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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

**F I N A L M I N U T E S**

MEETING OF:

**STATE ARCHITECTS LICENSURE BOARD**

TIME: 10:32 A.M.

Held at

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

2601 North Third Street

One Penn Center, Board Room C

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

**VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

September 8, 2022

1                                    State Architects Licensure Board  
2                                    September 8, 2022  
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5 BOARD MEMBERS:  
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7 Jerry K. Roller, RA, President  
8 Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
9 Professional and Occupational Affairs  
10 Darryl R. Hamm, Vice President, Public Member  
11 William J. Bates, RA, Secretary  
12 Jonathan Burns, Deputy Attorney General, Office of  
13 Attorney General  
14 Michael Johns, RA  
15 Mary E. McClenaghan, RA  
16 Aram Piligian Jr., RA  
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19 BUREAU PERSONNEL:  
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21 Dean F. Picarella, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel  
22 C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel  
23 Nicole L. VanOrder, Esquire, Board Counsel  
24 Carolyn DeLaurentis, Deputy Chief Counsel, Prosecution  
25 Division  
26 Ray Michalowski, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor  
27 Jeannie Bronshtein, Interim Board Administrator  
28 Amanda Li, Department of State  
29 Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Executive Policy Specialist,  
30 Department of State  
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33 ALSO PRESENT:  
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35 Amal Mahrouki, Director of Legislative Affairs,  
36 American Institute of Architects of Pennsylvania  
37 Jennifer Smeltz, Republican Executive Director, Senate  
38 Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure  
39 Committee  
40 David Kent, Project Architect, HHS DR Architects and  
41 Engineers, Inc.  
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1 State Architects Licensure Board

2 September 8, 2022

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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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11 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
12 Architects Licensure Board was held on Thursday,  
13 September 8, 2022. Jerry K. Roller, RA, President,  
14 called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

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16 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

17 [President Roller requested an introduction of Board  
18 members and attendees.]

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20 Approval of minutes of the July 14, 2022 meeting

21 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

22 First item on the agenda is the approval  
23 of the minutes. They have been  
24 distributed. Are there any comments on  
25 the minutes from the Board? Seeing

1 none.

2 I look for a motion to approve the  
3 minutes?

4 MS. MCCLLENAGHAN:

5 So moved.

6 MR. PILIGIAN:

7 Second.

8 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

9 Mr. Hamm, would you call the roll,  
10 please?

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12 Mr. Roller, yes; Mr. Claggett, aye; Mr.  
13 Hamm, yes; Mr. Bates, yes; Mr. Burns,  
14 yes; Mr. Johns, aye; Ms. McClenaghan,  
15 aye; Mr. Piligian, aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 Report of Prosecutorial Division

19 [Ray Michalowski, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecution  
20 Liaison, had no consent agreements to present. He  
21 provided a status of cases update. He noted reviewing  
22 all of the renewals received after the last renewal  
23 period, noting the Board is typically compliant.

24 Mr. Michalowski mentioned there is going to be a  
25 prosecutorial division and AIA PA presentation.]

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2 Report of Board Counsel

3 [C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel, provided  
4 a Status of Cases Report for the Board's review. He  
5 noted the Board is still working on the legislative  
6 initiative for continuing education (CE). He  
7 mentioned that the general revisions regulation is now  
8 his priority and would be sent out as an exposure  
9 draft once he receives approval from the Board.

10 Mr. Fritz noted the digital seals regulation is  
11 done and he would be presenting it to the Independent  
12 Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) on October 20,  
13 2022, along with the digital seal regulations for  
14 engineers and landscape architects.

15 Mr. Fritz also noted regulatory counsel is  
16 working on the Act 41 regulation. He reminded Board  
17 members of the hearing scheduled for 11 a.m.]

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19 Applications - Architect Registration Examination

20 Approval Application

21 MR. FRITZ:

22 The Board would entertain a motion to  
23 approve the ARE Application filed by  
24 Matthew Taylor.

25 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

1 Do I have a motion?

2 MS. MCCLLENAGHAN:

3 So moved.

4 MR. PILIGIAN:

5 Second.

6 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

7 Mr. Hamm, would you call the roll,  
8 please?

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10 Mr. Roller, yes; Mr. Claggett, aye; Mr.  
11 Hamm, yes; Mr. Bates, yes; Mr. Burns,  
12 yes; Mr. Johns, aye; Ms. McClenaghan,  
13 aye; Mr. Piligian, yes.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 Applications - Reciprocal Licensing Applications

17 MR. FRITZ:

18 The Board would entertain a motion to  
19 approve the following Reciprocal  
20 Licensing Applications filed by Kalina  
21 Kath, Mark Fiedler, Maureen Corcoran  
22 Timber, and Rod VanDerWater.

23 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

24 Do I have a motion?

25 MS. MCCLLENAGHAN:

1                   So moved.

2   PRESIDENT ROLLER:

3                   Second?

4   MR. PILIGIAN:

5                   Second.

6   PRESIDENT ROLLER:

7                   Mr. Hamm, would you call the roll,  
8                   please?

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10                  Mr. Roller, yes; Mr. Claggett, aye; Mr.  
11                  Hamm, yes; Mr. Bates, yes; Mr. Burns,  
12                  yes; Mr. Johns, aye; Ms. McClenaghan,  
13                  aye; Mr. Piligian, yes.

14   [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16   MR. FRITZ:

17                  The Board would entertain a motion to  
18                  provisionally deny the Reciprocal  
19                  Licensing Application filed by David  
20                  Kent.

21   MS. MCCLENAGHAN:

22                  So moved.

23   MR. PILIGIAN:

24                  Second.

25   PRESIDENT ROLLER:

1 Mr. Hamm, would you please call the  
2 roll?

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4 Mr. Roller, yes; Mr. Claggett, aye; Mr.  
5 Hamm, yes; Mr. Bates, yes; Mr. Burns,  
6 yes; Mr. Johns, aye; Ms. McClenaghan,  
7 aye; Mr. Piligian, yes.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 Miscellaneous

11 [C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel, referred  
12 to the 2023 Board meeting dates and believed they were  
13 already voted on and set. He also noted that it was  
14 brought to their attention that several Board members  
15 had a conflict with the March 2023 Board meeting date,  
16 and an alternate date would be provided at the next  
17 Board meeting.]

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19 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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21 Report of Board President - National Council of

22 Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)

23 Correspondence

24 [Jerry K. Roller, RA, President, asked whether Board  
25 members had any comments or questions regarding



1 NCARB's Fast Facts for June and July or NCARB's July  
2 2022 update.

3 President Roller informed Board members that he  
4 would be attending NCARB's Member Board Chairs and  
5 Member Board Executives Summit October 14-15, 2022, in  
6 Salt Lake City, UT.

7 President Roller stated the Board has been asked  
8 to approve NCARB's Mutual Recognition Agreement with  
9 United Kingdom and accepting credentials from United  
10 Kingdom for licensure in Pennsylvania and other  
11 reciprocal jurisdictions.]

12 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

13 Could I have a motion to approve the  
14 adoption of the MRA with the United  
15 Kingdom?

16 MS. MCCLENAGHAN:

17 So moved.

18 MR. PILIGIAN:

19 Second.

20 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

21 Mr. Hamm, would you call the roll?

22

23 Mr. Roller, yes; Mr. Claggett, aye; Mr.  
24 Hamm, yes; Mr. Bates, yes; Mr. Burns,  
25 yes; Mr. Johns, aye; Ms. McClenaghan,

1                   aye; Mr. Piligian, yes.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 Report of Board President - Free Practice Exams

5 [Jerry K. Roller, RA, President, announced NCARB has  
6 rolled out practice exams for the Architect  
7 Registration Examination (ARE). He noted the exams  
8 are actual full-scale exams for all sections and are  
9 free and encouraged everybody to publicize them and  
10 suggested the Board include a free practice exam  
11 notice along with the digital seals notice.]

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13 Report of Board Administrator

14 [Jeannie Bronshtein, Interim Board Administrator,  
15 noted being the Board administrator for the Board of  
16 Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists  
17 and informed Board members that she would be assuming  
18 the role as Board administrator until the position has  
19 been filled.]

20           Ms. Bronshtein addressed NCARB's fall outreach,  
21 noting she received an email from NCARB regarding an  
22 in-person presentation.

23           President Roller further explained that the  
24 presentation would be held at Penn State on Tuesday,  
25 September 13, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and

1 encouraged Board members to attend.]

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3 Appointment - American Institute of Architects

4 Pennsylvania

5 [Amal Mahrouki, Director of Legislative Affairs,

6 American Institute of Architects Pennsylvania, also

7 addressed the presentation with Mr. Michalowski for

8 their entire membership on September 28, 2022, at 10

9 a.m. She mention having a Bureau of Professional and

10 Occupational Affairs (BPOA) overview for all of their

11 members to include an introduction of the

12 prosecutorial division, review of information on

13 individual and firm licensure, review of the

14 application process, and review best practices.

15 Ms. Mahrouki noted looking forward to the

16 partnership and presentations. AIA should have

17 registration up shortly, along with being registered

18 for the American Institute of Architects Pennsylvania

19 (AIA) continuing education (CE).

20 Ms. Mahrouki noted AIA is currently reviewing the

21 digital signature and seal regulations and is

22 currently with their counsel and Government Affairs

23 Committee. She mentioned AIA is currently finishing

24 up their review and would likely be sending a letter

25 to IRRC.

1 Ms. Mahrouki informed Board members that AIA is  
2 preparing for the next legislative session by doing a  
3 legislative survey for all AIA members and other  
4 architects within the commonwealth and would like all  
5 architects to participate. She stated AIA was coming  
6 up with questions to ask on the legislative survey and  
7 sets the agenda for the next two-year legislative  
8 session.

9 Ms. Mahrouki anticipated mandatory continuing  
10 education, building codes legislation, and legal  
11 reform to be priorities for the next legislative  
12 session. She also mentioned AIA is keeping an eye on  
13 specialization of the practice of architecture to see  
14 what is happening in other states.

15 Ms. Mahrouki stated AIA would entertain anything  
16 the Board would like to see as far as questions on the  
17 legislative survey.

18 President Roller commented that the Board has  
19 been looking at adopting continuing education because  
20 Pennsylvania remains one of three jurisdictions that  
21 does not require continuing education and inhibits  
22 their practitioners from working in other states.

23 Ms. McClenaghan mentioned that she would like to  
24 see the mechanics' lien addressed on the legislation  
25 survey and another Board member would like to have the

1 statute of repose completed.

2 Ms. Mahrouki informed Board members that AIA has  
3 entered into proactive discussions with  
4 representatives from the Interior Design Legislative  
5 Coalition of Pennsylvania (IDLCPA), along the lines of  
6 the legislative survey and mandatory continuing  
7 education, to see if there is any common ground and if  
8 they could come up with some frame of reference for  
9 the next legislative session.

10 Ms. Mahrouki addressed a meeting with  
11 representatives from the Small Firms Roundtable  
12 regarding building codes, noting a request that the  
13 licensure Board consider including any building code  
14 updates or accessibility code updates in their  
15 newsletter.

16 President Roller informed Ms. Mahrouki that the  
17 Board typically issues a newsletter in June or July  
18 and offered to include code updates to next year's  
19 list of items.

20 Stephen M. Swarney, JD, Executive Director,  
21 American Institute of Architects Pennsylvania,  
22 informed Board members to check their email for events  
23 coming up on their calendar featuring architects. He  
24 noted a legal boot camp in the fall was in the process  
25 of being finalized and everyone should soon receive

1 details. He mentioned everything is in conjunction  
2 with AIA New York and AIA New Jersey and would feature  
3 legal issues relevant to everyone from solo practices  
4 to large firms.

5 Mr. Swarney addressed the series, shaking up  
6 small cities, where they shine the spotlight on some  
7 of their smaller cities and how they are using  
8 architecture and good design to revitalize some of  
9 those cities. He mentioned their awards process  
10 closes soon and encourage everyone to look for those  
11 emails to see the finest of design architecture the  
12 state has to offer also coming up in the fall.]

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14 [A Formal Hearing was held from 11:01 a.m. until  
15 12:04 p.m. in the Matter of the Application for  
16 Architect Licensure of Irvin L. Kaage IV, Case No. 22-  
17 41-007730.]

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19 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at  
20 12:05 p.m. the Board entered into Executive Session  
21 with C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel, for  
22 the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial  
23 deliberations. The Board returned to open session at  
24 12:48 p.m.]

25 MOTION

1 MR. FRITZ:

2 The Board met in Executive Session and  
3 conducted quasi-judicial deliberations.

4 The Board would entertain a motion  
5 to direct Board counsel to draft an  
6 Adjudication and Order in the following  
7 matter: Application for Licensure of  
8 Irvin L. Kaage IV, Case No. 22-41-  
9 007730.

10 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

11 Do I hear a motion?

12 MS. MCCLENAGHAN:

13 So moved.

14 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

15 Second?

16 MR. PILIGIAN:

17 I second it.

18 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

19 Mr. Hamm, would you call the roll,  
20 please?

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22 Mr. Roller, yes; Mr. Claggett, aye; Mr.  
23 Hamm, yes; Mr. Burns, yes; Mr. Johns,  
24 aye; Ms. McClenaghan, aye; Mr. Piligian,  
25 yes.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 Regulations/Statute

4 [Mary E. McClenaghan, RA, referred to § 9.46 regarding  
5 requirements for examination eligibility. She noted  
6 the new section § 9.46(a) states that candidates who  
7 hold a National Architectural Accrediting Board  
8 (NAAB)-accredited degree and have completed or are in  
9 the process of completing the Architectural Experience  
10 Program (AXP) may apply directly to NCARB to sit for  
11 the ARE. She expressed concern that it relinquishes  
12 the Board's ability to decide. She noted hearing one  
13 ARE request but being unsure as to how the rest were  
14 decided.

15 President Roller stated anybody who does not have  
16 a NAAB professional degree comes to the Board but  
17 asked what happens if somebody has a NAAB degree and  
18 completes the AXP as to whether the individual would  
19 come to the Board or simply apply to NCARB.

20 Mr. Fritz also asked Ms. Li for the application  
21 process when the Board has an application for someone  
22 to take the exam and they have a NAAB degree as to  
23 whether they apply directly to NCARB to take the exam  
24 or still requires Board approval.

25 Amanda Li, Department of State, explained that



1 the individual would request their eligibility through  
2 NCARB but the Board approves those.

3 Mr. Fritz commented that applicants apply to  
4 NCARB but still requires Board approval. He noted it  
5 makes it clear to applicants not to come to the Board  
6 first but to apply to NCARB first, where the Board  
7 administrator would then go into NCARB's list to see  
8 who applied, and then the Board approves or  
9 disapproves.

10 Mr. Fritz noted the addition of a sentence to  
11 read, "The request will then be reviewed by the  
12 Board." He mentioned it would clarify the issue of  
13 applicants thinking they had to come to the Board for  
14 approval before going to NCARB to apply.

15 Ms. McClenaghan referred to § 9.49a(f) regarding  
16 the adoption of AXP, where applicants who do not hold  
17 a degree from a NAAB-approved program must complete  
18 six years of practical experience and asked whether  
19 the word "continuous" should be added.

20 Mr. Fritz stated it would be at the Board's  
21 discretion to determine practical experience if it is  
22 long ago and broken up but mentioned that the Board  
23 would not necessarily say no to someone who takes a  
24 six-month break.]

25 MR. FRITZ:

1                   The Board would entertain a motion  
2                   directing Board counsel to release the  
3                   general provisions of the Board's  
4                   regulations as an exposure draft.

5 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

6                   Do I have a motion?

7 MS. MCCLENAGHAN:

8                   So moved.

9 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

10                   Second?

11 MR. PILIGIAN:

12                   Second.

13 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

14                   Mr. Hamm, would you call the roll?

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16                   Mr. Roller, yes; Mr. Claggett, aye; Mr.  
17                   Hamm, yes; Mr. Burns, yes; Mr. Johns,  
18                   aye; Ms. McClenaghan, aye; Mr. Piligian,  
19                   yes.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 [Jerry K. Roller, RA, President, thanked Mr. Hamm for  
23 serving the Board so graciously for so many years and  
24 providing immeasurable insight and wished him well.]

25 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

1 I would like to propose a motion that  
2 this Board offer the thanks and  
3 gratitude of the Pennsylvania Architects  
4 Licensure Board for the long-term  
5 service of Darryl Hamm in the  
6 furtherance of our profession.

7 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

8 Do I have a motion?

9 MS. MCCLENAGHAN:

10 So moved.

11 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

12 Second?

13 MR. PILIGIAN:

14 Second.

15 PRESIDENT ROLLER:

16 For one last time, Mr. Hamm, would you  
17 call the roll?

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19 Mr. Roller, yes; Mr. Claggett, aye; Mr.  
20 Hamm, recuse; Mr. Burns, yes; Mr. Johns,  
21 aye; Ms. McClenaghan, aye; Mr. Piligian,  
22 yes.

23 [The motion carried. Darryl Hamm recused himself from  
24 voting on the motion. He thanked the Board for their  
25 recognition.]

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Adjournment

PRESIDENT ROLLER:

We are adjourned.

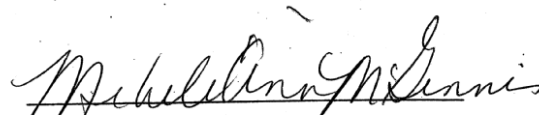
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[There being no further business, the State Architects  
Licensure Board Meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.]

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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.



Michele Ann McGinnis,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting  
Service, Inc.

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