session, the Board would
2 entertain a motion to approve the
3 Application of Daniel Deceder.

4 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

5 Do I have a motion for that approval?

6 MR. BATES:

7 So moved.

8 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

9 Do I have a second?

10 MR. JOHNS:

11 Second.

12 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

13 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, nay; Mr.
18 Piligian, yes.

19 [The motion carried. Mary McClenaghan opposed the
20 motion.]

21

22 MS. GOSHERT:

23 Agenda item 13. In accordance with
24 discussions in Executive Session, I
25 believe the Board would entertain a

1 motion to approve the Application of
2 Tamara Clarke.

3 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

4 Do I have a motion?

5 MS. MCCLENAGHAN:

6 I'll make a motion.

7 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

8 Do I have a second?

9 MR. BATES:

10 Second.

11 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

12 Please call the roll.

13

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

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 Report of Board President - NCARB Discussion

21 [Jerry K. Roller, RA, President, informed everyone of
22 various discussions on the part of NCARB realigning
23 the regions and encouraged everyone to attend the
24 listening sessions available from NCARB and report
25 any information back to the Board. He noted the

1 importance of having a discussion prior to the annual
2 meeting, so they could respond as a Board.

3 Ms. McClenaghan mentioned that realigning regions
4 is also going to be discussed at NCARB's Regional
5 Summit because Region 2 needs to know how each one of
6 the states within Region 2 is thinking and whether
7 they are pro or con. She noted the Board needed to
8 have some kind of decision or talking points to
9 convey to Region 2 and suggested they discuss the
10 issue now because NCARB's Regional Summit is at the
11 end of February before the next Board meeting.

12 Ms. McClenaghan explained that NCARB has a
13 committee that is looking at the realignment of not
14 only Regions 1 and 2 but also regions in the Midwest.
15 She stated Region 2 is requesting feedback from all
16 of the boards.

17 Ms. McClenaghan mentioned that NCARB is thinking
18 about having some kind of meeting with the leadership
19 from Region 1, but if the majority of states in
20 Region 2 are against it, they are going to go with
21 what Region 2 is thinking. She stated it reduces the
22 executive committee by merging everyone, where it is
23 a far larger region, but they are going to lose
24 representation.

25 President Roller asked whether Ms. McClenaghan

1 heard anything further in terms of which scheme seems
2 to be coming to the fore. He mentioned that he had
3 seen just the original idea of joining 1 and 2,
4 realignment of 1 and 2, and a very strange
5 equalization of numbers plan that puts Pennsylvania
6 in cahoots with Chicago, which seems to be the wrong
7 way to go.

8 Ms. McClenaghan stated they are trying to align
9 it so that the same number of people are in each
10 region to make it as equal as possible. She
11 mentioned that one of the regions in the Midwest is
12 still low compared to everybody else no matter what
13 is done.

14 Mr. Bates commented that it is similar to what
15 AIA went through with its dissolution of regions and
16 shifting to states only. He asked Ms. McClenaghan
17 what she believed would benefit Pennsylvania.

18 Ms. McClenaghan stated she would be against it
19 because their voice just gets further diminished and
20 they are adding at-large people at somebody else's
21 selection that varies with every new president. She
22 heard Region 1 is also against it because they think
23 their voice will be completely gone. She noted they
24 are couching it like it would increase diversity,
25 inclusion, and equity; but she did not see how they

1 are doing that because somebody is hand-selecting the
2 at-large members and could elect anybody.

3 Ms. McClenaghan mentioned that Region 2 is fairly
4 diverse compared to Region 1, noting it makes the
5 numbers look good but does not necessarily act in
6 their favor. She stated there were not many pro
7 comments at the last Region 2 meeting, noting there
8 is really no reason for it aside from the diversity
9 and equity issue.

10 Mr. Piligian mentioned that he did not get a
11 sense that they had a good reason to do it or that it
12 had any benefit at the national meeting. He also did
13 not see how it would help with diversity issues.

14 President Roller stated Board members should
15 continue to listen to the conversations at this point
16 but would probably need a vote in May to figure out
17 how they want to vote as a state. He noted Ms.
18 McClenaghan is looking for feedback for the Region 2
19 meeting in March.

20 President Roller reiterated what he said when
21 they were trying to do this as part of board
22 revisions, where if it is valuable to have one or two
23 more board members from another source, just expand
24 the board, noting the downside of going from a 14 to
25 15- or 16-person board seems de minimis. He

1 commented that he had no objection to expanding the
2 Board but did not see a benefit to the state to
3 dilute their representation.

4 President Roller stated NCARB is divided into six
5 regions with Pennsylvania being Region 2 and having
6 seven states. He mentioned that they are relatively
7 organized based on the way the country functions. He
8 noted the trouble is that Region 1 and Regions 4 and
9 5 have a relatively few number of architects because
10 they are less populous states.

11 President Roller mentioned that this all came out
12 of a reorganization of the national board, where they
13 were looking to provide other paths of board
14 membership besides just coming from one of the
15 regions. He noted they were looking for at-large
16 board members and added two with the idea that they
17 might be more diverse coming from board committees
18 and other sources of people who had not served on a
19 state board necessarily and had not been active
20 elsewhere in NCARB.

21 President Roller mentioned that the
22 recommendation was from diversity consultants on how
23 to make it a more diverse group, and they are now
24 coming back to reintroduce this because there was no
25 support last year. He noted the Board would decide

1 in May how Pennsylvania is going to vote but might
2 have a discussion in March after the NCARB Regional
3 Summit because what comes out of the meeting in March
4 is where the consensus may be in terms of what should
5 be proposed or not proposed.

6 Acting Commissioner Claggett will support
7 anything related to diversity, equity, and inclusion
8 (DEI) and was curious as to the outcome when it comes
9 before the Board.

10 President Roller commented that the attitude is
11 not anti-DEI but what is the best way to achieve DEI.
12 He believed more members should be added to the Board
13 if they need diversity.

14 Ms. McClenaghan mentioned that she has a problem
15 with the new president selecting the two at-large
16 positions being added because there was no guarantee
17 of the selection of a diverse individual. She
18 believed the wording should be changed to guarantee
19 diversity in those two at-large positions.

20 President Roller commented that the trouble with
21 diversity in the profession is that the people who
22 are actually in the profession are less diverse than
23 anybody would like them to be. He mentioned that
24 gender diversity is pretty good and suspected they
25 will get to a point where there is other diversity.

1 Ms. Harris mentioned that they wanted the
2 positions to be at-large positions because they did
3 not necessarily have to be NCARB certificate holders
4 because that requires a National Architectural
5 Accrediting Board (NAAB) degree. She stated it opens
6 it up to people who have become architects through
7 various alternative paths.

8 Ms. McClenaghan mentioned that they also have to
9 serve on an NCARB committee and have already narrowed
10 down that group to NCARB committees.

11 Mr. Bates noted it to be challenging given only
12 2% of the population of architects are African-
13 American, where it makes it difficult to find people
14 who are in a position to volunteer time and energy to
15 something like NCARB.

16 Ms. Harris addressed a similar situation, where
17 the PA State Board of Accountancy went through
18 realignment and were put with Michigan, noting there
19 is now a time-change difference, and the Board
20 administrator cannot attend many of the meetings.

21 Ms. McClenaghan asked whether they could petition
22 the governor to help make all of the boards in the
23 Commonwealth more diverse.

24 Acting Commissioner Claggett was working on a
25 plan with the governor's office to make all boards

1 more diverse and to maintain that diversity when
2 terms end.

3 Ms. Harris referred to the Texas Board of
4 Architectural Examiners, noting they actually have a
5 seat that is required for somebody who has some sort
6 of disability because of the way the Americans with
7 Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements affect architects
8 so strongly.

9 President Roller encouraged everybody to join one
10 of the listening sessions to prepare for further
11 discussion at the March 20 meeting.]

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13 Adjournment

14 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

15 Motion to adjourn?

16 MS. MCCLLENAGHAN:

17 I'll make a motion to adjourn.

18 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

19 Thank you. We are now adjourned.

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21 [There being no further business, the State
22 Architects Licensure Board Meeting adjourned at
23 11:56 a.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.



Matthew Ford,
Minute Clerk
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12	10:36	Official Call to Order
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14	10:36	Introduction of Board Members
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16	10:37	Introduction of Attendees
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18	10:38	Amendment to the Agenda
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20	10:40	Report of Board President
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22	10:48	Miscellaneous - Appointment
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24	10:51	Report of Prosecutorial Division -
25		Appointment - Carlton Smith, Deputy
26		Chief Counsel, Annual Prosecution
27		Division Report
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