MARYLAND BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

BUSINESS MINUTES

DATE: January 26, 2022

TIME: 11:00 am

PLACE: 500 N. Calvert Street

Room 302

Baltimore, MD 21202

JOINING IN: Virtual

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PRESENT: Paul Edmeades, Chair

Stephanie Hopkins, Consumer Member

Kevin Sneed, Architect

Douglas Polt, Architect

Mark Flemming, Architect

ABSENT: Cynthia Shonaiya, Vice Chair

Gary Ey, Consumer Member

LABOR OFFICIALS AND STAFF PRESENT:

Zevi Thomas, Executive Director

Raquel Meyers, Assistant Executive Director

Jessica Praley, Board Counsel

Noraida Lozano, Board Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT: John Corkill, Architect (AIA Maryland)  
 Suzanne Frasier, Architect (Professor, Morgan State School of Architecture)

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The members reviewed the minutes of the Business meeting held on December 15, 2021. Motion (I) was made by Ms. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Polt, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes with corrections.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

03-AR-21 - Waiting for a Criminal Resolution

06-AR-21 - Drafting a letter to respond

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

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion (III) was made by Ms. Hopkins seconded by Mr. Polt and unanimously approved by the Board to submit the final revision of the CPC to the National Registry for final action.

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

Chair Edmeades presented the report of applications for the Architectural Registration Exam (A.R.E.).

There was one (1) A.R.E. application administratively approved:

**REYNOLDS, DANIEL**

There were six (6) A.R.E. applications approved and one (1) application conditionally approved by the Board:

**BENOIT, KRISTA YU, YAO (Conditional)**

**CLASSEN, RYAN JANG, JEAN**

**LALLY, EMILY MONCAYO, MICHELLE**

**RUMBAOA, CEASAR**

APPLICATIONS FOR RECIPROCITY

**GOODALE, JEFFREY**

Motion (IV) was made by Mr. Flemming, seconded by Mr. Sneed, and unanimously carried to approve eight (8) A.R.E. applications; one (1) denial and one (1) reciprocal application.

OLD BUSINESS

NCARB Statistics

Mr. Thomas introduced Ms. Suzanne Frasier, a Board Member of the MD Board for Certified Interior Designers whom he invited to share some insights about NCARB Statistics on pass rates for Morgan SA+P (School of Architecture + Planning) graduates and for African Americans as a whole. Chair Edmeades gave a brief overview of the Board’s objective and possible ways the Boards could support any academic initiatives at Morgan State SA+P.

Ms. Frasier introduced herself as the second most senior faculty member at Morgan State University who has served there for 18 years. She explained that Morgan State University has two architectural degrees: the pre-professional degree (undergraduate BA) and the accredited master’s degree. She presented a few issues that affect students in this career path, one of the major factors being the financial constraints of students. Ms. Hopkins asked if Morgan University is under State funding and Ms. Frasier answered, it is, and they must report annually to Annapolis for audit.

According to Ms. Frasier, the Dean of Morgan University is working aggressively on increasing the number of licensed African American architects by meeting with AIA's large Firm Roundtable. Ms. Frasier also mentioned that the school is scheduled to launch an NCARB IPAL program in hopes to support licensure among minorities. Chair Edmeades asked Mr. Thomas if there is a way Maryland can add the demographics to the application forms. Mr. Thomas replied that such procedures would have to implement with all boards and commissions across the agency. It can’t be done for only one board. Ms. Praley explained that there is a House Bill about demographics adding gender, race, and ethnicity, this change in regulations will make it easier for boards to obtain this demographic information if the Bill passes.

Mr. Corkill mentioned that he was alarmed that the $2,000 is a barrier to the African-American in obtaining the licensure for Architects. Mr. Sneed replied that he believes that the AIA has a scholarship program. He also gave an example where the firm pays for the student’s exam materials and for successfully completing each exam. Chair Edmeades reminded Ms. Frasier that the NAAB degree is not the only way to architectural licensure but also through a pre-professional degree combined with work experience to which Ms. Frasier also expressed support.

NEW BUSINESS - NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion (V) was made by Ms. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Polt, and unanimously approved by the Board to deny the CPC course application due to lack of criteria on HSW (Health Safety and Welfare).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Thomas gave his updates on the new office relocation. He said that the new address will be seen in email communications and notices. He also announced that the Board meetings will be done virtually until February and everyone will be notified of any changes due to health advisories.

COUNSEL’S REPORT

Ms. Praley thanked Mr. Thomas for inviting Ms. Frasier. She has no updates but for Board’s reference, she mentioned that Senate bill 0199 is for Sunset and House bill 292 for Demographic information for gender, race, and ethnicity.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Maryland Board of Architects is scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 11 a.m.

There being no further business, Motion (VI) made by Ms. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Sneed, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ With Corrections \_\_\_\_x\_\_\_\_ Without Corrections

Signature on File\_\_\_\_ March 10, 2022

Paul Edmeades, Chair Date