

**Maryland Board of Architects  
Business Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** May 28, 2025

**TIME:** 11:00 AM

**LOCATION:** 100 S. Charles Street  
Tower 1, Suite 3300  
Baltimore, MD 21201

**Video conferencing via:** [meet.google.com/jzf-hyjn-wcx](https://meet.google.com/jzf-hyjn-wcx)

**By Phone:** (US) +1 470-228-0070 PIN: 831 936 121#

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cynthia Shonaiya, Chair  
Paul Edmeades, Architect  
Mark Flemming, Architect  
Douglas Polt, Architect  
Kevin Sneed, Architect  
Casey Dawkins, Consumer Member  
Gretel Lott, Consumer Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Zevi Thomas, Executive Director  
Raquel Meyers, Assistant Executive Director  
Matthew Venuti, Board Counsel  
Noraida Lozano, Board Administrator

**OTHER PRESENT:** John Corkill, Architect

**Call to Order**

Ms. Cynthia Shonaiya, Chair, called the Business Meeting of the Maryland Board of Architects to order at 11:00 a.m., virtually via [meet.google.com/jzf-hyjn-wcx](https://meet.google.com/jzf-hyjn-wcx), (US) +1 470-228-0070 PIN: 831 936 121#

**Approval of Minutes**

The members reviewed the minutes of the Business Meeting held on April 23, 2025. Motion (I) was made by Mr. Polt, seconded by Mr. Flemming, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes with corrections.

## **Complaint Committee Report**

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

**03-AR-25** - OAH hearing scheduled for July 3, 2025.

**05-AR-25** - Response pending from complainant.

**06-AR-25** - Closed. Corrective actions were taken.

**07-AR-25** - Closed. Corrective actions were taken.

**09-AR-25** - Recommended closure.

**10-AR-25** - Recommended closure.

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

## **Review of Applications**

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

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

There were **eleven (11)** A.R.E. applications administratively approved:

**BLAKENEY, Maxwell**

**BELLUCCI, Dunaida**

**DAVIES, Andrew**

**DWYER, Ashley**

**FARIETA, Maria Fernanda**

**GOLDSTEIN, Gregory Arthur**

**MANK, Molly**

**MOBLEY, Michael David**

**PATEL, Vidhi**

**REGULINSKI, Russell**

**WORRELL, Robert Albert**

There were **six (6)** ARE applications approved by the Board:

**DATES, Tamar**

**DOYLE, Nicole**

**JAMES, Mariya Sadykov**

**KHAN, Taha**

**RODRIGUEZ, Michelle**

**WOLDESIMAIATE, Yoftahe**

### **Applications for Reciprocity**

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

**ERLANDSON, Todd**

**KUNTZ, Jonathan**

Mr. Edmeades commented that candidate **HA** had work hours reported in AXP that were not supported by the ERC form. He suggested that candidate **HA** document those AXP hours and resubmit the application to meet the MD requirement of 4 years.

He also recommended approving candidate **TK**, despite a conviction in 2008 and 2009 for possession of a controlled substance, since the convictions were almost 20 years ago and were already expunged. Ms. Shonaiya agreed with Mr. Edmeades' recommendations.

Motion (III) was made by Mr. Sneed, seconded by Mr. Dawkins, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve **seventeen (17)** A.R.E. applications and **two (2)** applications for reciprocity, with **one (1)** pending A.R.E.

## **Old Business**

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Pathways to Licensure Forum**

Mr. Dawkins reiterated that the Committee has to meet with Montgomery College representatives for the event scheduled for the fall of this year.

#### **Legislative Task Force**

Mr. Venuti reported that the Legislative Task Force explored, among other things, the Board's suggestion for amending §3-202(c)

(c) Of the 5 architect members of the Board:

(1) at least 3 shall hold a professional degree from an architecture program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board; and

The committee considers that changing the number of board members required to have a professional degree from the NAAB program from 3 to 2 members is a suitable compromise. Mr. Venuti mentioned that the deadline for the legislative proposals for 2026 would be June 2, 2025. The Board agreed when he suggested submitting two proposals for legislative changes, one for the full legislative changes and another exclusively to amend §3-313, which deals with the Board's timeframe to establish a hearing.

#### **Outreach Opportunity**

Ms. Shonaiya reported she and Mr. Flemming attended the AIA Maryland 60th Anniversary held on May 8, 2025, in Annapolis. The event was well attended, and they were able to recognize the newly licensed architects of Maryland. She recommends that the Board focus on the state-wide AIA conferences in the coming years.

#### **License Verification Task Force - None**

#### **NCARB Meetings 2025**

Ms. Shonaiya confirmed with the attendees their registration for the NCARB Annual Business Meeting (ABM) for 2025, to be held in Scottsdale, Arizona, from June 19-21.

Mr. Sneed accepted his designation as the primary voting delegate representing the MD Board at ABM 2025.

### **2025 Annual Business Meeting Resolutions**

Ms. Shonaiya gave an overview of the 2025 NCARB Resolutions. As suggested by Mr. Edmeades, the board agreed to support the five NCARB Resolutions below.

**Resolution 2025-01:** Mutual Recognition Agreement with the Regulatory Organizations of Architecture in Canada (ROAC)

**Resolution 2025-02:** Mutual Recognition Agreement with the Colegio de Arquitectos de Costa Rica

**Resolution 2025-03:** Mutual Recognition Agreement with the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP)

**Resolution 2025-04:** NCARB Certification Guidelines Amendment – International Terminology

**Resolution 2025-05:** NCARB Certification Guidelines Amendment – Education Alternative Eligibility

### **NCARB FY26 Board of Directors**

Mr. Edmeades encouraged the Board to support George H. Miller, FAIA, for Secretary/Treasurer of Region 2. The Board also supports candidates, Coffee Polk, AIA, and Kevin J. Singh, AIA, for the position of At-Large Directors. In addition, the Board granted Mr. Sneed authority to vote by conscience if the circumstances changed.

### **New Business**

Mr. Edmeades asked if the complaint from Ed Marley, NCARB President, was forwarded to the Complaint Committee. Ms. Shonaiya confirmed it was sent and acknowledged.

### **Correspondence - None**

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

Mr. Thomas reminded the members of the Board that NCARB will require an alternate voting delegate for NCARB ABM, in addition to Mr. Sneed. Ms. Lott volunteered to be the alternate delegate to represent the Maryland Board. The Board supported Ms. Lott as the alternate voting delegate.

He mentioned he attended the virtual FY25 NCARB Resolutions Forum Part 1 held on May 22, 2025. Part 2 of the Forum will be on Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 3:00 pm. He will share the link after this Board meeting for those interested in joining this forum.

He reminded the Board that the Member Board Comment Period on Updates to the Architectural Experience Program (AXP) Guidelines will close on May 30, 2025.

### **Board Counsel's Report**

Mr. Corkill interjected and asked when the proposed copy of the legislative changes would be available to Maryland architects and AIA members. Mr. Venuti replied that it would be available between August and October 2025. Mr. Corkill asked for a copy of the document to be furnished to Ms. Jacklyn Faulker, Executive Director, AIA Maryland. The Board agreed to provide it at the appropriate time.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (VI) was made by Mr. Edmeades, seconded by Mr. Sneed, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

The next Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

_____ With Corrections	<u>  X  </u> Without Corrections
<u>          (Signature on File)          </u>	<u>          06/25/2025          </u>
<b>Cynthia Shonaiya, Chair</b>	<b>Date</b>