

March 16, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF ARCHITECTS - BOARD MEMBERS

FROM: Iris Beasley, Board Administrator

CC: Steve Long, Executive Director
James Baseman, Assistant Executive Director
Victoria Wilkins, Commissioner
Milena Trust, Assistant Attorney General

RE: Board of Architects Meeting
Wednesday, March 23, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.
500 N. Calvert Street
3rd Floor Conference Room
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes of the February 24, 2015 Board Meeting
3. Complaint Committee Report
4. Review of Applications
5. Old Business
Equivalency Matrix
6. New Business
7. Correspondence
Dean David Cronrath
Dean School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation
University of Maryland College Park
Topic: Integrated Path to Architectural Licensure
8. Executive Director's Report
9. Board Counsel's Report
10. Adjourn

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, April 27 2016 at 10 a.m. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE ABOVE MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE BOARD'S OFFICE PRIOR TO THE MEETING DAY.

***** Please silence your cell phones before entering the Board room. *****

**MINUTES
MARYLAND BOARD OF ARCHITECTS**

DATE: March 23, 2016

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

PRESENT: Diane Cho, Chair
Gary Ey
Paul Edmeades
Cynthia Shonaiya
Magda Westerhout
Stephanie Hopkins
Stephen Parker

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Long, Executive Director
James Baseman, Assistant Executive Director
Milena Trust, Assistant Attorney General
Iris Beasley, Board Administrator
Janet Morgan, Web Content
John C. Corkill, AIAMD
Andrew Tepper

CALL TO ORDER

Diane Cho, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion(I) was made by Paul Edmeades, seconded by Stephanie Hopkins and unanimously carried to approve the February 24,2016 meeting minutes with a minor correction.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Complaint Committee reported on the status of the following complaints:

15-AR-01	Re-opened	offer consent order
16-AR-01	Open	Action Pending
16-AR-04	Open	Precharge
16-AR-05	Open	CO offered, send letter
16-AR-06	Open	Waiting for response
16-AR-07	Open	Waiting for response
16-AR-10	Open	Investigating, send letter

16-AR-13	Open	Investigating, send letter
16-AR-14	Open	Investigating, send letter
16-AR-15	Open	Offer CO with fine

Motion (II) was made by Paul Edmeades, seconded by Stephen Parker and unanimously carried to accept the Complaint Committee report.

APPLICATIONS FOR ARCHITECT REGISTRATION EXAMINATION

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

Paul Schneider	Andrew Jinks
Mitchell Clifford	Jeremy Smith
Joseph Epstein	Alexander Elmore
Karla Brent	Samir M. Taylor
Andrea Ascencio	Lubna Chaudhry
Terrance Heron	Roi Hason
Joshua Rubbelke	Sandra Higgins
Samuel William	Azadeh Rabbani Rankouhi
William Smith	
Muge Demir-Karakus	

A motion (III) was made by Diane Cho, seconded by Magda Westerhout and unanimously carried to approve 18 ARE candidates. Four candidates were tabled for discussion in Executive Session.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR FIRM PERMIT

The Board approved the following applications for Certificate of Authorization:

Workshop Architects
Sowinski Architects
Prospectus Architects
Axis Design Build
W2W Design Studio LLC

APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR REINSTATEMENT

The Board approved 8 applications for reinstatement.

OLD BUSINESS

There being no comments from the public on the proposed change to the Education Matrix in the Regulations, a motion (IV) was made by Stephen Parker and seconded by Paul Edmeades to approve the final Regulations. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Milena Trust stated that the Regulations will become effective 10 days after they are printed in the Maryland Register.

Diane Cho requested that notice of the change in the Regulations be published in the Board's newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dean David Cronrath, University of Maryland School of Architecture gave an informative presentation on a proposal titled *Integrated Path to Architectural Licensure* (IPAL). IPAL is a proposal prepared by the University to be submitted to NCARB. Mr. Cronrath requested the Board to draft a letter of support for the IPAL proposal.

Students enrolled in the IPAL program would be allowed to take the ARE before graduating. IPAL students would take an extra year to complete the program but they would still attend classes the same number of years as those not in the program. The IPAL students would graduate with a Masters of Architecture with a minor in Construction Management. They would participate in an internship in their second, third and fourth summer semesters. Their sixth year would be devoted entirely to internship. IPAL students would receive a Bachelor of Science degree at the end of year 4.

The Board members expressed concerns over certain parts of the program. Stephen Parker felt that the curriculum would be too technical very early in the first semesters and would only prepare students for a degree in architecture without giving them the option to change majors. Mr. Parker's other concern was that the students would be allowed to take the ARE too early, allowing them to learn the exam and not the skill.

Diane Cho and Magda Westerhout were concerned that students would be unable to find internships for 3 summers and one full year that could enhance and support the ARE exams, classes and IDP requirements.

Cynthia Shonaiya felt that the curriculum and the summer internship would be a challenge for the sophomore students. Her concern was that many might firms would not be interested in hiring students that early in their studies.

Paul Edmeades, who supports the IPAL curriculum, also suggested that students should be qualified after four years for a pre-professional degree. The 13 other schools that have adopted the pilot IPAL curriculum should be studied for further input.

Milena Trust expressed concerns regarding the reciprocity and admission to other schools of students who left the IPAL program. Also, she does not want to

relinquish the responsibility of qualifying Maryland students for the ARE to NCARB. However, Ms. Trust stated that the Board would not need to change the statute to support the program, but would need to revise the current Regulations.

The Board's main consideration was that the IPAL program meets the spirit of the three legged stool: education, exam, and experience.

Dean Cronrath addressed the Board's concerns by stating that after four years students would be able to acquire a four-year non-professional degree and a minor in Construction Management. This would prepare them for careers in real estate development, and sustainability. He added that most students who would enter the program would bring AP credits from high school, making their freshman and sophomore classes less hectic. Also, the school had the support of AIA and NCARB with summer IDP placements and many firms had study groups for the ARE.

A motion (V) was made by Stephen Parker, seconded by Magda Westerhout, and carried by the Board to move forward with a letter in support of the IPAL program. Milena Trust will draft the letter.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Steve Long noted that CPC audit notices will be sent to the licensee after the expiration date and not on the date of renewal. Licensees will receive a written notice 60 days before expiration, and email reminders at 30, 15, 10 and 1 day prior to expiration.

BOARD COUNSEL'S REPORT

Milena Trust briefed the Board on the NC Dental Board decision and discussed how to retain immunity when the Board is made up of members of the industry. She noted that there is a bill before the legislature that would require the Secretary to review any anti-competitive decision. Ms. Trust stated that the AG's office is following the issue very closely. Commissioner Victoria Wilkins added the Board was in a good position with the Supreme Court's ruling and hopefully would not be affected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion (VI) was made by Stephen Parker, seconded by Gary Ey and unanimously carried by the Board to go into Executive session at 11:15 a.m., 3rd Floor Conference room, 500 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21220. This session is permitted to be closed pursuant to State Government Article, Title §10-508(a)(7). Upon completion of the session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 11:54 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion (VII) was made by Paul Edmeades, seconded by Stephanie Hopkins and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m.