

MINUTES
SC Board of Architectural Examiners
Board Meeting/Application Hearing
9:30 a.m. November 18, 2014
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 204
Columbia, SC

Meeting Called to Order

Anthony Lawrence, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Other members present were Stephen Russell, Brad Smith, and Charles Muldrow. Members Tyson Nettles and Katherine Schwennsen notified the Board in advance they would be unavailable to participate in the meeting due to prior commitments.

Staff members participating in this meeting included Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Alice DeBorde, Administrative Assistant; and Donnell Jennings, Advice Counsel.

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 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 16, 2014, Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes as submitted. Smith/Russell/Approved.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: To move agenda item 8-A below agenda item 9 A & B. Russell/Muldrow/Approved.

Reports

Administrator's and Board Reports

LICENSE STATISTICS – Active licenses as of November 4, 2014

Type	Count
AR	3914
ARA	12
ARB	164
ARC	86
ARD	23

ARF	1060
SubTotal	5259

LICENSE STATISTICS – Active licenses as of November 5, 2013

Number of Credentials by Prefix, Subcategory and Status Board: Board of Architectural Examiners Credential: Credential status: ACTIVE as of 11/5/2013 Query Report: 1764	
Type	Count
AR	3660
ARA	12
ARB	164
ARC	84
ARD	23
ARF	947
subtotal	4890

AR = Architects
 ARA, ARB, ARC, ARD and ARF = Architectural Firms

Administrator Miles reported that Section 23-43-20, SC Code of Laws, Modular Buildings Construction Act, was amended to require that an approved inspection agency retain a South Carolina registered engineer or architect. The Board accepted this as information.

Financial Reports

The Board accepted the September 2014 and October 2014 Financial Reports as information.

Board Reports

Chairman Lawrence informed the Board that he attended the 2014 NCARB Member Board Chairs meeting in October. The main focus of the meeting was an attempt to streamline the Broadly Experienced Architect (BEA) Program. The foundation for this discussion lies in the fact that 17 jurisdictions currently will license architects without a professional degree from a NAAB-accredited program. For those pursuing this alternate path, the jurisdictions each require additional years of pre-licensure experience beyond the requirements for those having a degree from a NAAB-accredited program for initial licensure. Currently, NCARB requires additional years of experience beyond those required by the licensing jurisdiction before a licensed architect without a professional degree can obtain an NCARB certificate of reciprocal licensure.

Half (27) of the NCARB Member Boards indicated support for this proposal. Twelve of the Member Boards indicated opposition. Two others indicated support with a stipulation. The

remaining 13 jurisdictions either had no position, needed more time to discuss, or chose not to submit an official response. The item will be discussed further at the regional and national meetings.

Member Russell reminded the Board that former Board Member, Dennis Ward will become NCARB President at the June 2015 NCARB Annual Meeting. He would like to present Mr. Ward with a gift from the Board; this item will be carried over to the next meeting for discussion.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report

Administrator, Lenora Addison-Miles presented the following report as provided by the Office of Investigations and Enforcement. A total of ten cases were received from January 1, 2014 thru November 12, 2014; three active cases, six closed, one do not open. Twenty cases were closed from January 1, 2014 through November 12, 2014 and one was designated as "do not open."

IRC Recommendations

IRC Recommendation Report – No report was presented.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

Tracey Pearlman, General Counsel, reported the Board has no cases pending.

The Board will ask that the Office of Investigations and Enforcement provide more information regarding the enforcement report.

Ethics Seminar

The Board reviewed and accepted as information evaluations from the Columbia and Charleston Seminars. Overall the evaluations were favorable. Member Smith is working with Dr. Dan Wueste, Director of the Rutland Institute, Clemson University regarding revising the format of these seminars to take a different approach to presenting ethics in architecture.

Board Parameters for Initial and Reinstatement Applications

Motion: To approve the update to the parameters for initial applications and reinstatements to add the following: Russell/Smith/Approved.

- Unlicensed practice, first offense Cease and Desist, second offense Hearing/ALC for violation of the Cease and Desist

Initial applications in which the applicant has offered or provided services prior to licensure will require an application hearing before the Board.

No changes were made to the renewal parameters.

Application Hearing – Neil Dawson Architect PC, (Neal A. Dawson)

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

For the record, Member Charles Muldrow indicated he has worked with Mr. Dawson in the past, but did not feel it would affect his ability to be fair and objective. Mr. Dawson had no objection to Mr. Muldrow participating in the hearing.

Neil Dawson, Architect, PC submitted an application for Certificate of Authorization on October 14, 2014. According to information provided by Neil Dawson, Architect PC, the firm provided architectural services on four (4) projects in South Carolina without a Certificate of Authorization to practice. Staff could not approve the application.

Motion: To go into Executive Session for legal advice. Russell/Smith/Approved

Motion: To come out of Executive Session. Smith/Muldrow/Approved.

Motion: To issue a Public Reprimand and \$500 fine. Russell/Smith/Approved

Proposed Changes to NCARB Public Member Selection

This item was carried over to the January meeting.

Clemson University – Response to NCARB’s Integrated Path to Licensure at Graduation

NCARB announced a release of a Request for Interest and Information (RFI&I) regarding its continued exploration of a model framework facilitating an integrated path to licensure. With this RFI&I, NCARB is exploring the opportunity to develop an additional path to licensure that integrates the three NCARB components of licensure, education, experience and examination into an enhanced academic setting that will allow for licensure at the point of graduation. The board accepted as information Member Schwennsen’s response to NCARB’s request.

Education and Research Fund

At the September meeting, Member Smith asked if additional money could be added to the Education and Research fund by other means, other than renewals. Advice Counsel Donnell Jennings informed the Board that at the direction of LLR’s Finance Department, donations can be made to LLR to the Architects Education and Research Fund. The Board asked that an E-blast be sent out to all licensees giving a brief history of how the funding has been used in the past and ask for donations. The Board asked that this E-blast be sent prior to individual renewals.

The Board also asked that an E-blast be sent out to all licensees regarding the Board’s firm licensure requirements.

Joint Meeting with Board of Engineers and Surveyors and Building Codes Council

The Joint Task Force will meet again November 24, 2014. At the last meeting in June, Michael Smith, Building Officials Association of SC, was going to get in touch with the Building Officials and compose a questionnaire to get some ideas/input for improvement to the Building Official

Manual. Unfortunately, the questionnaire did not get a lot of feedback. Member Russell had a conference call with Jim Justus and Timothy Rickborn to discuss incidental practice. The committee hopes to develop a joint policy statement as it relates to incidental practice.

Funding Request

Ethics Seminar – The Board considered a request from Clemson University’s Rutland Institute for Ethics in the amount of \$21,000 for three continuing education ethics seminars to benefit licensees. Rutland Institute for Ethics is an AIA-approved continuing education provider. The funding will come from the Board’s Education and Research Fund. The Board would like a list of itemized expenses for each seminar so the Board can start to track and create a history for review.

Motion: To approve the funding request for \$21,000. Russell/Muldrow/Approved.

Motion: To amend the motion to include an itemized list of expenses be submitted for each seminar. Russell/Smith/Approved.

The next meeting of the SC Board of Architectural Examiners will be held January 14, 2015.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Russell/Smith/Approved. The meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,



Alice M. DeBorde, Administrative Assistant