

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

July 9, 2026

State Architects Licensure Board
July 9, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS:

William J. Bates, RA, President
Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner of
Professional and Occupational Affairs
Michael Johns, RA, Vice President - Absent
Patrick Endler, RA, Secretary
Jason Birl, RA
Richard DeYoung, RA - Absent
Nicole Dress, RA
Mary McClenaghan, RA
Seth Miller, Esquire, Office of Attorney General

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel
Angela L. Solomon, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
J. Leslie Warner, Board Administrator
Miranda Murphy, Board Administrator
Ray J. Michalowski, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
and Prosecution Liaison
Mark Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, Office of
Chief Counsel
Alexa Davies, Legal Intern
Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director, Office
of Policy
Danie Bendesky, Special Assistant for Strategic
Initiatives

ALSO PRESENT:

Carrie Hillman, Director of Government Relations,
Schafer Government Affairs, IDLCPA
Cat Booth, Intern, Schafer Government Affairs, IDLCPA
Melissa Cannata, Career Certified
Michael Girard, Architectural Project Manager, Luce
Architects
Matthew Barusch, CAE, Director of Government Affairs
and Advocacy, Council for Interior Design
Qualification
Erin Badstuebner, 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 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.]

The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Architects Licensure Board was held on Thursday, July 9, 2026. William J. Bates, RA, President, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. President Bates reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded, and voluntary participation constituted consent to be recorded.

Roll Call of Board Members/Attendees

[President Bates requested an introduction of Board Members and attendees. A quorum of Board Members was present.]

[Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the

1 Board entered into Executive Session with counsel for
2 the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
3 deliberations and to receive advice of counsel.]

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5 Approval of Minutes

6 PRESIDENT BATES:

7 Let's move on to the approval of the
8 minutes from our May 14 meeting. Were
9 there any corrections?

10 Hearing none, I'll entertain a
11 motion to approve them as presented.

12 MS. MCCLLENAGHAN:

13 I'll make a motion.

14 MR. BIRL:

15 I'll second.

16 PRESIDENT BATES:

17 A motion and a second. Mr. Adler,
18 would do a call for votes?

19
20 Jason Birl, aye; Arion Claggett, aye;
21 Nicole Dress, aye; Patrick Endler, aye;
22 Mary McClenaghan, aye; Seth Miller,
23 aye; William Bates, aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 Report of Prosecutorial Division - No Report

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3 Report of Board Counsel - No Report

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5 Regulatory Status Report

6 [Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, Office of
7 Chief Counsel, reported on the status of the Board's
8 regulations. He noted the Board held a very
9 productive meeting on June 22, 2026, to discuss 16A-
10 4122, Certified Interior Designers, and 16A-4123,
11 Continuing Education. The Board approved the
12 proposed Annex and Preamble for 16A-4123 at the
13 meeting, and Regulatory Counsel is working on the
14 Regulatory Analysis Form for the package.

15 Regarding 16A-4122, documents will be presented
16 at the September meeting for Board consideration.

17 Mr. Farrell reported 16A-4112, General Revisions,
18 is moving through the various levels of approval
19 required in the regulatory review process.

20 16A-4120, Licensure by Endorsement, is in the
21 final rulemaking stage.

22 The final open package is 16A-4124, Schedule of
23 Civil Penalties, which is waiting in the wings to be
24 drafted.]

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1 Report of Board President

2 [William J. Bates, RA, President, reported the
3 National Council of Architectural Registration Boards
4 (NCARB) Annual Meeting took place June 25-27, 2026,
5 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Delegates from all 55
6 council boards attended.

7 Ms. McClenaghan stated Pennsylvania will be an
8 important NCARB hub in 2027 with the annual meeting
9 being held in Pittsburgh. She noted NCARB Region 2,
10 which Pennsylvania is a part of, recently developed a
11 strategic plan and as a result more outreach and
12 collaboration will be fostered with various NCARB
13 jurisdictions.

14 President Bates shared next year's annual meeting
15 will take place June 24-26, 2027, in Pittsburgh, and
16 the Region 2 summit will take place February 26-27,
17 2027, in Providence, Rhode Island.]

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19 Report of Commissioner

20 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner of
21 Professional and Occupational Affairs, reported on a
22 recent uptick in scams across the BPOA boards for
23 licensees. He encouraged all to review the scam
24 alert policy on the Board's website, and if unsure if
25 they are being scammed, to call the Board to speak to

1 someone. He noted licensees have been receiving scam
2 letters on Department of State letterhead.]

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4 Report of Board Administrator

5 [J. Leslie Warner, Board Administrator, shared she
6 was retiring, and Miranda Murphy would be taking over
7 as Board Administrator.

8 President Bates congratulated Ms. Warner on her
9 retirement and extended appreciation for all of her
10 hard work. He welcomed Ms. Murphy back to the
11 Architect Board.]

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13 Applications

14 MS. GOSHERT:

15 We'll start with Agenda Item 8. It's a
16 submission of an ARE approval
17 application for the Board's review.

18 Based on Executive Session
19 deliberations, I believe the Board
20 would entertain a motion to approve the
21 ARE approval application submitted by
22 Michael Girard.

23 MS. MCCLENAGHAN:

24 I'll make a motion.

25 MR. BIRL:

1 I would second.

2 PRESIDENT BATES:

3 Do you want to take roll call please?

4

5 Jason Birl, aye; Arion Claggett, aye;
6 Nicole Dress, aye; Patrick Endler, aye;
7 Mary McClenaghan, aye; Seth Miller,
8 aye; William Bates, aye.

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 MS. GOSHERT:

12 So I'll go on to Agenda Item No. 9.

13 Based on Executive Session
14 deliberations, I believe the Board
15 would entertain a motion to
16 provisionally deny the application
17 submitted by Alan Yang.

18 MS. MCCLLENAGHAN:

19 I'll make a motion.

20 MR. BIRL:

21 Second that.

22 PRESIDENT BATES:

23 Thank you. And roll call please.

24

25 Jason Birl, aye; Arion Claggett, aye;

1 Nicole Dress, aye; Patrick Endler, aye;
2 Mary McClenaghan, aye; Seth Miller,
3 aye; William Bates, aye.

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 MS. GOSHERT:

7 Based on Executive Session
8 deliberations, I believe the Board
9 would entertain a motion to approve the
10 application submitted by Andre Voss at
11 Agenda Item No. 10.

12 MS. MCCLLENAGHAN:

13 I'll make a motion.

14 MR. BIRL:

15 I'll second it.

16 PRESIDENT BATES:

17 And roll call please.

18
19 Jason Birl, aye; Arion Claggett, aye;
20 Nicole Dress, aye; Patrick Endler, aye;
21 Mary McClenaghan, aye; Seth Miller,
22 aye; William Bates, aye.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 Miscellaneous - None

Appointments - None

Public Comment - No Public Comment

[Mary McClenaghan, RA, requested to address the Board. She shared the meeting would be her last, and it had been a pleasure serving the Commonwealth. She stated her last piece of advice would be to volunteer for a committee at NCARB. She noted the entire practice of architecture is changing with changes to pathways making it easier for people to enter the profession. She added she will remain involved with NCARB and continue to serve as Chair for Region 2.]

President Bates thanked Ms. McClenaghan for her hard work and diligence through the years. He looked forward to her continued efforts at NCARB.]

Adjournment

[There being no further business, the State Architects Licensure Board Meeting adjourned at 10:49 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.



Erin Badstuebner,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

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TIME	AGENDA
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10:30	Return to Open Session
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10:31	Roll Call
10:33	Approval of Minutes
10:34	Report of Regulatory Counsel
10:37	Report of Board President
10:40	Report of Acting Commissioner
10:42	Report of Board Administrator
10:42	Applications
10:49	Adjournment