MINUTES
MARYLAND BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

DATE	January 29, 2020
PLACE:	500 N. Calvert Street 3rd Floor Financial Regulation Conference Room Baltimore, MD 21202
PRESENT:	Paul Edmeades, Chair Cynthia Shonaiya, Vice Chair Kevin Sneed, Architect Magda Westerhout, Architect Stephanie Hopkins, Consumer Board Member
ABSENT	Douglas Polt, Architect Gary Ey, Consumer Board Member
OTHERS PRESENT:	Joseph H. Cullingford, Executive Director Rory Wise Sr., Assistant Executive Director Iris Beasley, Board Administrator Frazier West, Investigator John Corkill, AIA Jessica Praley, Board Counsel

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Paul Edmeades called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion (I) was made by Cynthia Shonaiya, seconded by Kevin Sneed and unanimously carried to approve the December 16, 2019 meeting minutes, with changes.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

No Complaint Committee Report

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion (III) was made by Kevin Sneed, seconded by Magda Westerhout and unanimously carried by the Board to go into Executive Session at 10:20 a.m., 3rd Floor FINREG Conference room, 500 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21220. This session is permitted to be closed pursuant to State Government Article, Title §10-508(a) (7). Upon completion of the session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 10:29 a.m.

APPLICATIONS FOR ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION EXAM (ARE)

The Board approved the following applications for the Architectural Registration Examination:

Battad, Marissa
Orfila, Ricardo
Rigot, Sarah
Park, Yongjae
Ikotun, Opeyemi
Seymore, Ryan

Motion (IV) was made by Kevin Sneed, seconded by Stephanie Hopkins and unanimously carried to approve six applicants.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board returned to the tabled discussion on the modernization of firm permits. During the discussion, the Board reviewed previous conversations about the topic in order to implement a plan of action. Jessica Praley offered to review notes with previous Board counsel and then provide the Board with sample courses of action at the next board meeting.

The Board held a brief discussion on licensing paths for foreign architects and foreign students.

Chairman Edmeades reported that he sent the Board's comments on the draft model law to NCARB.

The Board reviewed a modified disciplinary order that was prepared by Jessica Praley.

Motion (V) was made by Stephanie Hopkins, seconded by Magda Westerhout, and unanimously carried to approve the modified disciplinary order.

The Board reviewed one education provider application from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on Flood Codes, Standards, and Building Science Tools.

Motion (VI) was made by Kevin Sneed, seconded by Magda Westerhout, and unanimously carried to approve the FEMA as a provider for the course indicated.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the upcoming NCARB Regional Meeting to be held in Cambridge, MA. The Board clarified that all interested Board Members will be funded through NCARB and/or Region 2. No state funds will be required. Jessica Praley will also attend the meeting with funding provided by NCARB.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

CPC COMMITTEE REPORT

No CPC Committee report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cullingford reported on joint training that is being coordinated by the Department of Labor and the Maryland Building Officials Association (MBOA). This training opportunity, designed to provide code update training to government employees, has been extended to design board licensees. He informed the Board that the information has been sent to all licensed architects, giving them an opportunity to receive relevant continuing education at no cost.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Jessica Praley informed the Board that there is currently no legislation proposals that are directly related to the Architects Board. However, she stated that there are two pieces of legislation, which she is monitoring, that may impact the board. The first is a proposal that would impact reciprocity of veterans, members of the military, and their spouses. The bill would create reciprocity for professional licensing provided they are currently licensed and in good standing in another state. The second is legislation that would impact timing for the disposition of cases that are brought to hearing. She will monitor this legislation and report anything significant to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2020.

There being no further business, motion (V) was made by Stephanie Hopkins, seconded by Kevin Sneed and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Original Signed

Paul Edmeades, Chair

Feb 26, 2020
Date