



MARYLAND BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

October 25, 2017

PLACE:

500 N. Calvert Street
3rd Floor Conference Room
Baltimore, MD 21202

PRESENT:

Paul Edmeades, Chair
Gary Ey
Cynthia Shonaiya
Kevin Sneed
Magda Westerhout

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Long, Executive Director
Iris Beasley, Board Administrator
James Baseman, Assistant Executive Director
Milena Trust, Board Counsel
Susan Cherry, Chief of Litigation
Janet Morgan, Web Content and Outreach Coordinator
Shontae Moore, Administrative Specialist
John Corkill

CALL TO ORDER

Paul Edmeades, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion (I) was made by Kevin Sneed, seconded by Gary Ey and unanimously carried to approve the September 27, 2017 meeting minutes without changes.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Cynthia Shonaiya provided the status of the following complaints:

16-AR-13	Exception Hearing	18-AR-01	Refer to PG Co. State's Attorney
16-AR-16	Investigating	18-AR-03	Refer to Balto Co. State's Attorney
17-AR-06	Investigating	18-AR-04	Investigating
17-AR-14	Offer CO w/ fine	18-AR-05	Refer to Overlapping Practice Panel
17-AR-17	Deny Reinstatement	18-AR-06	Investigating

Motion (II) was made by Kevin Sneed, seconded by Cynthia Shonaiya and unanimously carried to accept the Complaint Committee report.

APPLICATION FOR ARCHITECT REGISTRATION EXAMINATION

The Board approved the following applications for the Architect Registration Examination:

Shernise Richardson	Adam Louie
Stephanie Derwin	Rebecca Meyer
Marie McKenna	Farshid Motian
Robert Moore	Jennifer Crawford
Valene Alvarado	Balaji Srinivan

A motion (III) was made by Kevin Sneed, seconded by Cynthia Shonaiya and unanimously carried to approve 10 ARE candidates with no denials.

OLD BUSINESS

Paul Edmeades briefed the Board on the New Zealand/Australia MRA and noted that the Board voted to approve the MRA at the NCARB Annual Meeting in June 2016. He stated that NCARB has determined that New Zealand and Australia have equivalent requirements for licensure. Milena Trust stated that the Board should not approve the MRA because these countries do not require examination for licensure. She stated that the Board would not be violating Maryland law if it voted to approve the agreement but it would not be fair to US citizens who are required to pass the ARE.

A motion (IV) was made by Gary Ey, seconded by Magda Westerhout to approve the MRA. The motion carried by four Board members voting to approve and one voting to disapprove the MRA.

The Board decided to discuss the issue of foreign degrees at a future Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Paul Edmeades nominated Cynthia Shonaiya as Vice-Chairman of the Board. A motion was made by Magda Westerhout, seconded by Kevin Sneed and unanimously carried to approve Cynthia Shonaiya as the Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Noting the Exceptions Hearing scheduled for the next Board meeting, Paul Edmeades requested written instructions on the procedure. Susan Cherry will provide instructions on proper procedure for the hearing.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board briefly discussed the Tri-National Agreement (Mexico-Canada-USA). A motion (V) was made by Cynthia Shonaiya, seconded by Kevin Sneed and unanimously carried to designate Paul Edmeades as the individual authorized to sign the agreement.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no report.

BOARD COUNSEL'S REPORT

Milena Trust stated that the bill to approve NAAB schools will be ready for submittal early in the legislative session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion (VI) was made by Gary Ey, seconded by Magda Westerhout and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Paul Edmeades, Chair

Date: _____