

MINUTES
SC Board of Architectural Examiners
Board Meeting
9:30 a.m. September 16, 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, Kate Schwensen and, Charles Muldrow. Member Tyson Nettles joined the meeting by conference call.

Staff members participating in this meeting included Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Alice DeBorde, Administrative Assistant; Darra Coleman, Chief Advice Counsel; 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 August 29, 2014, Meeting Minutes

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

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was accepted as submitted. Muldrow/Schwensen/Approved.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel - Hearings.

No hearings were scheduled for this meeting.

Application Hearings

No application hearings were scheduled for this meeting.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report

Sharon Wolfe, Chief Investigator presented the Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report. A total of nine cases were received from January 1, 2014 thru September 11, 2014; one active case, one closed, one do not open, one opened and five pending board action. Fifteen cases *were* closed from January 1, 2014 through May 5, 2014 and one was designated as "do not open."

IRC Recommendations

IRC Recommendation Report – Sharon Wolfe, Chief Investigator presented the following IRC Recommendations dated September 11, 2014:

Case No.	Action
2014-3	Dismiss
2014-5	Dismiss
2014-6	Dismiss – Cease and Desist
2014-4	Letter of Caution
2014-7	Letter of Caution

Motion: To approve the IRC recommendations as submitted. Schwensen/Smith/Approved.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

Tracey Pearlman, General Counsel, reported two open cases and two pending board action. Since May 2014 a total of six cases have been closed.

Administrator's and Board Reports

LICENSE STATISTICS – Active licenses as of September 3, 2014

Number of Active Credentials by Prefix and
Subcategory
Board: ARCHITECT
as of 9/3/2014

Credential	Description	Count
AR	Architect	3869
ARA	Partnership Firm	12
ARB	Business Corporation Firm	164
ARC	Professional Association Firm	86
ARD	Sole Proprietor Firm	23
ARF	Firms	1043
	Sub Total	5197

LICENSE STATISTICS – Active licenses as of September 3, 2013

Number of Active Credentials by Prefix and Subcategory Board: Board of Architectural Examiners as of 9/3/2013 Query Report: 517		
Credential	Description	Count
AR	Architect	3857
ARA	Partnership Firm	12
ARB	Business Corporation Firm	174
ARC	Professional Association Firm	85
ARD	Sole Proprietor Firm	24
ARF	Firms	1029
subtotal		5181

AR = Architects

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

Administrator Miles reported the new legislation adding Chapter 10 to the SC Code of Regulations, which amends the schedule of fees for certain professional and occupational licensing boards appearing in Title 40 of the SC Code of Laws became effective July 1st. Renewal fees for individuals and corporate licenses were reduced by \$15. Fees for individual architect renewals will be \$115 and architectural corporate renewal fees will be \$185.

Chairman Lawrence informed the Board that he will be attending the 2014 NCARB Board Chairs meeting in October.

Member Schwennsen informed the Board that **NCARB** has 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. Kate will forward a copy of this request to the Board for review. A more detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) will be released in early January 2015.

Member Schwennsen stated that applications for the Clemson undergraduate program had increased by about 30% and applications for the graduate program had increased 46%.

Financial Reports

The Board accepted the July 2014 and August 2014 Financial Reports as information.

2014 NCARB Annual Meeting Report

Administrator Miles reported that the 2014 NCARB Annual Meeting was held in Philadelphia, PA, in June. She as well as Members Schwennsen and Nettles attended the meeting. Items discussed at that meeting included revisions to the A.R.E. Retake Policy, the retake policy will be shortened from 6 months to 60 days; and proposed changes to IDP, BEA and BEFA.

Administrator Miles reminded the Board that the **2015 NCARB Annual Meeting** will be held in New Orleans, LA, June 17-20. Lenora informed the Board that past board member Dennis Ward will be sworn in as NCARB's president.

Member Schwennsen reported ARE 5.0 will launch in late 2016 and incorporate new testing technologies to replace the graphic vignette software, which has been in use since the exam was computerized in 1997. This new version will have six divisions that align closer to how an architect practices today. She recommended going to NCARB's website in order to get more information regarding this transition.

Member Tyson reported that the Public Member Forum portion of the meeting was useful. He encouraged members of the Board to attend NCARB meetings.

Inquiry Nicholas Nye – “Grassroots Legislative Initiative for Enacting Potential Legislation”

The Board received an inquiry from Nicholas Nye, Architect regarding his concerns of “major deficiencies in current South Carolina Laws regarding Architects, Engineers and Contractors, which permit an avenue for unscrupulous construction professionals and unlicensed individuals in the design & construction professions to defraud the general public, the state organizations in place to protect them, and the design professions which provide these services.”

Motion: To accept as information only. Russell/Schwennsen. Further discussion ensued.

Member Muldrow stated the Board should send some type of acknowledgement to Mr. Nye regarding his inquiry. Chief Advice Counsel Coleman reminded the Board of LLR's legislative process and recommended if they wanted to make changes to the Board's Laws, they would need to open the practice act and hold a separate meeting to discuss these issues. Advice Counsel Jennings stated the issues raised by Mr. Nye also involve other licensing boards.

Motion: To amend the original motion to work with Legal to offer an appropriate response to Mr. Nye that the Board has no interest in opening the practice act for revisions at this time. The Board will accept this as information and a response to Mr. Nye will be drafted by Advice Legal. Russell/Schwennsen/Approved.

Julia Brooke Hustwit - Open Letter to Architectural Education Requirements

The Board received an inquiry from Julia Brooke Hustwit regarding her concerns of trying to obtain her architectural registration since she does not hold an NAAB-accredited degree. Member Schwennsen reminded the Board the seventeen states currently do not require a NAAB degree and that she could pursue taking the A.R.E in one of those states for registration. After obtaining her registration she could look into the Broadly Experience Architect (BEA) program in an effort to obtain licensure in other states.

Motion: To acknowledge her concerns, stating that the Board has discussed her issues and have taken them under advisement. The Board will accept this as information and a response to Ms. Hustwit will be drafted by Legal and a copy of the letter will be forwarded to NCARB. Russell/Schwennsen/Approved.

2015 Board Meeting Dates

The Board set the following 2015 meeting dates:

January 14, 2015
May 19, 2015
September 23, 2015
November 18, 2015

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

Member Russell reported that the joint meeting was held on June 10, 2014, Member Russell was elected Chair and James Justus, Engineering Board representative, was elected Vice-Chair. Michael Smith, Building Codes Council is going to get in touch with the Building Officials and compose a questionnaire to get some ideas/input for improvement to the Building Officials Manual. Member Russell asked Administrator Miles to check with Advice Counsel for Building Codes to see if the questionnaire has been developed to date. He suggested setting a tentative date the first part of November to discuss issues/concerns that have been submitted as a result of the questionnaire. The Board was reminded that the minutes of this meeting were forwarded to them last week for review. The board accepted this as information.

Funding Request

IDP Registration Program – The Board considered a request from Clemson University's School of Architecture for \$17,000 to pay for student enrollment and membership costs in the Intern Development Program. The funding will come from the Board's Education and Research Fund.

Motion: To approve the funding request of \$17,000. Muldrow/Smith/Approved.

Library Funding - The Board considered a request from Clemson University for \$30,000 from the Board's Education and Research Fund for the purchase of materials for the Architecture Library. The funding will come from the Board's Education and Research Fund.

Motion: To approve the funding request for \$30,000. Russell/Muldrow/Approved.

The Board asked about the attendance during the three Ethics Seminars held March 28th, May 16th and May 23rd. Member Smith will contact Dan Wueste, Clemson University's Rutland Institute of Ethics, regarding the attendance and evaluations for these seminars. The Board voiced concern regarding the slow response from Clemson in setting dates and locations as well as acquiring presenters for these seminars. The Board asked that these seminars be planned ahead and the format for these courses be revamped. It was noted that these seminars should be done every other year. Member Smith will contact Dan Wueste regarding the Board's concerns and will forward him a "Request for Funding" form.

Member Russell asked that Administrator Miles contact Adrienne Montare, South Carolina American Institute of Architects (SC/AIA), regarding the availability of these funds for use in the advancement of education and research for the benefit of licensed architects and architectural firms.

Member Smith voiced concern regarding the balance of the Education and Research fund. He was reminded that biennially \$20 from each individual renewal and \$20 from each firm renewal is allocated to the Education and Research fund. Member Smith asked if additional money could be added to the Education and Research fund by other means, other than renewals. Chief Advice Counsel Darra Coleman will research this and report back to the Board at the meeting in November.

The next meeting of the SC Board of Architectural Examiners will be held November 18, 2014.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Russell/Schwennsen/Approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alice M. DeBorde, Administrative Assistant