

MARYLAND BOARD OF ARCHITECTS BUSINESS MINUTES

DATE: October 27, 2021

TIME: 11:00 am

PLACE: 500 N. Calvert Street
Room 302
Baltimore, MD 21210

JOINING IN: Virtual
Video Conference – meet.google.com/cmp-vqnj-zic
Phone: (US) +1 320-377-9655 PIN: 698 740 241#

PRESENT: Paul Edmeades, Chair
Gary Ey, Consumer Member
Stephanie Hopkins, Consumer Member
Kevin Sneed, Architect
Douglas Polt, Architect
Mark Flemming, Architect

ABSENT: Cynthia Shonaiya, Vice Chair

LABOR OFFICIALS AND STAFF PRESENT:

Gregory Morgan, Commissioner, MD Dept. of Labor - Licensing Division
Jessica Praley, Board Counsel
Zevi Thomas, Executive Director
Raquel Meyers, Assistant Executive Director
Noraida Lozano, Board Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Corkill, Architect
Diedre Robinson, ARE Candidate

CALL TO ORDER:

Paul Edmeades, Chair, called the Business meeting of the Maryland Board of Architects to order, virtually, at 11:01 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The members reviewed the minutes of the Business meeting held on September 29, 2021. Motion (I) was made by Ms. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Flemming, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes with no corrections.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Ey presented the following report on behalf of the Complaint Committee:

03-AR-21 - No Change
06-AR-21 - Investigating
07-AR-21 - Opened 10/27/21, for Settlement

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

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Praley reported that on October 26th, she met with Ms. Meyers and Mr. Thomas to post the proposed amendments to the CPC regulations and based on the Maryland Register calendar, believes the final vote will be held at the January 2022 Board Meeting.

APPLICATIONS FOR ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION EXAM (A.R.E.)

Mr. Edmeades presented the report for the Applications for Architectural Registration Exam (A.R.E.).

There were **two (2) A.R.E.** applications administratively approved:

DAVIS, KEVIN
DALWADI, KARAN

There were **three (3) A.R.E.** applications approved by the Board:

CHOWRANNA, RASHMI
HEINE, LISA
ZAKI, AMIRA

During the review of the ARE applications Chair Edmeades noted one of the candidates had 2 copies of the same reference letter and suggested it be administratively approved once the candidate submits the third reference letter.

APPLICATIONS FOR RECIPROCITY

There was **(1) reciprocity** application approved by the Board:

LANDTISER, JEFFREY

Motion (III) was made by Mr. Flemming, seconded by Mr. Polt, and unanimously carried to approve **five (5) A.R.E.** applications and **one (1) reciprocity** application.

Commissioner Morgan welcomed and introduced Mr. Zevi Thomas to the Board as the new Executive Director for the Professional Design Boards who assumed office on October 20th.

The Board welcomed and expressed their enthusiasm as Mr. Thomas introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Thomas has a background in Landscape Architecture. He has a master's degree in urban design from Morgan State University. He was with AIA Baltimore for 7 years working on professional development and continuing education for Architects and Landscape Architects.

OLD BUSINESS

NCARB Statistics

Mr. Ey updated the Board that he was able to reach out to Dean Akers of Morgan State University but he has not heard back yet.

Chair Edmeades gave Mr. Thomas a brief explanation about the Board's wishes to help improve ARE pass rates. Mr. Thomas stated that he will try to reach out to Morgan State University and see what he can do.

Mr. Corkill mentioned that AIA Maryland is continuing with the resolution to encourage the other 35 States to follow Maryland permitting work experience to be substituted for college credits.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Edmeades put the approval of the Meeting Calendar for 2022 on hold until the December meeting. He wanted to check it first with Mr. Ey to make sure there is no conflict with the NCARB National Meeting.

Ms. Praley asked the Board to approve the January 26, 2022 meeting to facilitate the posting of the CPC regulation proposed amendments. The Board agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence # 1 - Chair Edmeades referencing § 3-101 & § 3-102 of the MD Statutes, clarified that a license is required to do a space study in MD to which Ms. Praley and the rest of the Board agreed.

Correspondence # 2 - An ARE candidate who wrote to the board and also attended the meeting requesting the Board waive the ARE exam. She asked the Board if the apprenticeship can be considered as a path to licensure in lieu of examination. Chair Edmeades explained that the MD law states that there are 3 requirements to obtain licensure in MD which is education, work experience and passing the examination. Even if it wanted to, the Board has no authority to waive the exam requirement.

Correspondence # 3 - With the advice of Ms. Praley and as per the Board's decision they agreed not to take action to this issue as there is no specific Code of Ethics in the MD about finder's fee.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Thomas announced that there are 2 administrative positions open for the Board. He also informed the Board that he will be attending the AIA Baltimore Kick Off on November 4th with Ms. Meyers and Ms. Lozano along with representatives from NCARB.

COUNSEL'S REPORT - None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion (IV) was made by Mr. Ey, seconded by Mr. Sneed, and unanimously carried to go into Closed Session virtually at 11:55 a.m. at meet.google.com/ttv-yihq-obx or by phone (US) +1 304-223-8754 PIN: 335 062 855#. This session was permitted to be closed pursuant to General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, §3-305(b)(7). Motion (V) was made by Mr. Ey, seconded by Mr. Polt, and

unanimously carried to adjourn the closed session at 12:36 pm.

Upon completion of the closed session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 12:38 p.m. Motion (VI) was made by Ms. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Ey, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the reinstatement of a licensee upon completion of the required Continuing Professional Competency education credits.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Maryland Board of Architects is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 11 a.m.

There being no further business, Motion (VII) was made by Mr. Polt, seconded by Mr. Sneed, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

 X With Corrections _____ Without Corrections

(Signature on File)
Paul Edmeades, Chair

January 3, 2022
Date: