

**Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners  
Meeting Minutes  
June 5, 2020**

**Via Zoom**

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

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

**Legal Counsel:** Paul Spaht, Attorney

**Guest:** Lisa Nice

Tumlin welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. He opened the floor for comments from the public, and there were none.

**Legal Counsel Report**

Spaht provided an update on actions related to the proposed rulemaking by LAPELS seeking to define the incidental practice of engineering as it relates to architecture as set forth in LAC 46:LXI.105. He reported that he, Blicht and Hillegas had attended a meeting of the Occupational Licensing Review Commission in late February where it was considering the proposed rule for a second and final reading.

Before the OLRC meeting, LSBAE and AIA Louisiana had each submitted written comments to LAPELS, with copies to the OLRC expressing opposition to the proposed rule and requesting an opportunity to re-engage the Task Force to complete the work related to defining the incidental practice of architecture and engineering. At the OLRC meeting, Blicht and Lisa Nice representing the AIA presented comments and explained to the OLRC their oppositions to the proposed rule. The Commission expressed that it wanted to understand the rulemaking procedure and how it was applied by LAPELS, and it opted not to take any action on the proposed rule at that meeting.

During a hallway discussion with LAPELS representatives following the OLRC meeting, it was reported that LAPELS indicated a willingness to continue discussions to create a mutually agreeable definition.

It was agreed that the Board should reach out to LAPELS to identify a time to renew the discussions.

**Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 21, 2020 meeting.

**Motion #1: LeBlanc/Bacque: To approve the minutes of the February 21, 2020 meeting. Passed. 7-0.**

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The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 7, 2020 meeting.

**Motion #2: Bacque/Brinson: To approve the minutes of the March 7 meeting. Passed. 7-0.**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 9, 2020 meeting.

**Motion #3: Cardone/Brinson: To approve the minutes of the April 9, 2020 meeting. Passed. 7-0.**

**CRC Report**

LeBlanc and Ducote reported that the Committee had met to continue discussions regarding current investigations and that there were no items requiring Board action.

**Licenses Issued for Ratification**

Hillegas reported that 14 initial and 32 reciprocal licenses for individuals and 14 Architectural Firm and 2 Professional Architectural Corporation certificates of authority had been issued between February 8, 2020 and May 26, 2020.

**Motion #4: Singh/Bacque: To approve the list of licenses and certificates of authority issued for the period February 8, 2020 through May 26, 2020, as submitted. Passed 7-0.**

Included in the approval was the reciprocal license of Scott Gary Nacheman such approval being discussed because of the particular circumstances involved.

**NCARB**

Tumlin reported that he would be serving as the Credentials Committee Chair for the upcoming NCARB Virtual Annual Business Meeting. In light of these responsibilities and in order to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, he asked for a volunteer to serve as the Voting Delegate.

**Motion #5: Blich/LeBlanc: To select Ron Blich as the Board's Voting Delegate for the 2020 NCARB Virtual Annual Business Meeting. Passed. 7-0.**

Tumlin then reviewed the officer candidates, and the Board identified their selections for the Secretary and Public Director positions.

Hillegas presented a draft of revisions to *NCARB Education Standard* and indicated that final comments were due to NCARB in the next several days. Singh provided insight on the changes to the Standard as he was a member on the Committee that had finalized the edits. The Board had no additional comments.

**Executive Directors Report**

Hillegas provided an update on recent legislative activity that may impact the Board.

She then presented an inquiry regarding possible waivers for the CE requirement as a result of COVID-19. The Board determined that no decision would be made at this time; however, many members commented that while face to face meetings were halted as a result of the stay at home orders and social distancing requirements, there were many opportunities to earn the required 12 HSW/CEH through online courses.

Architect Selection Board

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The Board reviewed the applications for candidates for the Architects Selection Board from Regions 1, 3, and 4. Hillegas noted that the deadline had been extended until June 30 as a result of COVID-19 to allow for receipt of applications from Regions 2 and 5.

March 2020 Financial Statement

Hillegas presented the March 2020 Financial Statement to the Board noting that the renewal cycle for individual licenses had completed and that the bottom line of the Board operations for the 9-month period of the fiscal year indicated a \$186K surplus.

FY21 Budget

She then presented a draft of the FY21 Budget to the Board for consideration. The Board went into Executive Session and Hillegas and Ducote left the meeting. Upon return and adjournment from Executive Session, the Board reported that it had approved a 2% salary increase for Ducote and Hillegas. Other staff would receive the appropriate market adjustment based on the SCS schedule.

**Other Business**

Hillegas shared communications received from ARE candidates expressing concern over the impact of COVID-19 and their ability to test safely now that Prometric test centers were re-opening. Additional concern was expressed regarding how NCARB was communicating with candidates about the situation.

**New Business**

Tumlin and Blich indicated that the Board should start planning for the next strategic retreat in order to update the Strategic Plan. It was indicated that a consultant should be obtained to facilitate the retreat.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

**Motion #6: LeBlanc/Blich: To adjourn. Passed. 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Knox Tumlin, Chair

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Allen Bacque, Secretary

Approved: September 11, 2020

**LSBAE**  
**Licenses Issued for Board Ratification**  
**February 8, 2020 through May 26, 2020**

<b>INITIAL LICENSES</b>			
<b>License #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
9299	Andrea Hendrickson Ford	New Orleans	Louisiana
9307	Timothy Paul Green, Jr.	Lafayette	Louisiana
9308	Richard Nicholas Arcuri, Jr.	Lafayette	Louisiana
9313	Jonathan Allen LeJune	Lafayette	Louisiana
9317	Jonathan G. Marcantel	New Orleans	Louisiana
9324	Jonathan Marques Fidalgo	New Orleans	Louisiana
9329	Ashley Bell Davis	Youngsville	Louisiana
<b>RECIPROCAL LICENSES</b>			
<b>License #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
9293	Terence Lyn Thornhill	Pasco	Washington
9294	James Wellington Clarke	Powell	Ohio
9295	Anthony Jason Dooley	Atlanta	Georgia
9296	John Alfred Bodziak, Jr.	St. Petersburg	Florida
9297	Steven A. Lichtenberger	Dallas	Texas
9298	Arnulfo Martinez	Henderson	Nevada
9300	Erik Karl Fritzberg	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
9301	Mary Hoagland	Portland	Oregon
9302	Matthew James Hoagland	Polk City	Iowa
9303	James Gilder Coate III	Chattanooga	Tennessee
9304	Frank A. Malek	Greenwood Village	Colorado
9305	Chad David Michel	Richardson	Texas
9306	Jeffrey Scott Williams	Jackson	Michigan
9309	Erika Freitas Martins	Brooklyn	New York
9310	James Arthur Garland	Los Angeles	California
9311	Adrian Heid	West Palm Beach	Florida
9312	John Anthony DiDomenico	Long Island City	New York
9314	David Gerardo Narvaez	Dallas	Texas
9315	Colin Christopher Lamb	Tulsa	Oklahoma
9316	Christopher W. Lake	Indianapolis	Indiana
9318	Bert V. Calhoun	Pensacola	Florida
9319	Matthew Robert Bechtel	Fort Myers	Florida
9320	George Louis Shmidheiser	Conshohocken	Pennsylvania
9321	Stephen Michael Smith	Alexandria	Virginia
9322	Steven David Prather	Martinez	Georgia
9323	Cleveland Derrick Salmon	Nashville	Tennessee
9325	Laurie Whitney	Middleton	Wisconsin
9326	Daniel L. Tessarolo	Des Plaines	Illinois
9327	Brandon Glen Sale	North Richland Hills	Texas
9328	Theodore W. Rohn	Cedar Lake	Indiana
9330	Scott Gary Nacheman	Chicago	Illinois
9331	Thomas Lee	Austin	Texas
9332	Burton S. Visnick	Boston	Massachusetts
9333	Alyssa Francis	Brooklyn	New York

<b>RECIPROCAL LICENSES</b>			
9334	Drake Randolph Hitchcock	Sherman	Texas
9335	Sean Fitzpatrick	Denver	Colorado
9336	Thomas Jester	Chevy Chase	Maryland
9337	Jeffry John Koch	Wichita	Kansas
9338	Robert A. Zappulla	Roswell	Georgia
9339	Thomas R. Elchert	Cincinnati	Ohio
9340	Robert Eric O'Keefe	Atlanta	Georgia
9341	Joshua Eugene Inman	Orlando	Florida
9342	Dustin Richard O'Brien	Houston	Texas
<b>FIRM LICENSES</b>			
<b>Professional Architectural Corporation</b>			
<b>License #</b>	<b>Firm Name</b>	<b>State</b>	
AC0885	Belinda Stewart Architects, PA CO	MS	
<b>Architectural-Engineering Corporation</b>			
AE0470	Larson Design Group, Inc	PA	
AE0469	Vestal Corporation	MO	
<b>Architectural Firm</b>			
AF0708	Mussachio Architects, P.C. - Corporation	NY	
AF0709	K.K. Finney Architect LLC	LA	
AF0707	Taylor/Kempkes Architects P.A.	AR	
AF0706	BDA Architecture, P.C.	NM	
AF0705	Bluestone Partners, LLC.	TX	
AF0704	Davis Design & Consulting LLC	LA	
AF0703	Travis Jore Architect, LLC	LA	
AF0702	DELV Design Studio, LLC	IN	
AF0700	Polk Stanley Wilcox Architects LTD	AR	
AF0701	Azalea Design Studio, LLC	LA	
AF0699	Gibbs Construction, LLC	LA	
AF0698	Clark Kjos Architects	OR	
AF0696	Le Architect, LLC	LA	
AF0697	ACSW Architects, LLC	LA	
AF0695	GW Architecture, LLC	LA	
AF0694	Layered Design Studio, LLC	LA	
AF0693	O'NEIL LANGAN ARCHITECTS, P.C.	NY	