

MINUTES
SC Board of Architectural Examiners
Videoconference Board Meeting
9:30 a.m., November 3, 2020
Columbia, SC

Meeting Called to Order

Katherine Schwennsen, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Other members participating were Sanders Tate, Charles Muldrow, Brad Smith, and Anthony Lawrence.

Staff members participating in this meeting included Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Alice DeBorde, Program Coordinator; Donnell Jennings, Tracey Solet, and Courtney Clark; LLR Office of Disciplinary Counsel; and Stacey Hewson, Advice Counsel.

Andrew Rogerson, AIA, NCARB State Licensing Advisor, and Katherine Boone (Creel Court Reporting) also attended.

Statement of Public Notice

Schwennsen announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Architectural Examiners office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of the May 5, 2020, Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented. Lawrence/Smith/Approved

Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda with the following revisions: remove Item 7, "Election of Officers," which was done at the May meeting, and switch the order of the disciplinary hearings on Item 9. Muldrow/Lawrence/Approved.

Approval of Excused Absences

No excused absences.

Reports

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report

No cases to report and no Investigative Review Report for this meeting.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

As of October 22, 2020, eleven (11) cases have been opened. Ten (10) cases have been closed, five (5) are pending action and two (2) are pending hearings. The board accepted this as information.

Administrator's Report

Number of Active Credentials by Prefix and
Subcategory
Board: ARCHITECT
as of 10/28/2019

Credential	Description	Count
AR	Architect	4141
ARA	Partnership Firm	10
ARB	Business Corporation Firm	132
ARC	Professional Association Firm	66
ARD	Sole Proprietor Firm	20
ARF	Firms	1344
	Subt Total	5713

Licensure Statistics – Active licenses as of 10/6/2020

Number of Active Credentials by Prefix and
Subcategory
Board: ARCHITECT
as of 10/6/2020

Credential	Description	Count
AR	Architect	4380
ARA	Partnership Firm	10
ARB	Business Corporation Firm	124
ARC	Professional Association Firm	63
ARD	Sole Proprietor Firm	20
ARF	Firms	1390
	Subt Total	5987

Financial Reports

The board accepted as information the August 2020 and September 2020 **Financial Reports**.

Board Reports

Schwennsen reported that the online ARE launch has been postponed to December 2020. Many examinees have voiced their concerns regarding the online exam. No paper will be allowed, only the use of the online whiteboard. These exams will be proctored by video camera.

Established in November 2018, Lineup Management Services, LLC, is a for-profit subsidiary of NCARB created for the purpose of marketing and distributing NCARB's proprietary, volunteer management and team-building software. The product officially launched in March of 2019. The Lineup tool was developed to help NCARB coordinate and organize its many architect and public member volunteers into diverse, equitable, and effective committees and task forces.

Disciplinary Hearings

Case No. 2019-17 – Alfred Lindsay

The proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

Sanders Tate recused himself from the hearing.

Motion: To go into Executive Session to receive legal advice: Smith/Lawrence/Approved.

Motion: To come of out Executive Session: Lawrence/Smith/Approved.

Motion: Accept the MOA, find for the State on violations 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, issue a public reprimand and assess a \$500 fine payable within 30 days. Applicant will not be required to pay investigative cost. Smith/Lawrence/Approved.

Case No. 2020-6 – DSP Architects Inc

The proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

Motion: To go into Executive Session to receive legal advice: Lawrence/Tate/Approved.

Motion: To come of out Executive Session: Lawrence/Tate/Approved.

Motion: Accept the MOA, issue a public reprimand and assess a \$450 fine payable within 90 days. Upon payment of the fine, the firm license will be reinstated. Lawrence/Smith/Approved.

Application Hearings

No application hearings this meeting.

New Business

Retirement/Inactive Status on Pending Disciplinary Cases

Donnell Jennings, LLR Office of Disciplinary Counsel, asked the board if his department has an ongoing disciplinary case and the individual indicates that he would like to retire and/or lapse his license, would that constitute grounds for dismissal of the case.

Motion: A licensee's request to retire and/or lapse a license when a Notice of Complaint is received will not stop the investigation and/or dismiss a disciplinary action. Smith/Lawrence/Approved.

NCARB Issues

The board received an email regarding concerns as it relates to NCARB and the ARE 5.0, specifically taking scratch paper away from applicants and replacing them with a digital whiteboard. The complainant indicated that the software already crashes continuously and some tools don't work or take a long time to load. The complainant believes that by adding another tool to the software will severely impact the ability to take the exam. Andrew Rogerson, who is the new AIA, NCARB State Licensing Advisor, informed the board that he would reach out to the individual regarding these concerns.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

Funding Request

Clemson University, NCARB AXP Funding

AXP Funding - The Board considered a request from Clemson School of Architecture for \$10,000 for the NCARB AXP enrollment drive for architecture students.

Motion: To approve the funding request of \$10,000 to Clemson School of Architecture for the NCARB AXP enrollments. Smith/Tate/Approved.

Other Business

The next meeting of the SC Board of Architectural Examiners will be held January 27, 2021.

Member Amanda Green was not in attendance.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Smith/Tate/Approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Alice M. DeBorde, Program Coordinator