

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: 10:30 A.M.

Held at

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

**VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

March 19, 2025

State Architects Licensure Board  
March 19, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS:

Mary E. McClenaghan, RA, President  
William J. Bates, RA, Vice President  
Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner of  
Professional and Occupational Affairs  
Patrick Endler, RA  
Michael Johns, RA, Secretary  
Seth Miller, Esquire  
Jerry K. Roller, RA

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Ray J. Michalowski, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor  
Angela L. Solomon, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Jessica Harris, Board Administrator  
Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,  
Office of Chief Counsel, Department of State  
Andrew LaFratte, Deputy Policy Director,  
Department of State

ALSO PRESENT:

Jennifer Gibian, JML Design  
Steve Swarney, Executive Director for AIA, (America  
Institute of Architects), Pennsylvania  
Jacob Hill, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,  
Inc.

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[Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at 9:30 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session with Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations and to receive the advice of counsel. The Board returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.]

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Architects Licensure Board was held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025. Mary E. McClenaghan, RA, President, called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

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Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

[President McClenaghan requested an introduction of Board members and attendees. A quorum of Board members was present.]

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[Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded, and voluntary participation constituted consent to be

1 recorded.

2 Ms. Goshert also noted that the Board entered  
3 into Executive Session with counsel for the purpose  
4 of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations and to  
5 receive advice of counsel.]

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7 Report of Prosecutorial Division - Consent and  
8 Agreement Order

9 [Angela L. Solomon, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
10 Liaison, presented Agenda Item No. 2, the Consent  
11 Agreement for Case No. 24-41-010102.]

12 MS. GOSHERT:

13 Based on deliberations, Executive  
14 Session, I believe the Board would  
15 entertain a motion to reject the  
16 Consent Agreement at Case No. 24-41-  
17 010102 as too lenient.

18 PRESIDENT MCCLLENAGHAN:

19 Is there a motion?

20 MR. ROLLER:

21 Motion.

22 PRESIDENT MCCLLENAGHAN:

23 Second.

24 MR. BATES:

25 So moved. Roll call.

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William Bates, aye; Arion Claggett,

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aye; Patrick Endler, aye; Michael

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Johns, aye; Mary McClenaghan, aye; Seth

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Miller, aye; Jerry Roller, aye.

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[The Motion carried unanimously.]

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Approval of Minutes - January 9th, 2025

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PRESIDENT MCCLLENAGHAN:

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We'll go back to the meeting minutes

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from January 9th.

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Do I have a motion to approve?

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MR. BATES:

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So moved.

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PRESIDENT MCCLLENAGHAN:

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Is there a second?

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MR. ROLLER:

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Second.

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PRESIDENT MCCLLENAGHAN:

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Roll call.

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William Bates, aye; Arion Claggett,

23

aye; Patrick Endler, aye; Michael

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Johns, aye; Mary McClenaghan, aye; Seth

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Miller, aye; Jerry Roller, aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously. Following the roll  
2 call vote, President McClenaghan noted and discussed  
3 corrections to the minutes.]

4 MR. ROLLER:

5 I move that we rescind the prior  
6 approval and replay and make the  
7 corrections as requested by Ms.  
8 McClenaghan.

9 MR. JOHNS:

10 So we have to vote to rescind it.

11 PRESIDENT MCCLLENAGHAN:

12 Is there a motion to rescind it?

13 MR. ROLLER:

14 Motion to rescind.

15 MR. ENDLER:

16 Second.

17 PRESIDENT MCCLLENAGHAN:

18 Roll call.

19

20 William Bates, aye; Arion Claggett,  
21 aye; Patrick Endler, aye; Michael  
22 Johns, aye; Mary McClenaghan, aye; Seth  
23 Miller, aye; Jerry Roller, aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

25 PRESIDENT MCCLLENAGHAN:

1 Do I have a motion to revise the  
2 meeting minutes with the correction of  
3 Department of Licenses and Inspections  
4 on page 23?

5 Is there a motion?

6 MR. BATES:

7 And approved as amended.

8 MR. ROLLER:

9 Second.

10 PRESIDENT MCCLENAGHAN:

11 Roll call.

12  
13 William Bates, aye; Arion Claggett,  
14 aye; Patrick Endler, aye; Michael  
15 Johns, aye; Mary McClenaghan, aye; Seth  
16 Miller, aye; Jerry Roller, aye.

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 Report of Board Counsel - Matters for Possible  
20 Delegation to Hearing Examiner

21 MS. GOSHERT:

22 Based on discussion and Executive  
23 Session, I believe the Board would  
24 entertain a motion to delegate the  
25 following matters to be heard by a

1                   hearing examiner and direct the hearing  
2                   examiner to prepare proposed  
3                   adjudications in the matters of  
4                   Elizabeth Springer and Dames Design,  
5                   LLC., Case Nos. 22-41-002781 and 22-41-  
6                   009589; and the matter of Paul LeBon  
7                   and IDS Architects, LLC., Case Nos. 24-  
8                   41-008566 and 24-41-008567.

9   PRESIDENT MCCLLENAGHAN:

10                   Any discussion?   No.

11                   Do I have a motion?

12   MR. ROLLER:

13                   So moved.

14   MR. BATES:

15                   Second.

16   PRESIDENT MCCLLENAGHAN:

17                   Roll call.

18  
19                   William Bates, aye; Arion Claggett,  
20                   aye; Patrick Endler, aye; Michael  
21                   Johns, aye; Mary McClenaghan, aye; Seth  
22                   Miller, aye; Jerry Roller, aye.

23   [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25   Report of Board Commissioner - No Report



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Report of Board President - NCARB Annual Business  
Meeting / NCARB Correspondence

[Mary McClenaghan, Board President, presented on  
Agenda Item No.6, the upcoming NCARB (National  
Council of Architectural Registration Boards) Annual  
Business Meeting for the dates of June 19-21, 2025,  
in Scottsdale, AZ.

President McClenaghan inquired as to attendance  
at the NCARB annual meeting and suggested that the  
Board needed to decide who would attend. Board  
members Michael Johns, William Bates and Patrick  
Endler stated that they were thinking about  
attending. President McClenaghan stated she would be  
attending.

President McClenaghan also noted that Region 2  
would be there as well, working on their strategic  
planning and thereby wanting to meet on the first day  
of the meeting.

She then advised that the Board needed to vote on  
approving those members that planned on attending the  
annual meeting.]

MS. GOSHERT:

Would the Board entertain a motion to  
send Board members McClenaghan, Johns,

1                   Endler, Bates, Board Administrator  
2                   Harris, and a representative from the  
3                   legal department to attend the NCARB  
4                   Annual Business meeting held from June  
5                   18th to June 21st, for our purposes to  
6                   be held in Scottsdale, AZ?

7   MR. BATES:

8                   So moved.

9   MR. ROLLER:

10                  Second.

11   PRESIDENT MCCLLENAGHAN:

12                  Roll call.

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14                  William Bates, aye; Arion Claggett,  
15                  aye; Patrick Endler, aye; Michael  
16                  Johns, aye; Mary McClenaghan, aye; Seth  
17                  Miller, aye; Jerry Roller, aye.

18   [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20   Applications

21   MS. GOSHERT:

22                  Based on Executive Session  
23                  deliberations, I believe the Board  
24                  would approve the applications of  
25                  Gabrielle Skamla, Miguel Rosario,

1 Michael Pulsifer and Craig Hofmann.

2 PRESIDENT MCCLLENAGHAN:

3 Is there a motion?

4 MR. ROLLER:

5 So moved.

6 MR. BATES:

7 Second.

8 PRESIDENT MCCLLENAGHAN:

9 Roll call.

10

11 William Bates, aye; Arion Claggett,  
12 aye; Patrick Endler, aye; Michael  
13 Johns, aye; Mary McClenaghan, aye; Seth  
14 Miller, aye; Jerry Roller, aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 MS. GOSHERT:

18 Based on Executive Session  
19 deliberations, I believe the Board  
20 would entertain a motion to  
21 provisionally deny the application of  
22 Eugheni Curdov.

23 MR. ROLLER:

24 So moved.

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1 MR. BATES:

2 Second.

3 PRESIDENT MCCLLENAGHAN:

4 Roll call.

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6 William Bates, aye; Arion Claggett,  
7 aye; Patrick Endler, aye; Michael  
8 Johns, aye; Mary McClenaghan, aye; Seth  
9 Miller, aye; Jerry Roller, aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 Miscellaneous - Appointments

13 [Steve Swarney, Executive Director for AIA (America  
14 Institute of Architects) presented an update for the  
15 Pennsylvania AIA.]

16 Mr. Swarney first notified the Board that the AIA  
17 Pennsylvania was in transition since moving to  
18 National and that they were working with a lobbying  
19 firm to fill the position left by Amal Mahrouki,  
20 previously the Director of Legislative Affairs for  
21 AIA Pennsylvania.

22 He further stated that they were planning a small  
23 version of Action Day (Architects Action Day) for the  
24 March 28th, 2025 meeting in Harrisburg. He indicated  
25 that the legislative session is just beginning, and

1 the AIA Pennsylvania will be involved only in  
2 introductory meetings between their Board members and  
3 legislative members on Action Day.

4 Mr. Swarney then spoke to the existence of an  
5 active lawsuit that the PA AIA, along with others in  
6 the design community, was involved with based on the  
7 Pennsylvania Statute of Repose (42 Pa. C.S.A. §5536).

8 The lawsuit is currently being argued in the  
9 Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Of concern to the AIA  
10 Pennsylvania and other likeminded associations is how  
11 this statute and the interpretations thereof will  
12 affect the entire design community.

13 Mr. Swarney informed Board members of the annual  
14 Women in Leadership Conference that the AIA  
15 Pennsylvania recently started. They are beginning to  
16 offer grants and scholarships for women that wish to  
17 attend this event. Additionally, the AIA  
18 Pennsylvania is in preliminary discussions regarding  
19 continuing education. Of note, Amira Weiss, AIA  
20 Pennsylvania Communications staff, is highlighting  
21 female board members for Women in History Month  
22 (March 2025). This coincides with PA Architect Week  
23 for April 2025.

24 Mr. Swarney advised the Board that there was  
25 concern from members as to how the current tariffs

1 will impact them and other likeminded businesses. The  
2 AIA Pennsylvania is partnering with the AIA offices  
3 in New York and New Jersey to offer a video seminar  
4 event that can address these and similar issues for  
5 their architects. The AIA Pennsylvania is also  
6 working with the New York and the New Jersey AIA on  
7 some small firm symposiums and education.

8 Mr. Roller inquired of Mr. Swarney if there was  
9 anything of significance going on with the  
10 legislature regarding a reduction or modification of  
11 the Statute of Repose. Mr. Swarney responded by  
12 stating that a modification of the statute was still  
13 one of their priorities. He stated that the  
14 coalition they have built with others is helping with  
15 that effort and he believes that effort will  
16 translate over legislatively as well.]

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18 Report of Board Counsel (Cont.) - Act No. 144 of 2024  
19 [Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Council, presented on  
20 Act No. 144 of 2024.

21 Ms. Goshert notified the Board that Act 144  
22 merges somewhat with the regulatory counsel reports.  
23 She suggested starting with their plan as to how to  
24 focus on the regulations that they need in order to  
25 move forward with Act 144.

1       She noted prior discussion to bifurcate the  
2 Continuing Education for architects into one  
3 regulation package with interior design's Continuing  
4 Education as a second package.

5       Ms. Goshert advised the Board of a meeting with  
6 NCARB they had in order to view their model law. She  
7 further stated that they had also familiarized  
8 themselves with the New Jersey law on Act 144. She  
9 suggested that, since the Pennsylvania Act 144 is  
10 based in large part on the New Jersey law, that this  
11 would be a good starting point from which to begin  
12 the process. She added that NCARB was going to  
13 present at the Board's next meeting. The Board could  
14 discuss their model law with them as well.

15       Mr. Roller questioned if the NCARB model law  
16 would provide them with enough regulation and stated  
17 that the New Jersey law seemed tailored to what he  
18 believed their Board would want. He further  
19 reiterated the importance of time expediency on this  
20 matter as he felt that an adaptation of the New  
21 Jersey subchapter 4A by Pennsylvania should be in  
22 effect by the time the Board's next renewal period  
23 came up in 2027.

24       Mr. Roller believes that if the Board Counsel  
25 could have a draft of the above-referenced section

1 ready for them by May it would enable the regulatory  
2 process to begin sooner than later.

3 Discussion ensued with comments from Board  
4 members on various aspects of the NCARB model law  
5 versus the New Jersey law of same.

6 Ms. Goshert advised the Board that she, perhaps,  
7 could have a draft for the next meeting based on her  
8 perception of the Board's preference for the New  
9 Jersey Act 144 law. She again stated that the New  
10 Jersey law would be a good starting point for all of  
11 them.

12 The Board then briefly remarked on the lengthy  
13 time process for regulatory laws to proceed, process  
14 and pass. Ultimately, they agreed that 2029 would  
15 most likely be the year in which the Board would be  
16 looking at the passed regulations and the licensee  
17 continuing education process.

18 There was mention of an option to fast track the  
19 regulatory process for Act 144. However, the Board  
20 was advised that a file omitted would not apply to  
21 the scenario at hand and, indeed, might only shorten  
22 the regulatory process for Act 144 by a few months at  
23 best.]

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25 Report of Regulatory Counsel - Regulatory Status



1 Report

2 [Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,  
3 Department of State, presented on the Regulatory  
4 Status Report.

5 Mr. Farrell began by stating that he had already  
6 provided the Board with most of the information they  
7 needed, including four active matters and the 16A-  
8 4112 general revisions that were still on track to be  
9 completed. Included in the information received by  
10 the Board were the continuing education packages,  
11 with package 16A-4122 for architects and package 16A-  
12 4123 for certified interior designers and the Act 41  
13 Licensure by Endorsement.

14 Mr. Endler asked Mr. Farrell if there was any  
15 update for the one in the pipeline, Regulation 16A-  
16 4112. Mr. Farrell replied that it was moving  
17 forward, and he felt confident it would be completed  
18 in a timely fashion.

19 Mr. Farrell commented that the Board had already  
20 approved and voted on the matters, and it was just a  
21 matter of obtaining the internal approvals needed.]

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23 Report of Board President (Cont.) - NCARB  
24 Correspondence  
25 [President McClenaghan presented on NCARB

1 Correspondence.

2 President McClenaghan began by stating that the  
3 next big event was the annual meeting in June coupled  
4 with the Region 2 strategic planning event. She  
5 advised the Board that the Region 2 event was  
6 requesting that all member Board executives  
7 participate and that she needed one more Board  
8 member, along with Jessica Harris, that could  
9 guarantee their attendance for the meeting.

10 Additionally, President McClenaghan notified the  
11 Board that the Region 2 event was expecting to be  
12 able to do virtual interviews with representatives  
13 from several different jurisdictions. She stated Mr.  
14 Bates would be one of the interviewees for this event  
15 and inquired as to who else would be interested in  
16 participating. Mr. Roller replied that he would be  
17 happy to interview as well.

18 President McClenaghan finished up her report by  
19 notifying the Board of the upcoming elections for  
20 various positions at NCARB, which would be held at  
21 the June meeting. She advised the Board that they  
22 would have this topic on the agenda for the May  
23 meeting as they would need to decide who they would  
24 want to elect for the NCARB positions. She also  
25 stated that there was a contested election for the

1 secretary/treasurer position and that currently  
2 George Miller, Miguel Rodriguez and Scott Harm were  
3 all running for the position. She encouraged the  
4 Board to review the biographical profiles of the  
5 above-referenced and to be prepared to discuss at the  
6 main meeting.]

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8 Report of Board Administrator - No report

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10 [Board member Mr. Roller asked Board Counsel, Ms.  
11 Goshert, when registration renewals opened. Ms.  
12 Goshert replied that it was generally about 60 days  
13 prior to the export expiration date of the license,  
14 thereby concluding that this would happen fairly  
15 soon. There is no grace period for the renewals.]

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17 [President McClenaghan offered a reminder to the  
18 Board that it was important that they be there at  
19 upcoming meetings as there would be no quorum if a  
20 member was absent. Currently there are two open  
21 positions on the Board for a public membership. Mr.  
22 Bates suggested that a public member would be a great  
23 addition to the Board membership.]

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25 PRESIDENT MCCLENAGAHN:

1 Does anyone else have any comments?

2 MS. GOSHERT:

3 Motion for adjournment?

4 MR. ROLLER:

5 Motion to adjourn.

6 PRESIDENT MCCLLENAGHAN:

7 Do we have a second?

8 MS. GOSHERT:

9 We don't need a second.

10 PRESIDENT MCCLLENAGHAN:

11 All right. Thank you.

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13 [There being no further business, the State  
14 Architects Licensure Board Meeting adjourned at  
15 11:14 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.



Jacob Hill,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting  
Service, Inc.

STATE ARCHITECTS LICENSURE BOARD  
REFERENCE INDEX

March 19, 2025

TIME	AGENDA
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10:30	Return to Open Session
10:31	Official Call to Order
10:32	Introduction of Board Members
10:32	Introduction of Attendees
10:33	Report of Prosecutorial Division
10:35	Approval of Minutes
10:43	Report of Board President
10:46	Applications- ARE
10:48	Miscellaneous - Appointment - AIA Pennsylvania Update
10:56	Report of Board Counsel
11:06	Report of Regulatory Counsel
11:10	Report of Board Counsel (cont.)
11:10	Report of Board President
11:14	Adjournment