**Occupational and Professional Licensing**

**District of Columbia Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture**

**1100 4th Street, SW Suite 400**

**Washington, DC 20024**

**March 8, 2024**

**Minutes (Virtual Meeting)**

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The District of Columbia Board of Architecture, Interior Design, and Landscape Architecture held its monthly meeting on Friday, March 8, 2024. This meeting was held virtually.

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 am by Mr. Ronnie McGhee, Chairman.

**Attendance**

Board Members Present: Mr. Ronnie McGhee, Chairman, Mr. Patrick Williams, Vice Chairman, Mr. Bob Alter, Mr. Maurice Walters, Ms. Melissa Cohen

Board Staff: Mr. Leon Lewis, Program Manager, Ms. Avis Pearson, Board Administrator, Mr. Kevin Cyrus, Education Liaison, Ms. Jah-mai Jefferson, Program Support Specialist, Ms. Stephanie Johnston, Program Support Specialist, Ms. April Randall, Legislative Director, DLCP

Legal Counsel: Mr. Marc Neilsen, Esq.

Guest: Mr. Jason deChambeau, Ms. Marlene Jefferson

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

**Agenda Item: Draft Minutes**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Walters and properly seconded by Mr. Patrick Williams the Board voted unanimously to approve the January 19, 2024, meeting minutes.

**Agenda Item: Review of Administrative Approved Applications**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Alter and properly seconded by Mr. Walters the Board voted unanimously to approve the administrative-approved applications with the recommended changes for March 8, 2024, attached hereto, and made a part of the March 8, 2024, meeting minutes.

**Agenda Item: Education**

Mr. Cyrus spoke with the Board about submitting articles for the newsletter. Articles should be submitted by April 19, 2024.

Mr. McGhee gave an update on the meeting held with Ms. Noisette, Mr. Lewis, and Ms. Pearson to discuss expanding the Summer Youth program by introducing students to the professional design fields. Ms. Noisette will be following up with DLCP Human Resources to get specifics on the program (i.e. number of students, summer assignments, etc.) since the building will be under construction during the summer. Ms. Pearson will also be reaching out to other DC Public Schools for outreach opportunities. Information has not been received from Savoy Elementary School regarding their Annual Career Fair.

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

Mr. Lewis gave a recap of the NCARB Regional Summit held in Savannah, GA on 2/28 – 3/1/2024. The Summit was attended by Mr. McGhee, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walters, Mr. Orrison, Esq., Mr. Lewis and Ms. Pearson. Realignment was heavily discussed throughout the meeting. The purpose of the realignment would be to create five equal regions of the 11 jurisdictions. The updated structure would provide greater jurisdictional parity as well as closer parity regarding registered architects as Member Board Members among regions. It also maintains the current value of regions regarding leadership development and smaller group discussion forums. It was proposed during the Summit to have Regions 1& 2 combined. Mr. Tucker, Chairman of Region 2, will assist with coordinating a meeting between the two regions to have additional discussions.

The change in education requirement to obtain licensure was also discussed during the Regional Summit. Currently, any applicant seeking licensure must obtain a NABB-accredited degree. What is being proposed in Resolution 2024 F would streamline the current Model Regulations requirement of completing an approved education program or being enrolled in an integrated Path of Architectural (IPAL) option as a qualifier for exam eligibility, instead of requiring a high school diploma or equivalent. This change aligns with the entry requirement for NCARB’s experience program as well as NCARB’s efforts to increase access to the exam.

Mr. McGhee asked that the Board review all proposed Resolutions before the April 19, 2024, Board Meeting to prepare for additional discussion. The Resolutions will be voted on at the NCARB Annual Board Meeting in June.

The renewal notices have been sent out to Architects. All licenses will expire on April 30, 2024.

We are moving forward with Board recruitment. Ms. Shauna Stallworth, Interior Designer, and Ms. Asha Shagle, Landscape Architect, have both expressed an interest in joining the Board. Ms. Pearson will extend an invitation to both ladies for the April 19th meeting to meet the Board Members and for observation.

Ms. Randall informed the Board that the proposed rulemaking about Architects (ending the rolling clock, allowing IPAL program, and IDP to AXP verbiage changes) is scheduled to be published in the DC Register next Friday – March 12, 2024. The second rulemaking regarding attestation is currently at the Attorney General’s Office

The next Educational Symposium will be held in New York in 2025. Mr. Tucker gave special acknowledgment to the DC Board for the efforts of organizing the event held in September 2023.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

Mr. Cyrus spoke with the Board regarding the scheduling for the next Education Forum. The last Forum was held virtually in March of 2020. The next Forum will be scheduled in the spring 2025.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Cohen and properly seconded by Mr. Williams the Board voted to approve DC credits for future education seminars.

Mr. Lewis informed the Board of the required training. All Board Members must take the Opens Meeting Act and Ethics Training. Ethics must be taken annually. The training will be conducted by the Office of Open Government. Both training courses will be offered in April. Dates for the training will be sent to the Board once they are received from the Office of Open Government.

Ms. Randall reported that there are no new updates on B-25-0277 – Landscape Architect Services Sales Tax Clarification Amendment Act of 2023. She will be reaching out to Counsel McDuffie’s office to get a status.

**Agenda Item: Review of Correspondence**

No correspondence was reviewed.

**Agenda Item: Executive Session** – **(Closed to the** **Public)** Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) (4) (A); D.C. Official Code § 2-575 (b) (9) and (13) to discuss complaints/legal matters, applications, and for legal counsel report.

The Board did not enter into Executive Session.

**Agenda Item: Recommendations**

No recommendations.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment:**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Alter and properly seconded by Mr. Walters, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 am.

Respectfully submitted,

 Mr. Ronnie McGhee, Chairman

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 Date

Recorder/transcriber: Avis Pearson