#### DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING Maryland Board of Architects

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# **Maryland Board of Architects Business Meeting Minutes**

DATE: February 22, 2023

TIME: 11:00 AM

1100 North Eutaw Street LOCATION:

5th Floor Conference Room

Baltimore, MD 21201

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Paul Edmeades, Chair

> Cynthia Shonaiya, Vice Chair Mark Flemming, Architect Gary Ey, Consumer Member

Kevin Sneed, Architect

Stephanie Hopkins, Consumer Member

**ABSENT:** Douglas Polt, Architect

**STAFF PRESENT:** Zevi Thomas, Executive Director

Raguel Meyers, Assistant Executive Director

Kenneth Sigman, Board Counsel Noraida Lozano, Board Administrator

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Corkill, Architect

#### **Call to Order**

Paul Edmeades, Chair, called the Business Meeting of the Maryland Board of Architects to order, held at 1100 North Eutaw Street, 5th Floor Conference Room Baltimore, MD 21201 at 11:13 am.

# **Approval of Minutes**

The members reviewed the minutes of the Business Meeting held on January 25, 2023. Motion (I) was made by Ms. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Ey, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes with corrections.

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# **Complaint Committee Report**

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

03-AR-21 - No Change

06-AR-22 - Closed as of 02-22-23

01-AR-23 - Opened as of 02-22-23, investigating

Motion (II) was made by Mr. Flemming, seconded by Ms. Hopkins, and carried by the Board to accept the Complaint Committee Report.

#### **Review of Applications**

#### Applications for Architectural Registration Exam (A. R. E.)

Chair Edmeades presented the report for the applicants for Architectural Registration Exam (A.R.E.) and reciprocity.

There were **seven (7)** A.R.E. applications administratively approved:

ASSON, Bryan NAZARENKO, Inna HUSSIEN III, Asmaa PERAGINE, Daniel

KLIPSTEIN, Zachary WINEBRENNER, Charles

**CAMELLO**, Joseph

There were **four (4)** A.R.E applications approved by the Board:

MIRANDA, Gerson NAGPAL, Shikha SENGUPTA, Debargha STEIN, Cory

#### **Applications for Reciprocity**

There were **two (2)** reciprocal applications approved by the Board:

RUPP, David WESTLUND, Thomas

Motion (III) was made by Ms. Hopkins, seconded by Ms. Shonaiya and unanimously carried to approve **eleven (11)** A.R.E. applications and **two (2)** reciprocities with **two (2)** pending applications one (1) for ARE and one (1) for reciprocity due being postponed.

# **Old Business**

#### Correspondence

On the status of the pending correspondence from Mary Lyttle discussed in the December 14th meeting, Mr. Sigman stated that he will check on this matter and draft a letter for the next Board meeting.

#### **Sunset**

Mr. Thomas shared with the Board the updates about the sunset extension bill and mentioned that the next hearing will be on Mar 3, 2023. He said that the revised policy has been sent to all Board

members regarding testifying before the Legislative Committees. He specified that for those interested to serve as a witness must do so solely as registered architects and not as members advocating for this or any other Board. He mentioned that Commissioner Morgan will attend the hearing in person in Annapolis while Mr. Thomas will attend virtually should any questions arise from legislators.

Mr. Sigman brought up the revision of the publication date of the Bill from October 1st to June 1st. Mr. Thomas clarified that it was corrected on the Senate Bill moving forward. Chair Edmeades also addressed the issue on the Sunset Bill new termination date. Mr. Thomas replied that this will be modified during the process.

#### **IPAL**

Chair Edmeades explained that even though IPAL program is not explicitly included in the MD law and regulations IPAL can be included in the ARE matrix under "case-by-case basis". He stated that after the sunset extension the Board may consider upgrading the law and regulations on this matter. Mr. Sigman suggested to include IPAL in law and regulations as an alternative path to licensure.

Mr. Thomas stated that the purpose of the draft letter shared with the Board is to facilitate the establishment of a new IPAL program in Maryland at Morgan State School of Architecture + Planning (SA+P).

Ms. Shonaiya explained that in her opinion the letter to Morgan (SA+P) is not to approve the program but to support them in evaluating the IPAL candidates for the ARE eligibility.

Motion (IV) was made by Mr. Flemming, seconded by Mr. Sneed and unanimously carried to approve the letter for Morgan SA+P to be sent to Mr. McCargo be signed and sent by Mr. Thomas.

## Revision of ARE Application

After the suggestions and corrections made by Chair Edmeades and Mr. Sigman, Ms. Shonaiya recommended to review it one more time at the next meeting. As requested by Chair Edmeades, Mr. Sigman agreed to modify it for final approval during the next meeting.

# **Committee Report**

#### <u>DEI</u>

Chair Edmeades plan to meet with Mr. Sneed and Ms. Shonaiya prior to the next meeting to discuss their report.

### **Code Officials**

Chair Edmeades acknowledged the report submitted by Ms. Hopkins and Mr. Polt and will be discussed at the next meeting.

# **New Business**

#### **NCARB Board Governance**

Chair Edmeades explained briefly each resolution from the NCARB Draft Resolutions published 2/2023. In reference to draft Resolution 2023 E, NCARB Board Governance, the Maryland Board discussed the section regarding NCARB Board elections. In this section the Maryland Board agreed that Option B was the preferred solution. Option B provides for an NCARB Nominating Committee to prepare a pool of nominees in excess of the vacant positions on the NCARB Board. The member boards would then vote for the nominees and the nominees with the most votes would be elected to the vacant seats. Mr. Sneed

and Ms. Shonaiya agreed that Option B appeared to be the best solution but they believe that the Board should have further discussions. Mr. Ey commented that during the NCARB listening sessions regarding the Resolution, Option B appeared to be the most popular option for the NCARB Board elections. Chair Edmeades indicated that the Maryland Board has until June to discuss and decide on this resolution.

The draft resolutions being put before the membership are:

<u>Draft Resolution 2023-A:</u> The Mississippi State Board of Architecture is recommending that the definition of responsible control be updated to address concerns of the Mississippi Board regarding clarity and specificity of responsible control. This draft resolution is being shared in conjunction with the Board's position and legal opinion.

<u>Draft Resolution 2023-B:</u> An omnibus sunset of several education policy resolutions adopted between 1960-

<u>Draft Resolution 2023-C:</u> An omnibus sunset of several resolutions adopted between 1960-1977 that are no longer in line with current Council policy.

<u>Draft Resolution 2023-D</u>: An update to NCARB's Model Rules of Conduct to reflect modern practice and expectations regarding ethical conduct.

<u>Draft Resolution 2023-E:</u> Proposes changes to the Council's governance structure as defined within the NCARB Bylaws.

#### **Correspondence - NONE**

#### **Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Thomas presented the January 2023 ARE Pass and Fail report in comparison to the December 2022 report.

Mr. Sneed interjected about NCARB's new policy for the Rolling Clock. Chair Edmeades suggested to put it in the Agenda for the next Board meeting.

# **Board Counsel's Report**

Mr. Sigman reported that the Disciplinary Actions consent orders issued in January were already final.

The next Board Meeting will be on March 22, 2023, Wednesday at 11:00 am.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (V) was made by Mr. Sneed, seconded by Mr. Ey, and unanimously carried out by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 12:33 pm.

Paul Edmeades, Chair	Date
(Signature on File)	04/26/2023
X With Corrections	Without Corrections