



Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration

District of Columbia Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture
1100 4th Street, SW Suite 400
Washington, DC 20024

June 17, 2022
Minutes

The District of Columbia Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, June 17, 2022, at 9:53am. This meeting was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting was called to order by Ronnie McGhee, Chairman, at 9:53am. Ms. LaNesha Kearse, Associate Director, Mayors Office of Talent and Appointments, and Mr. Uno Izegebu, Special Assistant, Mayors Office of Talent and Appointments, joined the meeting for the swearing in of Ms. Kia Weatherspoon, Interior Design and the reappointment of Ms. Barbara Jones, Consumer Member.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Mr. Ronnie McGhee, Chairman, Mr. Patrick Williams, Vice Chairman, Ms. Eileen Vitelli, Ms. Barbara Jones, Ms. Melissa Cohen, Mr. Cametrick Nesmith, Ms. Kia Weatherspoon

Board Members Absent: Mr. Robert Alter

Board Staff: Ms. Avis Pearson, Board Administrator; Mr. Leon Lewis, Program Coordinator, Ms. Stephanie Johnston, Program Support Specialist, Ms. Jah-mai Jefferson, Program Support Specialist

Legal Counsel: Mr. Patrick White, Esq. DCRA Office of General Counsel

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Agenda Item: Draft Minutes

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Cohen and properly seconded by Ms. Jones the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 22, 2022, minutes with the amended changes.

Agenda Item: Review of Applications

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Vitelli and properly seconded by Mr. Williams the Board voted unanimously to approve the list of Architects, Interior Designers, and Landscape Architects' applications for licensure, and the list of renewals attached hereto and made part of the June 17, 2022, minutes.

Agenda Item: Education

The next Education Symposium will be in DC in 2024. The Board discussed having the internal committee and a second committee to involve a wider array of stakeholders from other jurisdictions and possibly

NCARB staff. The Board's Education Committee and Support Staff will also be a part of the second committee to lead the process. The 2022 Education Symposium is scheduled for September 29-30, 2022. The event will be held at University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA. This will be a hybrid event.

Agenda Item: Old Business

Mr. McGhee requested that an email blast be done to notify Licensees of the following: Mr. Lewis's receipt of the NCARB Presidential Award, the application for Professional Design Firms is now available and to inform Licensees that PSI is now administering the ARE and NCARB is also providing additional resource materials for exam applicants. Mr. Lewis did inform that Board that this information would also be included in the Board newsletter as well.

Ms. Weatherspoon informed the Board that CIDQ is the Administrator of the Interior Design exam. The association provides resources to about thirty-one textbooks with information regarding what the actual testing curriculum is. For study materials, most interior designers will use ASID, IIDA, or Qpractice as resources for studying materials. In addition, there are also a few collegiate institutions who are implementing in their curriculum testing material so that students and graduates can take the first part of the test before they graduate. Interior Design has a three-part exam: the Interior Design Fundamentals Exam (IDFX), the Interior Design Professional Exam (IDPX) and the Practicum Exam (PRAC).

Agenda Item: New Business

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Williams and properly seconded by Ms. Vitelli, the Board unanimously voted to give Ms. Pearson authority to proceed with preparing the travel for the CLARB Conference to be held in Omaha, Nebraska in September. During the May meeting, Mr. Alter did express that he would like to attend this conference.

Agenda Item: Review of Correspondence

Mr. Weaver, DCRA Chief of Staff, was unable to attend today's meeting to provide direct feedback to the questions previously raised by the Board regarding the DCRA Contractor Rating System, however he did submit written a written response. The questions that the Board submitted to Mr. Weaver were as follows:

- Responses from the licensed architects and from the architecture community.
- Complaints received.
- Next steps for DCRA, that is, a rating system for professional engineers and other possible rating systems; and
- Fine tuning of the current DCRA Contractor Rating System.

Mr. Weaver's response:

To provide some insight though, there have been no changes to the Contractor Rating System recently other than the addition on the landing page of individuals or entities who have received more than five Stop Work Orders (SWOs) in a 12-month period nor are any planned as of this writing.

With regard to complaints, that have not materialized. Most inquiries include requests to be added to the system, administrative functions such as changing contact information for professionals, customers seeking information.

Mr. Weaver has been invited to the July 15, 2022, meeting to provide additional clarification.

Mr. Lewis will follow up with Ms. Briggs, OPLA Program Manager regarding Board Training.

Mr. Lewis will provide feedback to the Board during the July meeting on conducting random audits with attestations.

Agenda Item: Executive Session – (Closed to the Public)

The Board did not enter Executive Session 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 legal counsel report.

Agenda Item: Recommendations

There are no recommendations

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Vitelli and properly seconded by Ms. Cohen, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 11:22am. The next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2022 @ 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Ronnie McGhee, Chairman

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Date

Recorder/transcriber: Avis Pearson