



Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture

March 16, 2018
Minutes

The District of Columbia Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, March 16, 2018, at 9:30 am at 1100 4th Street, S.W., Room 300, Washington, D.C. 20024. The Board did not meet at a scheduled meeting on February 23, 2018, because a quorum was not present. The Board members present did speak to Nichant Keerkatte from the Office of the Mayor concerning a proposed bill on criminal convictions and the Board's review of applications containing criminal convictions.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ronnie McGhee at 9:43 am, and attendance was taken.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Ronnie McGhee; Cametrick Nesmith; Melissa Cohen; Mathilda Cox; Patrick Williams

Board Members Telephone: Sharon K. Borton

Board Members Absent: Barbara Jones

Staff: Patrice Richardson, Board Administrator; Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator; Kathy Thomas, Education Specialist; Virginia Bryant; Program Support Specialist; Leon Lewis, Executive Director.

Legal Counsel: Absent

Public: None

Agenda Item: Executive Session

The Board did not enter into an executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to D.C. Official Code Section 2-575(b)(4)(A) to seek the advice of counsel, D.C. Official Code Section 2-575(b)(9) to discuss disciplinary matters, and D.C. Official Code Section 2-575(b)(13) to deliberate upon a decision in an adjudication action or proceeding.

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

None

Agenda Item: Draft Minutes, January 26, 2018

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Nesmith and properly seconded by Ms. Cox, the Board voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes dated January 26, 2018.

Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations

*Architecture: 28 Endorsements; 29 Exam; 3 Reinstatements and
Interior Design: 3 Exam; 1 Reinstatement*

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Nesmith and properly seconded by Ms. Cox, the Board voted unanimously to approve the attached March 16, 2018, list of applicants as amended by examination, endorsement, and reinstatement of architect and interior design applications for licensure, attached hereto and made a part of the March 16, 2018, minutes.

Agenda Item: Review of Complaints

None

Agenda Item: Legal Counsel Report

There was no report provided by legal counsel, however, the Board voted on two motions relating to the Integrated Path to Architectural Licensure (IPAL). This motion is contained under new business.

Agenda Item: Education

The board discussed the March 23, 2018, educational symposium and reviewed the program design and presenters. Accolades from the Chair were given to the education summit team for the content and program design.

Agenda Item: Review of Calendar

None

Agenda Item: Correspondence

The Design Build white paper authorized by the State Boards representing the design profession in New York was deferred to a later meeting for discussion.

Agenda Item: Old Business

None

Agenda Item: New Business

Regarding the Integrated Path to Architectural Licensure (IPAL), the following motions were voted on:

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Williams and properly seconded by Mr. Nesmith, the Board voted unanimously to approve an amendment to the regulations (DCMR Section 3403.1(c) to allow students enrolled in a NCARB-approved Integrated Path to Architecture Licensure (IPAL) program to take the Architectural Registration Examination (ARE) prior to graduation.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Cohen and properly seconded by Mr. Nesmith, the Board voted unanimously to relax the current regulations to allow students enrolled in a NCARB-approved Integrated Path to Architecture Licensure (IPAL) program to take the Architectural Registration Examination (ARE) prior to graduation.

Oral reports from the NCARB Regional Summit were provided by Chairperson McGhee, Mr. Williams, Ms. Cohen and Mr. Lewis. In preparation for the upcoming NCARB Annual Business Meeting (ABM) in Detroit, the attendees reported that there are four draft resolutions that will be reviewed by the Board prior to the ABM. They are:

- 1) Resolution 2018-A: NCARB Legislative Guidelines and Model Law/Model Regulations Amendment-HSW Category Realignment
- 2) Resolution 2018-B: Certification Guidelines Amendment-Revision to the EESDA Requirement for the Education Alternative to Certification
- 3) Resolution 2018-C: Amendment and Restatement of the NCARB Model Rules of /Conduct
- 4) Resolution 2018-D: Amendment and Restatement of the NCARB Bylaws

The Member Board Executive (MBE) Workshop was attended by Mr. Lewis, which included a focus on reasonable regulation, building connections within the MBE community, the disciplinary database and disciplinary trends, and the importance of continuing education in preventing public harm.

Additionally, Chairperson McGhee was nominated for the Region 2 position of vice chair/treasurer. The election will be held during the ABM.

Agenda Item: Next Meeting

Next Scheduled Regular Meeting April 20, 2018
1100 4th Street, SW, Room 300B, Washington, DC 20024

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Nesmith, and properly seconded by Ms. Borton, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn meeting at 11:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronnie McGhee, Chair

Date: April 20, 2018

Transcriber: Patrice Richardson

Attachments