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

**DATE:** February 22, 2023

**TIME:** 11:00 AM

**LOCATION:** 1100 North Eutaw Street  
5th Floor Conference Room  
Baltimore, MD 21201

**Video conferencing via:** <https://meet.google.com/cmp-vqnj-zic>  
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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  
Raquel 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.

## **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 Lytle 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**

### **DEI**

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

