

MINUTES
SC Board of Architectural Examiners Board Meeting
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210
9:30 a.m., January 17, 2024
Conference Call

Meeting Called to Order

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

Staff members participating in this meeting included Lenora Addison-Miles, Board Executive; Alice DeBorde, Program Coordinator; Ely Grote, Advice Counsel; Shelby Sutusky, Disciplinary Counsel; and Wattie Wharton, Investigator.

Others in attendance included Mary League, Office of Advice Council; Donnell Jennings, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Virginia Wetzel, Communications and Governmental Affairs; Charles Turkal, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; and Adrienne Montare, Executive Director, American Institute of Architects.

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 September 20, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented. Moved by Tate and seconded by Green, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda as submitted. Moved by Stevens and seconded by Muldrow, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Excused Absences

No Excused absences this meeting.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report

From January 1, 2023 - January 11, 2024, forty-nine (49) total complaints received; four (4) active and thirteen (13) 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 January 3, 2024 IRC Meeting:

Case No.	Action
2023-5	Dismiss
2023-26	Cease and Desist
2023-27	Cease and Desist
2023-2	Formal Complaint
2023-8	Formal Complaint
2023-14	Formal Complaint
2021-38	Letter of Caution
2023-43	Letter of Caution

Motion: To approve the IRC recommendations. Moved by Muldrow and seconded by Tate, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

As of January 12, 2024, twenty (20) cases are open, four (4) pending hearings and agreements and nine (9) have been closed since the last report, and a total of ten (10) closed since January 1, 2023. The board accepted this as information.

Reports

Board Executive's Report

Number of Active Credentials by Prefix and Subcategory Board: ARCHITECT as of 1/4/2024

Credential	Description	Count
AR	Architect	4685
ARA	Partnership Firm	8
ARB	Business Corporation Firm	104
ARC	Professional Association Firm	55
ARD	Sole Proprietor Firm	15
ARF	Firms	1519
	Subt Total	6386

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**Number of Active Credentials by Prefix and Subcategory
Board: ARCHITECT as of 1/3/2023**

Credential	Description	Count
AR	Architect	4747
ARA	Partnership Firm	10
ARB	Business Corporation Firm	114
ARC	Professional Association Firm	60
ARD	Sole Proprietor Firm	18
ARF	Firms	1544
	Subt Total	6393

Financial Reports

The board accepted as information the November and December 2023 Financial Reports.

Board Reports

Chairman Lawrence informed the board that reorganization of the NCARB Regions is still in discussions.

Member Stevens informed the board of an ongoing problem with funding negotiations with NAAB. The most recent proposal would 1) allow NAAB to charge schools directly beginning in 2025; 2) more than double the amount of funding schools would provide NAAB, and; 3) eliminate ACSA's role as both conduit for funding and voice in any future negotiations, leaving schools unrepresented in the process and; 4) increase the percentage of funding provided by schools for NAAB to 45% and drop the relative share coming from AIA and NCARB to 27% each (since

2006 it has been 33% each). Members Steven will forward an email to staff member DeBorde to distribute to members for review.

Member Lyles informed the board that the AIA Luncheon (which funding was approved for at the September meeting) was postponed to February 15, 2024. Member Lyles will be in attendance for this luncheon to discuss the role of the board and the importance of ethics as it relates to licensure and the role as an architect.

The board accepted these reports as information.

Disciplinary Hearings

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No disciplinary hearings this meeting

Application Hearings

No application hearings this meeting

New Business

Office of Investigations Reorganization.

Donnell Jennings, Program Manager, Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) attended the meeting to inform the board that OIE has been reorganized to better serve the boards.

2024 Member Board Executives Workshop, February 29, 2024, Savannah, GA

The NCARB Member Board Executives Workshop will be held February 29, 2024 in Savannah, GA. NCARB will fund the member board executive.

Motion: To request approval for Board Executive Miles to attend the NCARB Member Board Executives Workshop funded by NCARB. Moved by Muldrow and seconded by Stevens, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

2024 NCARB Regional Summit March 1-2, 2024, Savannah, GA

The NCARB Regional Summit will be held March 1-2, 2024 in Savannah, GA. NCARB will fund two board members, one public member and the member board executive.

Motion: To request approval for Green to attend as the NCARB funded public delegate and Lawrence and Muldrow to attend as NCARB funded board members. Member Tate will attend by state funding. Moved by Muldrow and seconded by Lyles, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

2024 NCARB Annual Meeting June 13-15, 2024, Chicago, IL

The NCARB Annual Meeting will be held June 13-15, 2024 in Chicago, IL. NCARB will fund two board members, one public member and the member board executive.

Motion: To request approval for Green to attend as the NCARB funded public delegate and Lawrence and Muldrow to attend as NCARB funded board members. Member Tate will attend and NCARB will fund his travel since he serves on a NCARB Committee. Member Lyles will attend by state funding. Member Stevens will be funded by Clemson University. Moved by Muldrow and seconded by Sanders, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Interior Designers Legislation – Adrienne Montare, American Institute of Architects

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Adrienne Montare, Executive Director, American Institute of Architects, informed the board that Interior Designers Legislation may be introduced in the next legislation session in 2025. Ms. Montare indicated that the bill is based on the one that recently passed in North Carolina. This item will be carried over to the May meeting for further discussion.

Mary League, Office of Advice Counsel, introduced Ely Grote, Office of Advice Counsel who will serve as Advice Counsel for the board. He replaced Stacey Hewson who recently retired.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business this meeting.

Funding Requests

No funding requests this meeting.

Public Comments

No public comments.

The next meeting of the SC Board of Architectural Examiners will be May 15, 2024.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Stevens and seconded by Lyles, the motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 10: 50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice M. DeBorde
Program Coordinator