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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: 9:04 A.M.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Board Room B  
One Penn Center  
2601 North Third Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

May 9, 2019



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2 State Architects Licensure Board

3 May 9, 2019

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5 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
6 Architects Licensure Board was held on Thursday, May  
7 9, 2019. John R. Hill, RA, President, called the  
8 meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

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10 Roll Call

11 [Roll call was taken. A quorum was noted to be  
12 present.]

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14 Introduction of Audience Members

15 [President Hill requested visitors identify  
16 themselves.]

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18 Pledge of Allegiance

19 [The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.]

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21 [John R. Hill, RA, President, noted applications for  
22 the Board's review and the informal conference prior  
23 to the meeting for discussion during executive  
24 session.]

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1 Approval of minutes of the March 14, 2019 meeting

2 PRESIDENT HILL:

3 We can start with the approval of the  
4 meeting minutes from our last meeting.  
5 Has everybody had a chance to review  
6 those, have any comments or corrections?  
7 Hearing no changes.

8 Do I have a motion to approve the  
9 minutes?

10 MR. CARNEY:

11 So moved.

12 MR. HAMM:

13 Second.

14 PRESIDENT HILL:

15 A motion and a second. All those in  
16 favor?

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 Report of Prosecutorial Division

20 [Robert B. Armour, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,  
21 presented the Consent Agreement for File No. 18-41-  
22 010929.]

23 Mr. Armour reviewed the Office of General  
24 Counsel's Mediation Program, where a mediation would  
25 be conducted between the parties. He stated the Board

1 would review and approve any consent agreement  
2 reflecting the result of the mediation. Mr. Armour  
3 would not consult the Board regarding mediation  
4 because of his experience with working with the Board  
5 in making determinations on violations.

6 Mr. Armor introduced Tiffany Raker as a new Board  
7 prosecutor.

8 Ms. Raker provided a brief summary of her  
9 professional background.]

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11 Report of Board Counsel

12 [C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted  
13 one item for discussion during executive session.

14 Mr. Fritz requested the Board's opinion on  
15 changes to the regulations draft.

16 President Hill encouraged all to carefully  
17 scrutinize the regulations. He suggested discussion  
18 concerning the biennial renewal period, where there  
19 are 24 continuing education units required with 12 of  
20 them listed in health, safety, and welfare (HSW).

21 Mr. Fritz noted that August 2018 was the last  
22 time the Board discussed the general revisions, and  
23 the language was the result of that meeting.

24 President Hill noted comments for consideration  
25 to the draft architect licensure revisions from

1 Ms. O'Malley.

2 Mr. Roller reviewed licensure by reciprocity  
3 general requirements § 9.61(a)(1) that reads, holds a  
4 license or registration in good standing to practice  
5 architecture in another state or territory and meets  
6 the requirements of § 9.14(a), (b), or (c) and allows  
7 the Board to follow (a), (b), or (c), which are the  
8 NAAB degree, bachelor's degree, and associate degree.  
9 He commented that if individuals have none of those,  
10 then it falls to the 10 years.

11 Mr. Fritz requested approval from the Board.]

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13 PRESIDENT HILL:

14 Can I hear a motion to approve the draft  
15 regulations as presented by Board  
16 counsel?

17 MR. CARNEY:

18 So moved.

19 MR. HAMM:

20 Second.

21 PRESIDENT HILL:

22 We have a motion and a second. Any  
23 other comments on that? If not, all  
24 those in favor, say aye. Opposed?

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 Report of Board Counsel (cont.)

2 [C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted  
3 items for discussion in executive session.

4 Mr. Fritz noted the continuing education  
5 legislation initiative for the Board's review.

6 President Hill noted incorporated changes to the  
7 act. He noted corrections to terminologies that were  
8 incorporated, so there is more consistency between the  
9 act and the regulations and Section 10 regarding  
10 proposed continuing education.

11 Mr. Fritz noted the need for a legislator to  
12 sponsor it once completed.

13 President Hill requested the Board's thoughts on  
14 the HSW hours regarding the requirement of 24 biennial  
15 hours.

16 Mr. Roller questioned whether the time period  
17 could be made annual versus coinciding with the  
18 biennial renewal in June and stated that most Boards  
19 do because of the difficulty in reciprocal licensure.  
20 He explained the difficulty with correcting the number  
21 of credits within the right time period for various  
22 licenses since various states renew at different  
23 times. He also believed that NCARB had recommended  
24 that all of the continuing education requirements be  
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1 on an annual basis. He suggested continuing education  
2 requirements should be on a calendar year basis before  
3 the biennial renewal.

4 Mr. Fritz will rearrange the language.

5 Mr. Carney stated that this would be keeping in  
6 line with the Governor's reducing regulatory oversight  
7 that is unnecessary and does not add value to the  
8 life, safety, and health of the Commonwealth.

9 Mr. Roller also stated that it facilitates  
10 Pennsylvania practitioners in practicing elsewhere in  
11 the country.]

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13 PRESIDENT HILL:

14 Can I hear a motion to approve the  
15 continuing education legislation as  
16 amended as presented to the Board today.

17 MR. ROLLER:

18 So moved.

19 MR. CARNEY:

20 Second.

21 PRESIDENT HILL:

22 Anymore discussion on the item? If not,  
23 all those in favor, say aye. Opposed?

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 Report of Board Counsel (Continued)

2 [C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted  
3 definitions for electronic seal in the legislative  
4 initiative. He is working on electronic seal  
5 regulation for engineering first and will later match  
6 it up with the other Boards.]

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8 Applications

9 [John R. Hill, RA, President, noted reciprocal  
10 applications, Architect Registration Examination (ARE)  
11 approval application, and an ARE testing  
12 accommodations requests for review during executive  
13 session.]

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15 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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17 Report of Board President

18 [President Hill noted the 2019 NCARB Annual Meeting  
19 June 19-23 in Washington, DC. Ms. Li stated that  
20 funding is available for those attending.

21 President Hill noted the centennial celebration,  
22 business agenda, and workshop sessions for the  
23 meeting.

24 President Hill noted NCARB ARE candidate  
25 approvals for discussion during executive session.

1           President Hill addressed Board initiatives,  
2 noting to continue to push on the outreach to the PA  
3 code officials. He noted AIA PA sent contact  
4 information. He suggested Board members coordinate  
5 among themselves in pushing that forward and requested  
6 ideas and key points to send back.

7           President Hill noted the newsletter draft and  
8 thanked Mr. Roller for his efforts.

9           Mr. Roller suggested the newsletter be generated  
10 as a single document. He also suggested the addition  
11 of an announcement regarding renewals.

12           Mr. Fritz will ask the commissioner's office to  
13 put it in PDF.

14           President Hill addressed the NCARB correspondence  
15 for the Board's review.

16           President Hill noted an invitation by Mr. Lopez  
17 of the New York Board to attend the 2019 Tri-State  
18 Design Conference for AIA New Jersey, AIA New York  
19 State, and AIA Pennsylvania October 17-19 in Albany,  
20 NY. He encouraged anyone who would be available to  
21 attend and represent the Board in talking about the  
22 licensure process for Pennsylvania.]

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24 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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1 Public Session

2 [Stephen M. Swarney, JD, Executive Director, AIA PA,  
3 noted that Amal Mahrouki is spending the day with  
4 Senator Argall teaching high school students the ins  
5 and outs of government.

6 Mr. Swarney also noted that Bruce Johnson went to  
7 the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs  
8 (BPOA) to test the Pennsylvania Licensing System  
9 (PALS) regarding renewals and will be discussing those  
10 issues at the next meeting.

11 Mr. Swarney addressed the mandatory continuing  
12 education (MCE) bill, stating that AIA's Government  
13 Affairs Committee is looking at it. He commented that  
14 the minority leaders of the House Professional  
15 Licensure Committee were astounded that the Board does  
16 not have continuing education. He stated that AIA was  
17 holding off for national to put out their model and  
18 wanted and alignment with NCARB. He mentioned that  
19 AIA has been successful in getting some bills passed  
20 and introduced.

21 Mr. Swarney mentioned Architects Action  
22 Day on June 11 and invited Board members to the  
23 legislative reception on June 10, 2019, from 5:00 p.m.  
24 to 7:00 p.m. at the lieutenant governor's balcony in  
25 the Capitol. He noted issues to focus on high-

1 performance buildings, school safety and construction,  
2 historic preservation, mandatory continuing education,  
3 and licensure law updates.

4 Mr. Swarney stated that AIA continues to track  
5 legislative exemptions to the Uniform Commercial Code  
6 (UCC), dealing with farms and historic agricultural  
7 buildings.

8 Mr. Swarney noted a big push on historic tax  
9 credit expansions and extensions and the hope to  
10 improve the Separations Act. He also noted the  
11 Annual AIA Large States Conference in Pittsburgh this  
12 September and the AIA Tri-States Architectural  
13 Conference in Albany, NY, October 16-19.

14 Mr. Swarney mentioned that House Bill 1172 just  
15 passed out of the House Professional Licensure  
16 Committee. He commented that it is a bipartisan bill  
17 aimed at helping military spouses with reciprocity,  
18 noting Representative David Hickernell as the primary  
19 sponsor.

20 Mr. Swarney addressed House Bill 64 sponsored by  
21 Representative Harry Readshaw regarding CE carryover.  
22 He stated that Ms. Mahrouki looked into whether the  
23 Board could establish continuing education in that  
24 bill, noting there was not a warm reception to the  
25 idea by the Chair. He stated that AIA will continue

1 to look for a way to get that done.

2 President Hill questioned whether there is an  
3 update from the PA Department of Education regarding  
4 the Planning and Construction Workbook (PlanCon).

5 Mr. Swarney stated that AIA continues to ally  
6 with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, but  
7 there is no update. He noted that AIA is hopeful  
8 because of the positive stories with some of the  
9 income surpluses that the government is experiencing.

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11 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at  
12 10:02 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session  
13 with C. William Fritz II, Esquire, Board Counsel, for  
14 the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial  
15 deliberations. The Board returned to open session at  
16 11:02 a.m.]

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18 MOTIONS

19 MR. FRITZ:

20 The Board met in executive session and  
21 conducted quasi-judicial deliberations  
22 on the following matters: The Board  
23 would entertain a motion to approve the  
24 Consent Agreement at File No. 18-41-  
25 010929.

1 MR. CARNEY:

2 So moved.

3 MR. ROLLER:

4 Second.

5 PRESIDENT HILL:

6 I hear a motion and a second. Is there  
7 any further discussion on this item?

8 Hearing none. All those in favor, say  
9 aye. Any opposed? Hearing none.

10 [The motion carried unanimously. The name is Spillman  
11 Farmer Architects.]

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13 MR. FRITZ:

14 The Board would entertain a motion to  
15 draft an order scheduling a hearing  
16 before the Board for the following file  
17 numbers: Platos A. Marinakos Jr., RA,  
18 File Nos. 15-41-12150 and 18-41-001743.

19 MR. CARNEY:

20 So moved.

21 MR. ROLLER:

22 Second.

23 PRESIDENT HILL:

24 I hear a motion and a second. Any  
25 further discussion on this item?

1                   Hearing none. All those in favor, say  
2                   aye. Any opposed? Hearing none. The  
3                   motion carries to schedule that hearing.

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 MR. FRITZ:

7                   The Board would entertain a motion  
8                   approving the Reciprocal Licensure  
9                   Application of Sarah Ludwig.

10 MR. CARNEY:

11                   So moved.

12 MR. ROLLER:

13                   Second.

14 PRESIDENT HILL:

15                   I hear a motion and a second. Any  
16                   further discussion on this item?  
17                   Hearing none. All those in favor, say  
18                   aye. Opposed?

19 [The motion carried. Ms. McClenaghan opposed the  
20 motion.]

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22 MR. FRITZ:

23                   In the matter of the Reciprocal  
24                   Licensure Application of Trina Lea  
25                   Gribble, we are going to schedule for an

1 informal conference.

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3 MR. FRITZ:

4 The Board would entertain a motion to  
5 approve the ARE Application of Anthony  
6 Joseph Colantonio Jr.

7 PRESIDENT HILL:

8 Do I hear a motion?

9 MR. HAMM:

10 So moved.

11 MR. ROLLER:

12 Second.

13 PRESIDENT HILL:

14 I hear a motion and a second. Any  
15 further discussion on that item? All  
16 those in favor, say aye. Opposed?

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 MR. FRITZ:

20 The Board would entertain a motion  
21 approving the application of Christopher  
22 Lee Kresge.

23 PRESIDENT HILL:

24 Do I hear a motion?

25 MR. CARNEY:



1                   So moved.

2 MR. HAMM:

3                   Second.

4 PRESIDENT HILL:

5                   I hear a motion and a second. Is there  
6                   any further discussion on that item?

7                   All those in favor, say aye. Any  
8                   opposed?

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 MR. FRITZ:

12                   The Board would entertain a motion to  
13                   approve the ARE Testing Accommodations  
14                   Request of Saleem Barczynski.

15 MR. CARNEY:

16                   So moved.

17 MR. ROLLER:

18                   Second.

19 PRESIDENT HILL:

20                   I hear a motion and a second. Any  
21                   further discussion? Hearing none. All  
22                   those in favor, say aye. Opposed?

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 Adjournment

1 PRESIDENT HILL:

2 Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

3 MR. CARNEY:

4 So moved.

5 MR. HAMM:

6 Second.

7 PRESIDENT HILL:

8 All those in favor? Thank you.

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10 [There being no further business, the State Architects  
11 Licensure Board Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.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.



Amber Garbinski,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting  
Service, Inc.

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TIME	AGENDA
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