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S.C. Board of Architectural Examiners
9:30 a.m., May 6, 2026
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Low Country Conference Room
Columbia, SC

Meeting Called to Order

William Wes Lyles, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Other members participating were Amanda Green, J. Sanders Tate and Thomas B. Benjamin.

Staff members participating in this meeting included Lenora Addison-Miles, Board Executive; Ely Grote, Advice Counsel; Alexis Bell, Disciplinary Counsel, Wattie Wharton and Charles Turkal, Office of Investigations and Enforcement, and Billy Chambers, Office of Technology and Security.

Kathy Boone (Creel Court Reporting) served as the court reporter.

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 remove item 8b. from the agenda, and approve as revised. Ms. Green seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Approval of the January 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Mr. Tate made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Green seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Approval of Excused Absences

Mr. Allen and Mr. Stevens were not present and previously requested excused absences.

Motion: Ms. Green made a motion to approve the excused absences. Mr. Tate seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

Motion: Mr. Tate made a motion to nominate Michael Allen as chairman, Amanda Green as vice chair, and Thomas Benjamin as secretary effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Mr. Benjamin seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Reports

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report

Mr. Wharton provided the OIE status report. From January 2, 2026 to May 5, 2026 there were a total of ten (10) complaints received; three are active investigations. The board accepted this as information.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

Alexis Bell presented the ODC status report. As of May 6, 2026, eight (8) cases are open, four (4) pending hearings and agreements, one (1) closed since the January. There is one case scheduled for hearing at the next meeting. The board accepted this as information.

Board Executive's Report

Number of Active Credentials by Prefix and Subcategory
Board: Architect
as of 4/23/2026

Credential	Description	Count
AR	Architect	4925
ARA	Partnership Firm	7
ARB	Business Corporation Firm	96
ARC	Professional Association Firm	52
ARD	Sole Proprietor Firm	15
ARF	Firms	1599
	Sub Total	**6694**

Financial Report

The board accepted the March 2026 financial reports as information.

Board Member Reports

Mr. Lyles stated he attended the NCARB Regional Meeting in Oklahoma. The meeting was very informative and involved great discussions.

The Interior Designers legislation continues to move through the legislative process.

New Business

Investigative Review Conference (IRC) Member
The Board discussed appointing a new IRC member. Mr. Lyles indicated former board member, Mr. Anthony Lawrence previously expressed interest in serving.

Motion: Ms. Green made a motion to appoint Anthony Lawrence as the new IRC member. Mr. Benjamin seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

NCARB Annual Business Meeting Voting Delegate
The Board discussed establishing the voting delegate appointment for all NCARB meetings.

Motion: Mr. Tate made a motion that the voting delegate for NCARB meetings be established according to the following order of priority: (1) first, the chair; (2) second, the vice chair if the chair is unable to attend/serve; (3) third, the secretary if both the chair and vice chair are unable to attend/serve; and (4) fourth, another Board member appointed by the chair if none of the foregoing are able to attend/serve. Mr. Benjamin seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Funding Requests

Clemson University School of Architecture (NCARB AXP)
The Board considered a $10,000 funding request for 100 student attendees for the Fall 2026 Spring 2027 AXP enrollment.

Motion: Mr. Benjamin made a motion to approve the $10,000 request. Mr. Tate seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Clemson University Emery Gunnin Architecture Library
The Board considered a request for $35,676.45 for architecture library materials to promote education and licensure.

Motion: Mr. Tate made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Green seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business this meeting.

Public Comments

No public comments.

The next meeting of the SC Board of Architectural Examiners is September 16, 2026.

Motion: Ms. Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tate seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Lenora Addison-Miles, Board Executive