

**Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 4, 2021**  
**Via Zoom**

**Present:** Allen J. Bacque – Chair; J. David Brinson – Secretary, Ronald B. Blicht, John Cardone, Shannon French, Richard J. LeBlanc, Kevin Singh

**Staff:** Katherine E. Hillegas, Executive Director; Tyson J. Ducote, Deputy Director

**Legal Counsel:** Paul Spaht, Attorney

This meeting was held via zoom pursuant to JBE Proclamation 2021-94 and R.S. 42:17.1, the governor having declared a state of emergency for the State of Louisiana, and the nature of the emergency causing a meeting of the Board conducted pursuant to other provisions of the Open Meetings Law, R.S. 42:1 et seq., to be potentially detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the Board, staff, and the public.

The meeting was called to order by Bacque who certified that the matters to be considered by the Board will be limited to the matters listed on the agenda of the meeting, such matters being time sensitive and in the opinion of Brinson consideration of which should not be delayed. The members of the Board approved the consideration of the matters on the agenda, and only such matters, by unanimous vote.

Bacque welcomed everyone to the meeting, reviewed the agenda, and validated that matters under consideration for the meeting will be limited to those matters identified on the agenda. He opened the floor for comments from the public, and there were none.

**Motion #1: Singh/LeBlanc: To validate that matters under consideration for this meeting will be limited to items listed on the agenda. Passed. 7-0.**

### **Legal Counsel Report**

Spaht provided an explanation of R.S. 42:17.1 which allows the Board to meet virtually during a public health state of emergency. He shared information related to the process we must follow to maintain compliance.

#### Incidental Practice Task Force

Spaht reported that the Task Force has not convened a meeting since it met in April. It is anticipated that AIA LA will be reaching out to establish a meeting schedule soon. The Board reviewed a clean copy of potential modifications to the draft definition that was discussed by the Board during the April 2020 meeting along with the draft definition which was published in the *Louisiana Register* by LAPELS in November 2019.

#### Rulemaking

- LAC 46:I: Chapter 11, Section 1109 Military Licensure
- LAC 46:I: Chapter 23, Section 2303 Adoption and Amendment of Rules
- LAC 46:I: Chapter 23, Section 2305 Declaratory Rulings

Spaht reported that the three rules mentioned above have been submitted to the Legislative Fiscal Office for consideration. He hoped to receive approval from the LFO in time to get on the agenda for the next OLRC meeting which is scheduled for June 17 so that the Notices of Intent for each rule can be published in the Louisiana Register in July.

*AG Opinion: Use of Title Architect Response (FYI)*

Spaht reported that the Board had prepared feedback to the Attorney General's office regarding an inquiry for an opinion on the use of the title architect in position titles and role descriptions for the Office of Telecommunications Management information technology positions. He noted that the opinion, now rendered, references our recommendation to precede some of the recommended titles with the term "IT" to prevent confusion about the possible practice of architecture, and it also agreed with our assessment regarding confusion that may be perceived by the title Facility Architect. He further reported that State Civil Service will move forward with creation of job titles based on information outlined in this opinion.

*HB398*

Spaht reported that there proposed legislation was being considered that would establish a separate optional review process of rules and disciplinary actions. The bill states that participation in the program will ensure that participating boards and board members will avoid liability under federal antitrust laws. Discussion ensued regarding whether immunity is currently provided through the Occupational Licensing Review Commission. Discussion ensued regarding this proposed legislation and whether Board members are protected from federal antitrust laws. It was agreed that further inquiries would be made to determine what antitrust protections are being provided to the board and its members.

**April 16, 2021 Meeting**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 16, 2021 meeting.

**Motion #2: LeBlanc/Blitch: To approve the minutes of the April 16, 2021 meeting. Passed. 6-0-1.**

**Complaint Review Committee Report**

Singh and Ducote presented the report of the Complaint Review Committee ("CRC") consisting of Singh, Blitch, and LeBlanc.

**Case #2021-04** - Ducote reported on a limited liability company which had practiced and/or offered to practice architecture with an expired certification. The respondent signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the CRC. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Respondent to pay a fine of \$4,500 and costs of \$490.60;
2. Publication of this disciplinary action on the Board's website and a summary of this matter in the Board's newsletter identifying Respondent by name, and
3. Reporting this matter to NCARB Disciplinary Database identifying Respondent by name.

**Motion #3: Cardone/Brinson: To accept the consent order for Case #2021-04. Passed 4-0, with CRC members abstaining.**

After the motion passed, the Respondent was identified as **Dalton Architects, Inc.**

**Case #2021-06** - Ducote reported on a limited liability company which had practiced and/or offered to practice architecture with an expired certification. The respondent signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the CRC. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Respondent to pay a fine of \$1,500 and costs of \$373.49;
2. Publication of this disciplinary action on the Board's website and a summary of this matter in the Board's newsletter identifying Respondent by name, and
3. Reporting this matter to NCARB Disciplinary Database identifying Respondent by name.

**Motion #4: Cardone/Brinson: To accept the consent order for Case #2021-06. Passed 4-0, with CRC members abstaining.**

After the motion passed, the Respondent was identified as **Architects Plus, L.L.C.**

Ducote shared statistics on the number of open cases, cases closed since the April meeting, new cases opened since the April meeting, and the number of pending cases.

#### **Continuing Education Committee Report**

Hillegas reported that the continuing education audit of records for calendar year 2020 was launched on April 29. She reported that: **174 licensees** were randomly selected for the audit (63 in-state and 111 out-of-state). She noted that to date, no response had been received from **10 licensees** (6 in-state and 4 out-of-state). She further reported that per the guidelines established by the Board, staff was currently communicating with **14 licensees** requesting further information/documentation (6 in-state and 8 out-of-state). Of the 174 licensees who were sent audit notifications, **147 licensee** records (48 in-state and 99 out-of-state) have been determined to be "Audit Complete," such having met the 12 HSW CEH requirement.

Following the guidelines, staff is reaching out to those individuals who have not yet responded and those who are required to provide further information or documentation. Staff will provide an update to the CE Committee once the deadlines to submit have passed, and a report to the Board will be provided at the September 2021 meeting.

#### **Licenses Issued for Ratification**

Hillegas reported the following registrations had been issued since the last Board meeting:

- 6 initial architect licenses,
- 34 reciprocal architect licenses,
- 20 reinstatement architect licenses,
- 7 Architectural Firms (1 in-state; 6 out-of-state),
- 3 Professional Architectural Corporations reinstated (0 in-state; 3 out-of-state), and
- 2 Architectural Engineering Corporations (2 out-of-state).

#### Total Individuals Licenses:

- 1,323 in-state
- 2,091 out-of-state
- **3,414 Total**
- 40 in-state emeritus
- 49 out-of state emeritus, and
- 2 suspended.

Total Firm Certificates of Authority

Architectural Firms – 715 (305 in-state; 410 out-of-state)  
Architectural Firms Suspended – 1  
Professional Architectural Corporations – 302 (115 in-state; 187 out-of-state)  
Architectural Engineering Corporations – 144 (19 in-state; 125 out-of-state)  
Total – 1,161 (439 in-state; 722 out-of-state).

**Motion #5: Blich/LeBlanc:** To approve the list of licenses and certificates of authority issued for the period April 14, 2021 through May 27, 2021. **Passed. 7-0.**

**Executive Directors Report**

April 2021 Financial Statements

Hillegas reported that firm revenue is exceeding budget projections. She noted that we are currently in the renewal cycle and that revenue received will defer to FY22. Individual licensure revenue is above budget projections due in part to increased efforts to reach out to expired licensees prior to end of right of renewal period resulting in an increase in renewals and reinstatements.

She further reported that expenses are running below budget projections currently at 63% of budget expenditures.

Architect Selection Board

Hillegas shared applications which had been received for representatives from Districts 3, 4 and 5 to serve on the Architect Selection Board. She noted that efforts are underway to identify candidates for Districts 1 and 2.

**Motion #6: Blich/Singh:** To accept the applications of Kristopher Palagi (District 3), Jeffery Michael Kudla (District 4) and Benton Patterson (District 5) for service on the Architect Selection Board for the period September 15, 2021 through September 14, 2022. **Passed. 7-0.**

NCARB 2021 Annual Business Meeting

The Board reviewed the agenda and resolutions which will be presented at the NCARB 2021 Annual Business Meeting in Los Angeles (and virtually) on June 24-26. It was noted that some members will be attending in person and some virtually. Bacque was identified as the Voting Delegate and he will be voting on resolutions and the national election on behalf of the Board.

There being no further business,

**Motion #7: Brinson/Blich:** To adjourn. **Passed. 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Allen Bacque, Chair

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David Brinson, Secretary

<b>INITIAL LICENSES</b>			
<b>License #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
9503	Courtney Jones	New Orleans	LA
9513	Allison Lantier	Covington	LA
9514	Ian McEntee	New Orleans	LA
9516	Rebecca Roubion	New Orleans	LA
9517	Ira Concepcion	New Orleans	LA
9521	Sara Loquist	Baton Rouge	LA
<b>RECIPROCAL LICENSES</b>			
<b>License #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
9500	Paul Kleykamp	New Orleans	LA
9512	Todd Light	Morton	IL
9499	Christopher Morales	Charlotte	NC
9501	Daniel Sirk	Lyndhurst	OH
9502	Richard Simmons	Tampa	FL
9504	James Denney	Nashville	TN
9505	James Escobar	Meridian	ID
9506	Charles Gray	Fairlawn	OH
9507	Mitchel Garrett	Tulsa	OK
9508	Donald Patai	Las Vegas	NV
9509	Craig Dupuis	Atlanta	GA
9510	Fitz Murphy	Hollywood	FL
9511	Michael Maas	Endeavor	WI
9515	William Paluch	Phoenix	AZ
9518	Thomas Montchai	Cincinnati	OH
9519	David Mancuso	Charlotte	NC
9520	Edward Portis	Charlotte	NC
9522	Trevor Abramson	Los Angeles	CA
9523	Nicholas Netta	Mountainside	NJ
9524	Charles Helton	Spring	TX
9525	Alden Kasiewicz	Portland	OR
9526	Jon Erickson	Duluth	GA
9527	Kirk Edwards	Woodstock	GA
9528	James Donaghy	Wayne	PA
9529	Joseph Riley	Averill Park	NY
9530	Joseph Sziabowski	Wellesley	MA
9531	Mark Tiscornia	Phoenix	AZ
9532	Thomas Mesuk	Wood-Ridge	NJ
9533	Robert McConnell	Philadelphia	PA
9534	Ira Wimer	Russellville	AR
9535	Raymond Schaefer	Orlando	FL
9536	Lori Bongiorno	Columbus	OH
9537	George Feathers	Bella Vista	AR
9538	Dominique Hawkins	Philadelphia	PA

<b>LICENSE REINSTATEMENTS</b>			
<b>License #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
3171	Jack Breithaupt	Rhinehart	LA
4380	Peter Davis	New Orleans	LA
4609	Heidi Claus	Baton Rouge	LA
8764	Cameron Broussard	Lafayette	LA
6293	Stephen Harrill	Jacksonville	FL
7202	Matthew Cramer	Nashville	TN
7957	Leon Drachman	Boston	MA
8695	Eric Milberger	Huntsville	AL
9255	Daniel Tarantino	New York	NY
8643	Thomas Gibbons	Austin	TX
	<i><b>Total Individual Licenses Issued In Reporting Period</b></i>		
	Initial		6
	Reciprocal		34
	Reinstatement		10
	<i><b>Total Individual Licenses</b></i>		
	In-State		1,323
	In-State Emeritus		40
	In-State Suspended		2
	Out-of-State		2,091
	Out-of-State Emeritus		49
	Delinquent		-
	<b>Total</b>		<b>3,503</b>

<b>FIRM LICENSES</b>			
<b>Architectural Firm Licenses Issued</b>			
<b>License #</b>	<b>Firm Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
AF0794	Studio for Housing Design, LLC	Atlanta	GA
AF0795	Atlas Collaborative, LLC	Peachtree Corners	GA
AF0796	Mann Parsons Gray Architects, Inc	Fairlawn	OH
AF0797	Yeager, Watson & Associates, LLC	Ruston	LA
AF0798	Charles Todd Helton Architect, Inc.	Spring	TX
AF0799	hpc Architect, LLP	Albany	NY
AF0800	DRYTEC Moisture Protection Technology Consultants, Inc.	Dallas	TX
<b>Architectural Firm Licenses Reinstated</b>			
<b>License #</b>	<b>Firm Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
	NONE		
<b>Professional Architectural Corporation Licenses Issued</b>			
<b>License #</b>	<b>Firm Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
AC0887	Arcons Design Studio, PC	Matthews	NC
<b>Professional Architectural Corporation Licenses Reinstated</b>			
<b>License #</b>	<b>Firm Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
AC0476	R.S.L. Commerical Architecture, Inc.	Cincinnati	OH
AC0633	LIVE design group pc	Birmingham	AL
<b>Architectural-Engineering Corporation Licenses Issued</b>			
<b>License #</b>	<b>Firm Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
AE0482	Prime Engineering Incorporated	Atlanta	GA
<b>Architectural-Engineering Corporation Licenses Reinstated</b>			
<b>License #</b>	<b>Firm Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
AE0433	ADCI Professional Corporation, S.C.	Lake Delton	WI

**LSBAE**  
**Licenses Issued for Board Ratification**  
**April 14, 2021 through May 27, 2021**

	<b>Total FIRM Licenses Issued In Reporting Period</b>		
	Architectural Firm - In-State		1
	Architectural Firm - Out of State		6
	Professional Architectural Corporation - In-State		0
	Professional Architectural Corporation - Out-of-State		3
	Architectural Engineering Corporation - In-State		0
	Architectural Engineering Corporation - Out-of-State		2
	<b>Total Firm Licenses Issued</b>		<b>12</b>
	Architectural Firm - In State		305
	Architectural Firm - Out of State		410
	Architectural Firm - In State Suspended		1
	Professional Architectural Corporation - In State		115
	Professional Architectural Corporation - Out of State		187
	Architectural Engineering Corporation - In State		19
	Architectural Engineering Corporation - Out of State		125
	<b>Total In-State</b>		<b>439</b>
	<b>Total Out-of-State</b>		<b>722</b>
	<b>Total Firm Licenses</b>		<b>1,161</b>