

MINUTES
S.C. Board of Architectural Examiners Board Meeting/Hearing
110 Centerview Drive, Midlands Conference Room, Columbia, SC 29210
9:30 a.m., November 13, 2024

Meeting Called to Order

Charles Muldrow Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Other members participating were William Wes Lyles, J. Sanders Tate, and Anthony Lawrence

Staff members participating in this meeting included Lenora Addison-Miles, Board Executive; Alice DeBorde, Program Coordinator; Mary League, Advice Counsel; Casey Smith, Disciplinary Counsel; Wattie Wharton, Chief Investigator and Charles Turkal, Investigator.

Others in attendance: Nadine Garrett (Court Reporter).

Statement of Public Notice

Mr. Muldrow 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 18, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Mr. Lyles made a motion to approve the September 18, 2024, minutes as submitted. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Excused Absences

Motion: Mr. Lyles made a motion to excuse members Amanda Green and James Stevens, Jr. from the meeting. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report

Mr. Wharton provided the OIE report. From January 2, 2024 – November 7, 2024, twenty-two (22) total complaints received; four (4) active investigations, and seven (7) 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 October 24, 2024 IRC Meeting:

4 cases for dismissal
5 cases for dismissal-cease and desist
3 cases for formal complaint
1 case for letter of caution

Motion: Mr. Lawrence made a motion to approve the IRC report. Mr. Lyles seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

Casey Smith presented the ODC report. As of November 5, 2024, ten (10) cases are open, six (6) pending hearings and agreements, none have been closed since the last report, and a total of twenty-two (22) cases closed since January 1, 2024. The board accepted this as information.

Reports

Board Executive's Report

Number of Active Credentials by Prefix and Subcategory
Board: ARCHITECT
as of 11/4/2024

Credential	Description	Count
AR	Architect	4981
ARA	Partnership Firm	8
ARB	Business Corporation Firm	105
ARC	Professional Association Firm	56
ARD	Sole Proprietor Firm	15
ARF	Firms	1623
	Subt Total	6788

Number of Active Credentials by Prefix and Subcategory
Board: ARCHITECT
as of 11/3/2022

Credential	Description	Count
AR	Architect	4699
ARA	Partnership Firm	10
ARB	Business Corporation Firm	114
ARC	Professional Association Firm	60
ARD	Sole Proprietor Firm	18
ARF	Firms	1529
	Subt Total	6430

Financial Reports

The board accepted as information the September 2024 financial reports.

Board Reports

Member Lawrence informed the board that he attended the NCARB Leadership Summit in Fargo, North Dakota. Discussions were focused on changes to regulatory requirements as they relate to education requirements for licensure and what it takes to make candidates ready for licensure.

Disciplinary Hearings

Case No. 2022-8 and 2022-10 – Hearing(s) in these cases did not go forward at the meeting.

All hearings were recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

Case No. 2023-28 [Closed Session]

Motion: Mr. Tate made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice. Mr. Lyles seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote.

Motion: Mr. Tate made a motion to come out of executive session. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote.

Motion: Mr. Lyles made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) as presented, dismiss the case and issue a non-disciplinary letter of caution in this matter. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote.

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Application Hearings

No application hearings this meeting.

New Business

No new business this meeting.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business this meeting.

Funding Requests

No funding requests this meeting.

Public Comments

No public comments.

The next meeting of the S.C. Board of Architectural Examiners is January 15, 2025.

Motion: Mr. Lawrence made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lyles seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Alice M. DeBorde. Program Coordinator