

MINUTES
SC Board of Architectural Examiners Board Meeting
110 Centerview Drive, Suite 105, Columbia, SC 29210
9:00 a.m., May 3, 2023

Meeting Called to Order

Anthony Lawrence, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Other members participating were Charles Muldrow, James Stevens, William Wes Lyles and J. Sanders Tate.

Staff members participating in this meeting included Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Alice DeBorde, Program Coordinator; Stacey Hewson, Advice Counsel; Shelby Sutusky, Disciplinary Counsel; Alice Douglas, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; and Tyler Livezey.

Statement of Public Notice

Mr. Lawrence announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Architectural Examiners office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, on the board website, 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 January 11, 2023 and April 21, 2023, Conference Call Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented. Stevens/Tate/Approved.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: To modify the agenda to remove item 9-C **J. Grayson Hudson III, Case No. 2021-36** asked for a continuance, this item will be carried over to the September meeting. Stevens/Tate/Approved.

Approval of Excused Absences

Motion: To excuse member Amanda Green, from the meeting. Tate/Lyles/Approved.

Election of Officers

Motion: The nominate Anthony Lawrence to serve as Chair of the Board, effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Muldrow/Stevens/Approved.

Motion: To nominate Charles Muldrow, to serve as Vice-Chair, effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Tate/Lyles/Approved.

Motion: To nominate Amanda Green to serve as Secretary, effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Tate/Muldrow/Approved.

Reports

Administrator's Report

Number of Active Credentials by Prefix and Subcategory
Board: ARCHITECT
as of 4/25/2023

Credential	Description	Count
AR	Architect	4819
ARA	Partnership Firm	10
ARB	Business Corporation Firm	114
ARC	Professional Association Firm	61
ARD	Sole Proprietor Firm	17
ARF	Firms	1573
	Subt Total	6594

Number of Active Credentials by Prefix and Subcategory
Board: ARCHITECT
as of 4/27/2022

Credential	Description	Count
AR	Architect	4527
ARA	Partnership Firm	10
ARB	Business Corporation Firm	114
ARC	Professional Association Firm	59
ARD	Sole Proprietor Firm	18
ARF	Firms	1473
	Subt Total	6201

Financial Reports

The board accepted as information the March 2023 Financial Reports.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report

From January 1, 2023 – April 24, 2023, five complaints; two active and one closed. The Board accepted this as information.

Investigative Review Conference Report

The following IRC Recommendations were submitted to the Board as a result of the April 18, 2023, IRC meetings:

Case No.	Action
2022-19	Cease and Desist
2020-22	Cease and Desist

Motion: To approve the IRC recommendations. Muldrow/Stevens/Approved.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

As of May 3, 2023, eight (8) cases have been opened, seven (7) pending hearing and agreements and five (5) have been closed since the last report. The board accepted this as information.

Board Reports

Member Stevens announced Clemson's new College of Architecture, Art and Construction (CAAC). CAAC will be composed of the existing School of Architecture, the Department of Art, and the Nieri Department of Construction, Development and Planning.

Disciplinary Hearings

Shelby Sutusky, Disciplinary Counsel asked the board for a continuance in the matter of **2021-17 – Tony Gibson**.

Motion: To approve the continuance of 2021-17 – Tony Gibson, the case will be moved to the September meeting. Stevens/Lyles/Approved.

2021-33 John Richard O'Connell

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 for legal advice. Tate/Stevens/Approved.

Motion: To come out of Executive Session. Tate/Mulrow/Approval.

No votes were taken on any matter during executive session.

Motion: Licensee committed three violation. Fined \$2000 per violation for a total fine of \$6000. Prior to renewing his license he must obtain 24 hours of continuing education (CE) all in health, safety and welfare (HSW) for the current licensure period plus an additional 24 hours all in HSW for a total of 48 hours of CE (HSW) in order to obtain renewal of his license. Muldrow/Tate/Approved.

2021-44 - Stephen D. Rhoads

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

Motion: To proceed in the absence of the respondent. Lyles/Stevens/Approved.

Motion: To go into Executive Session for legal advice. Muldrow/Lyles/Approved.

Motion: To come out of Executive Session. Tate/Stevens/Approval.

No votes were taken on any matter during executive session.

Motion: Licensee committed two violations. Fined \$500 per violation for a total of \$1000, plus \$120 investigative costs for a total fine of \$1120. Prior to renewing his license he must obtain 24 hours of continuing education (CE) all in health, safety and welfare (HSW) for the current licensure period plus an additional 20 hours all in HSW for a total of 44 hours of CE (HSW) in order to obtain renewal of his license. Muldrow/Tate/Approved.

Application Hearings

No application hearings this meeting

New Business

NCARB Governance Committee

The board briefly discussed Resolution 2022-E NCARB's Governance Structure which will be voted on at the NCARB Annual Meeting in June. The Resolution would update NCARB's Bylaws to adopt a new governance structure for the Council to be reflective of modern governance best practices and incorporate diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Council's assess to leadership roles and leadership structure.

The board accepted this as information.

Continuing Education 11-8.1C(4) disallowance.

Administrator Miles asked the board for clarification of what is considered disallowance. Per 11.8.1 C(4) The Board may disallow claimed credit for continuing education hours. The registrant shall have forty-five (45) calendar days after notification of disallowance of credit to substantiate the original claim or earn other continuing education credit which fulfills minimum requirements. The board unanimously agreed that continuing education hours (learning units) that are clearly not indicated as health, safety and welfare would not be considered as “disallowed” since the regulation clearly states that; each South Carolina Registered architect shall complete a minimum of twenty-four (24) continuing education hours each biennial licensure period in topics related to health, safety and welfare.

Funding Requests

Clemson University, Emery A. Gunnin Architecture Library Funding Request

Library Funding - The Board considered a request from Clemson Gunnin Architecture Library for \$39,000 from the Board’s Education and Research Fund for the purchase of materials for the Architecture Library.

Motion: To approve funding of \$39,000 to Clemson Gunnin Architecture Library. Tate/Lyles/Approved. Member Stevens recused himself from the vote.

Member Tate asked Administrator Miles to research courses in Ethics that applicants could take as a result of disciplinary cases the board may have.

Public Comments

No public comments.

The next meeting of the SC Board of Architectural Examiners will be September 20, 2023.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Stevens/Tate/Approved. The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice M. DeBorde
Program Coordinator