

MINUTES
S.C. Board of Architectural Examiners Board Meeting
Via Conference Call
9:30 a.m., May 7, 2025

Meeting Called to Order

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

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

Statement of Public Notice

Mr. Lyles 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 Agenda

Motion: Mr. Tate made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of the January 15, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Mr. Lawrence made a motion to approve the January 15, 2025, minutes, as submitted. Ms. Green seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Excused Absences

No excused absences this meeting.

Election of Officers

Motion: Mr. Tate made a motion to nominate William Wes Lyles to serve as Chair; Michael Allen to serve as Vice-Chair, and Anthony Lawrence to serve as Secretary, effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Ms. Green seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report

Mr. Wharton provided the OIE report. From January 2, 2025 to May 7, 2025, a total of four (4) complaints received; no active investigations and one (1) case closed. The board accepted this as information.

Investigative Review Conference Report

The IRC recommended two cases for formal complaints.

Motion: Mr. Lawrence made the motion to approve the IRC report as presented. Mr. Tate seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

Alexis Bell presented the ODC report. As of May 5, 2025, no cases are open, one (1) pending hearings and agreements and five (5) have been closed since the last report, and a total of five (5) closed since January 1, 2025. The board accepted this as information.

Reports

Board Executive's Report

Number of Active Credentials by Prefix and Subcategory
Board: ARCHITECT
as of 4/28/2025

Credential	Description	Count
AR	Architect	5066
ARA	Partnership Firm	9
ARB	Business Corporation Firm	105
ARC	Professional Association Firm	57
ARD	Sole Proprietor Firm	16
ARF	Firms	1658
	Subt Total	6911

Number of Active Credentials by Prefix and Subcategory
Board: ARCHITECT
as of 4/30/2024

Credential	Description	Count
AR	Architect	4799
ARA	Partnership Firm	8
ARB	Business Corporation Firm	105
ARC	Professional Association Firm	56
ARD	Sole Proprietor Firm	15
ARF	Firms	1571
	Subt Total	6554

Financial Reports

The board accepted as information the April 2025 financial reports.

Board Reports

Member Lawrence noted proposed changes to NCARB Region 3 and will provide additional information for members.

Disciplinary Hearings

No disciplinary hearings this meeting.

Application Hearings

No application hearings this meeting.

New Business

No new business this meeting

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business this meeting.

Funding Requests

Clemson University, Emery A. Gunnin Architecture Library Funding Request

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The Board considered a request from Clemson Gunnin Architecture Library for \$39,423.44 from the Board's Education and Research Fund for the purchase of materials for the Architecture Library. Mr. Stevens recused himself from the matter.

Motion: Mr. Lawrence made a motion to approve funding of \$40,000 to Clemson Gunnin Architecture Library. Mr. Tate seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comments

No public comments

The next meeting of the SC Board of Architectural Examiners is September 17, 2025.

Motion: Mr. Lawrence made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tate seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Alice M. DeBorde, Program Coordinator

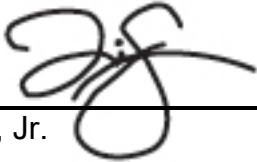
STATEMENT OF RECUSAL

Board Member Recused: James Stevens, Jr.

Matter(s) recused from at the May 7, 2025 South Carolina Board of Architectural Examiners meeting:

Funding Request: Clemson University's Emory A. Gunnin Architecture Library

Reason for recusal: Economic conflict/relationship

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James Stevens, Jr.