

MINUTES
MARYLAND BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

DATE October 28, 2020

PLACE: Virtual
Video Conference – meet.google.com/wpe-qhnr-zhf
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PRESENT: Paul Edmeades, Chairman
Cynthia Shonaiya, Vice Chairwoman
Kevin Sneed, Architect
Stephanie Hopkins, Consumer Board Member
Gary Ey, Consumer Board Member
Douglas Polt, Architect
Mark Flemming, Architect

ABSENT: Joseph H. Cullingford, Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Gregory Morgan
Jessica Praley, AAG Board Counsel
Frazier West, Investigator
Carla M. Zamon, Acting Assistant Executive Director
John Corkill, Architect
Noraida Lozano, Board Administrator
Magda Westerhout, Architect
Douglas Norway

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Paul Edmeades called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion (I) was made by Stephanie Hopkins, seconded by Douglas Polt and unanimously carried to approve the September 23, 2020 meeting minutes, with changes.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Gary Ey reported the current status of opened complaints as follows:

18-AR-23	No change, to be checked by Ms. Praley if an agreement was sent out to close it.
02-AR-19	No change (Final collection effort is in progress)
01-AR-21	Closed due to a pending civil case
02-AR-21	No change (Investigating)
03-AR-21	Investigating

Motion (II) was made by Douglas Polt, seconded by Stephanie Hopkins and unanimously carried to accept the complaint committee report.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Edmeades highlighted to the Board the proposed changes to the CPC Regulations that the CPC committee is recommending.

As a result Ms. Praley suggested having a meeting with Ms. Hopkins, Ms. Shonaiya and Mr. Edmeades to discuss the recommended changes.

After reviewing the proposed CPC Regulations, Ms. Praley made sure that it will be checked thoroughly and will be very detailed. She also mentioned that it will be emailed to the Board before it goes further. Mr. Corkill reminded the Board that there is a moratorium and this was acknowledged by Ms. Praley and Mr. Edmeades.

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

The Board approved 2 applications for A.R.E.

Patricia Booker - Approved
Zahra Khakbaz - Approved

The Board denied 2 applications for A.R.E., both needing ERC

Additional 1 ARE application was administratively approved:

Seyedehshima Safinia

APPLICATIONS FOR RECIPROCITY

The Board approved 4 applications for reciprocity:

Jay Jolly
Rebecca McCormick
Justin Weisser
Guoqiang Gary Yuan

It was brought up by Ms. Shonaiya and was clarified by Mr. Edmeades that for reciprocal licenses, as long as the license is active on the date of the application, it is approved. He added that the license has to be current when they apply for reciprocity.

Motion III made by Ms. Shonaiya and seconded by Mr. Gary Ey and motion was carried unanimously for the approval of 2 A.R.E. applications, denial of 2 A.R.E. applications and approval of 4 Reciprocity Applications.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Edmeades thanked Mr. Gary Ey for bringing up transparency of voting to the Board and Ms. Shonaiya agreed. Ms. Shonaiya mentioned that she'll put it in writing to encourage people and not to discourage, but to hear more diversity of opinion. Mr. Edmeades suggested that it's important to have a discussion with Region II and Ms. Shonaiya agreed.

Ms. Magda at this time joined the meeting and the Board thanked her for the many years of service that she had with the Board. She also expressed her gratitude to the Board members and staff.

Mr. Paul Edmeades requested that all communications with regards to the Board Meeting be copied / sent to Mr. Greg Morgan. He agreed and Mr. Edmeades thanked him.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Edmeades asked the Board if they received an email about NCARB's Webinar regarding remote proctoring which he thinks is very educational, but will not be implemented until December. Mr. Gary Ey also shared some updates and suggested that any member who serves on the Education and Examination Committee should be 2 years per term rather than 1 year because he thinks 1 year is not long enough to which Mr. Sneed and Ms. Shonaiya agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence for Exam Review Challenge and Remote Proctoring complaints were tabled for the next board meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - None

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT - None

OTHER BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2020.

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

_____√_____ With Corrections

_____ Without Corrections

Paul Edmeades, Chair

Date: