## State Architects Licensure Board March 10, 2022

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## BOARD MEMBERS:

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Jerry K. Roller, RA, President Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs

Darryl R. Hamm, Vice President, Public Member William J. Bates, RA, Secretary

Jonathan Burns, Deputy Attorney General, Office of Attorney General

Michael Johns, RA

15 Mary McClenaghan, RA 16

Aram Piligian Jr., RA

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## BUREAU PERSONNEL:

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C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel Dean F. Picarella, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel Ray Michalowski, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor Angela L. Solomon, Esquire, Board Prosecution

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Amanda Li, Board Administrator Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Executive Policy Specialist, Department of State

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## ALSO PRESENT:

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Amal Mahrouki, Director of Legislative Affairs, American Institute of Architects of Pennsylvania Anthony S. Potter, Esquire, American Institute of Architects Pennsylvania

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Jen Smeltz, Republican Executive Director, Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure Committee

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Stephen M. Swarney, J.D., Executive Director, American Institute of Architects Pennsylvania Lori A. Behe

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4 | [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at

5 9:00 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session

6 | with C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel, for

7 the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial

8 deliberations. The Board returned to open session at

9 10:30 a.m.]

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12 [Amanda Li, Board Administrator, provided instructions

13 to be followed during the virtual meeting.

14 Ms. Li noted the meeting was being recorded, and

15 those who continued to participate were giving their

16 consent to be recorded.

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18 [C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted

19 the Board met in Executive Session and conducted

20 quasi-judicial deliberations prior to open session.]

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the State

23 Architects Licensure Board was held on Thursday, March

24 | 10, 2022. Jerry K. Roller, RA, President, called the

25 | meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

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   Roll Call
   [President Roller requested Mr. Hamm call the roll for
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   attendance.]
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   [President Roller announced Mary McClenaghan was
   reappointed to the Board, and Michael Johns was
   appointed as a new member. He noted the Board now has
   all five architect member positions filled and one
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   open public member seat.]
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   Introduction of Attendees
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   [Amanda Li, Board Administrator, provided an
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   introduction of those in attendance.]
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   Approval of minutes of the January 13, 2022 meeting
   PRESIDENT ROLLER:
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                  We need an approval for the minutes of
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                  our last meeting on January 13, 2022.
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                       Comments or a motion to approve?
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   MR. BATES:
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   MR. PILIGIAN:
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   PRESIDENT ROLLER:
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I have a motion and a second. Mr. Hamm, 1 2 would you call the roll, please? 3 Mr. Roller, yes; Mr. Claggett, yes; Mr. 4 5 Hamm, yes; Mr. Bates, yes; Mr. Burns, yes; Mr. Johns, abstain; Ms. 6 7 McClenaghan, abstain; Mr. Piligian, yes. [The motion carried. Michael Johns and Mary McClenaghan abstained from voting on the motion.] \* \* \* 10 11 Report of Prosecutorial Division 12 [Angela L. Solomon, Esquire, Board Prosecution 1.3 Liaison, had no consent agreements for the Board's 14 consideration but offered to answer questions. 15 Ray Michalowski, Esquire, Senior Board 16 Prosecutor, brought up an issue the Board was working on before COVID, where the Board was pushing 17 18 prosecution to work with the Department of Labor & 19 Industry. He mentioned it to the Board of 20 Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists 21 and believed working with all three boards, including 2.2 the Board of Landscape Architects, would be a good 2.3 idea. He asked whether that was a matter the Board 24 wished to pursue shortly or wait until after the 25 electronic seals are finalized. He noted prior

discussion regarding searching and teaching how to find seal slapping and other seal-related practice issues.

President Roller mentioned already working on an outreach to Labor & Industry (L&I) and discussion about an outreach to the code officials group in Pennsylvania making them aware of what the Board does and how the Board can help them make sure they have valid seals and documents. He stated it would be put on the agenda for an upcoming meeting at the appropriate time.]

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13 Report of Board Counsel

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[C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel, provided a Status of Cases Report for the Board's review. He noted only two files were currently open and would be dealt with at this meeting with the final

18 Adjudications and Orders.

Mr. Fritz informed Board members the digital seals and signatures regulation was ready. He mentioned the request that it travel with the engineer and landscape architect digital seals and signatures regulations, noting the engineers' regulation is a stone's throw from being complete and was working on matching up landscape architect with the other two.

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Mr. Fritz reported on working on Act 41 and was
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   matching up that to the Engineer Board Act 41
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   Regulation, which went through smoothly and passed.
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   He was hopeful to soon complete Act 41.
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        Mr. Fritz asked Board members to inform him of
   any cases where they needed to recuse themselves.]
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   Report of Board Counsel - Final Adjudications and
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   MR. FRITZ:
                  Based on discussions held in Executive
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                  Session, the Board would entertain a
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                  motion to approve the following Final
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                  Adjudication and Order: Commonwealth v.
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                  Owen Carr, Case No. 21-41-011316.
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   PRESIDENT ROLLER:
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                  Do I have a motion?
   MS. MCCLENAGHAN:
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Mr. Roller, yes; Mr. Claggett, yes; Mr.
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                  Hamm, yes; Mr. Bates, yes; Mr. Burns,
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                  yes; Mr. Johns, yes; Ms. McClenaghan,
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    [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   MR. FRITZ:
                  The Board would entertain a motion to
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                  approve the Final Adjudication and Order
                  at Case No. 20-41-004180, Commonwealth
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                  v. Roderick John Etzel.
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   PRESIDENT ROLLER:
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                  Do I have a motion to approve?
   MS. MCCLENAGHAN:
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                  Motion to approve.
   MR. BATES:
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                  Second.
   PRESIDENT ROLLER:
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                  Mr. Hamm, would you call the roll?
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                  Hamm, no; Mr. Bates, yes; Mr. Burns,
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                  yes; Mr. Johns, yes; Ms. McClenaghan,
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                  yes; Mr. Piligian, yes.
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    [The motion carried. Darryl Hamm opposed the motion.]
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3 [C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel, provided

4 | a draft of the digital seals and signatures

5 regulation, noting the recommendation of adding a

6 definition for architectural documents and bundling

7 drawings, specifications, and other design documents

8 | into architectural documents.

Mr. Fritz referred to the "in capital" letters addressing the surrender of digital seals and signatures and the reporting of a loss or theft of a seal, noting the regulations already address that. He mentioned that two issues for physical stamps were addressed by adding a section that addressed digital seals and signatures, which makes it equal with everyone. He noted that licensees are required to inform the Board when their digital seal has been compromised or stolen.

Mr. Fritz informed Board members that the draft is the final look unless language needs to be changed again and returned to the Board for approval before it is placed into the regulations.]

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24 Applications - Architect Registration Examination

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   MR. FRITZ:
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                  We reviewed applications in Executive
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                  Session. Based on those discussions
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                  motion to approve the ARE Application of
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                  Lisa Intrieri-Fellner.
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   MR. PILIGIAN:
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   PRESIDENT ROLLER:
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                  Do I have a second to Mr. Piligian's
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                  motion, please?
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                  Hamm, yes; Mr. Bates, yes; Mr. Burns,
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                  yes; Mr. Johns, yes; Ms. McClenaghan,
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                  no; Mr. Piligian, yes.
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   [The motion carried. Mary McClenaghan opposed the
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   motion. ]
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12 approve the ARE Testing Accommodation 1 2 Requests of William Bourke and Allison 3 Huchko. PRESIDENT ROLLER: 4 5 Do I have a motion to approve? 6 MS. MCCLENAGHAN: 7 I'll motion to approve. MR. JOHNS: 9 Second. 10 PRESIDENT ROLLER: 11 Mr. Hamm. 12 13 Mr. Roller, yes; Mr. Claggett, yes; Mr. 14 Hamm, yes; Mr. Bates, yes; Mr. Burns, 15 yes; Mr. Johns, yes; Ms. McClenaghan, 16 yes; Mr. Piligian, yes. [The motion carried unanimously.] 17 \* \* \* 18 19 Applications - Reciprocal Licensing Applications 20 MR. FRITZ: 21 The Board would entertain a motion to 22 approve the Reciprocal Licensing 23 Application filed by Alex Adler. 2.4 PRESIDENT ROLLER: 25 Do I have a motion to approve that?

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   MR. HAMM:
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   PRESIDENT ROLLER:
                  Can we have a call of the roll, Mr.
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                  Hamm, yes; Mr. Bates, yes; Mr. Burns,
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                  no; Mr. Piligian, yes.
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   [The motion carried. Mary McClenaghan opposed the
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                  Mr. Roller, yes; Mr. Claggett, yes; Mr.
                  Hamm, yes; Mr. Bates, yes; Mr. Burns,
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                  yes; Mr. Johns, yes; Ms. McClenaghan,
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   [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   MR. FRITZ:
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                  The Board would entertain a motion to
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                  approve the Reciprocal Licensing
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                  Application of Ileana Martin-Novoa.
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   MR. BATES:
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   PRESIDENT ROLLER:
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Mr. Hamm, would you call the roll? 1 2 3 Mr. Roller, yes; Mr. Claggett, yes; Mr. Hamm, yes; Mr. Bates, yes; Mr. Burns, 4 5 yes; Mr. Johns, yes; Ms. McClenaghan, 6 yes; Mr. Piligian, yes. 7 [The motion carried unanimously.] Report of Acting Commissioner [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of 10 11 Professional and Occupational Affairs, informed everyone that all Board meetings moving forward will 12 13 be held in a hybrid format providing the option of 14 attending virtually or in person. 15 Mr. Fritz asked Acting Commissioner Claggett how 16 far in advance Board members should notify the Board 17 administrator whether they would be attending 18

Mr. Fritz asked Acting Commissioner Claggett how far in advance Board members should notify the Board administrator whether they would be attending virtually or in person. President Roller commented that Board members should be able to make that decision on a day-to-day basis, because one of the advantages of a hybrid platform is the ability to do handle matters virtually.

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Acting Commissioner Claggett and Ms. Li will be attending all Board meetings in person, along with Mr. Fritz.

Mr. Fritz advised new Board members to contact
Ms. Li regarding any travel arrangements.]

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4 Report of Board President - NCARB Regional Summit 5 [Jerry K. Roller, RA, President, addressed his 6 attendance at the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Regional Summit virtually with Ms. McClenaghan and Mr. Bates. He mentioned NCARB is the Board's national organization to which this Board belongs as a licensure board, along with 10 11 the Board being part of NCARB Region 2. He stated the 12 Board also attends the annual meeting, which will be 13 held in Austin, TX, in June this year.

President Roller informed the Board that NCARB is asking for comments on seven resolutions of the national board. He stated the Board would be looking at the final version at the May 2022 Board meeting and deciding how to vote at the national meeting.

President Roller referred to Resolution 2022-A, which is a Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) with the United Kingdom allowing reciprocity between the United Kingdom and the United States.

President Roller referred to Resolution 2022-B regarding amendments to the NCARB Model Law describing more detail to responsible charge. He mentioned that

1 it does not affect them directly because they have 2 their state law that works on that.

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President Roller referred to Resolution 2022-C, which is an omnibus bill to sunset a variety of policies from the 60s and 70s deemed to be no longer germane.

President Roller referred to Revolution 2022-D, which is an additional omnibus bill of conflicts between current policies and previous policies. He stated NCARB has been going through a lot of cleanup of their regulations and policies.

President Roller referred to Resolution 2022-E regarding an amendment of the bylaws to make diversity, equity, and inclusion a standing committee of NCARB.

President Roller referred to Resolution 2022-F that updates the bylaws with a variety of tweaks and changes.

President Roller referred to Resolution 2022-G regarding an amendment and restatement of the requirements for NCARB certification, which is also mainly a cleanup.

Mr. Hamm expressed concern regarding the cleanup in the bylaws.

25 President Roller explained that the entire

verbiage of changes in the bylaws is in the packet and is mostly language. He stated there was nothing controversial, and there were no comments at the region or session itself from anybody.

President Roller informed everyone that Mr. Hamm spent a number of years on the national board as a public member and suggested Mr. Hamm provide information of concern to take back to the national board.

President Roller stated the Board would be voting on candidates for the national board in May on Jon Baker for first vice president; Ken Van Tine for second vice president; two candidates for treasurer, David Hornbeek and Ed Marley; two candidates for secretary, Richard McNeel and John Rademacher; and one candidate, Gary Ey, who is the current public director for another term.]

19 Report of Board President - NCARB Annual Business
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[Jerry K. Roller, RA, President, announced NCARB's
Annual Business Meeting will be held June 2-4, 2022,
in Austin, TX. He noted the Board would need to vote
on authorizing members to attend and choose a voting

25 delegate to represent Pennsylvania. He would like to

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attend the meeting, along with Ms. McClenaghan and Mr.
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   Johns. He also informed Board members that Region 2
   has a meeting and sponsors members of the Board if the
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   state decides they cannot send anyone.
        Mr. Hamm commented that NCARB pays the expenses
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   for two architects, one public member, and the
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   executive on their funds and costs the Commonwealth of
   Pennsylvania nothing. He also explained that Region 2
   takes somebody beyond that two and one and one who
   want to go and will pick up the tab on the travel.]
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   PRESIDENT ROLLER:
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                  We need to designate somebody to be that
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                  voting member.
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   MR. HAMM:
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                  I nominate Jerry Roller.
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                  Hamm, yes; Mr. Bates, yes; Mr. Burns,
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                  yes; Mr. Johns, yes; Ms. McClenaghan,
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                  yes; Mr. Piligian, yes.
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[The motion carried unanimously.]
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   Report of Board President - NCARB Correspondence
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   [Jerry K. Roller, RA, President, noted a number of
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   pieces of correspondence from NCARB for the Board's
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   review.]
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   Report of Board Administrator - No Report
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   Miscellaneous
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   [Stephen M. Swarney, JD, Executive Director, American
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   Institute of Architects Pennsylvania (AIA PA) informed
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   the Board AIA PA would be doing more face-to-face
   action. He noted an AIA PA Board Meeting at the end
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   of this month.
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        Amal Mahrouki, Director of Legislative Affairs,
   American Institute of Architects Pennsylvania,
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   congratulated Michael Johns on his appointment to the
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   Board and Mary McClenaghan on her reappointment.
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   mentioned AIA is scheduling a pared-down advocacy day
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   at the end of March to include focusing on a new
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   Housing and Community Development Committee under the
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   leadership of Ken Doyno, AIA, President of Rothschild
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   Doyno Collaborative, exploring how AIA can relay the
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   architect's voice in the discretion around affordable
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1 and equitable housing in the urban, suburb, and rural 2 community.

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Ms. Mahrouki informed the Board that Senate Bill 635 and House Bill 1887 have passed their respective chambers and were awaiting committee votes. She noted AIA is advocating that Senate Bill 635 would expand commercial property assessed clean energy to encompass resiliency, air quality, and multifamily residential.

Ms. Mahrouki announced Frank Burns has been promoted to the Democratic chair of the House Professional Licensure Committee.

Ms. Mahrouki noted AIA is still awaiting a response to the compromise language AIA provided to the Interior Design Legislative Coalition of Pennsylvania (IDLCPA) in June 2021. She mentioned it has not moved and AIA is open to meeting with the interior designers and talking to them about potential legislation.

Mr. Swarney emphasized AIA provided compromise language, where they had all three of their statewide attorneys, representatives from their national office, and various representatives from among the state working on that but heard nothing back. He stated AIA is always willing to meet with that group, while continuing to ensure the policies and ideals of AIA's

Board are upheld. He noted AIA recognizes the Board as a great partner in that and will continue to provide updates and information as it is received.

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Mr. Hamm asked Mr. Swarney whether there was still the babbling about of the interior design's initiative vis-à-vis delinking of continuing education (CE) to it and whether he had been able to bifurcate those two issues.

Mr. Swarney stated AIA was expecting to have some conversations about the compromise but did not yet receive an answer. He mentioned it would not be fair to say they definitely bifurcated that issue or to say the issue was tied with another issue.

Mr. Swarney noted still being hopeful to get continuing education and believed it should not be tied to any kind of other professions desires for legislative recognition or solution. He mentioned AIA has vibrant continuing education, and anyone who is an AIA member continues to get continuing education.

Mr. Piligian asked whether there was any traction to the length of repose on their documents.

Ms. Mahrouki noted AIA is scheduling meetings with the Senate Judiciary Committee regarding statute of repose. She mentioned other groups are interested in the legislation and hoped to see subcommittee

discussion on it prior to the end of the session and will continue their advocacy.

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Ms. Mahrouki noted AIA continues to work with Representative Stevens' office on House Bill 424 regarding anti-indemnification. She mentioned there has been some confusion between separate legal concepts of insurance and indemnification and is working with the representative's office to make sure those concerns are addressed.

Mr. Swarney noted participating in the AIA TriStates Conference last December and having some
sessions on licensure. He announced AIA is getting
ready to host a business boot camp with sessions for
practitioners on how to transition and start their own
businesses. He also mentioned AIA is planning an
attorneys' conference with friends from New York and
New Jersey to tackle legal issues, noting Mr. Potter
and other attorneys would be a part of that.

Mr. Swarney mentioned Penn College reached out to AIA, noting they are in the process of seeking accreditation to be another accredited National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) school. He stated AIA is also making a very concerted effort to get into schools to get young professionals talking to students in all of their accredited schools and future

24 accredited schools about the importance of licensure. 1 Ms. Mahrouki commented that all of the bills are 2 available for review. She noted Senate Bill 833 would 3 4 reduce the statute of repose in the Commonwealth of 5 Pennsylvania from 12 years to 6 years. Senate Bill 6 635 is the expansion bill in the Senate. House Bill 1760 introduced by Representative Heffley is the other companion bill. House Bill 1258 is the interior design bill, and House Bill 424 is the anti-10 indemnification bill. She offered to provide an email 11 of those bills, so the Board could have an idea of 12 what AIA is working on and tracking.] \* \* \* 13 14 [Jerry K. Roller, RA, President, noted the next 15 scheduled Board meeting is on Thursday, May 12, 2022.] \* \* \* 16 17 Adjournment 18 PRESIDENT ROLLER: 19 I will entertain a motion to adjourn. 2.0 MS. MCCLENAGHAN: 21 Motion to adjourn. 2.2 PRESIDENT ROLLER: 2.3 Thank you, Ms. McClenaghan. 2.4 adjourned. 25 \* \* \*

[There being no further business, the State Architects Licensure Board Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.] CERTIFICATE I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Architects Licensure Board meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Architects Licensure Board meeting. Lori A. Behe, Minute Clerk Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.