

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH
BUREAU OF COMMERCIAL SERVICES – LICENSING DIVISION
2501 Woodlake Circle, Okemos, Michigan 48864-5955**

Board of Architects

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2007

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Board of Architects met in Regular Session on March 8, 2007, at the Department of Labor & Economic Growth, Bureau of Commercial Services, 2501 Woodlake Circle, Room 1, Okemos, Michigan. The business meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Elisabeth Knibbe at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Lynn Arnott-Bryks	Member
	Catherine DeDecker	Member
	* Steven Flum	Member
	Elisabeth Knibbe	Vice Chairperson
	Christopher Siemion	Member
	Robert Stempien	Member
	Paula Van Valkenburgh	Member
Absent:	Ronald Hausmann	Member
	Daniel Redstone	Member
Staff:	Jean Boven	Licensing Director
	Gloria Keene	Licensing Administrator
	Michael Pillow	Assistant Licensing Administrator
	Jackie Jernigan	Secretary to the Licensing Administrator
	Steve Gobbo	Manager of the Compliance Mediation Division
	Amy Shell	Legislative Specialist
Visitors:	James Pavlecic	Petitioner
	Stephen Smith	AIA Michigan – Vice President

* Arrived at 9:20

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA

Ms. Keene requested that Introduction of New Board Member be added under Additions to or Deletions from Agenda under 2.a.

Ms. Keene requested that Legislative Update be added under Staff Report under 7.a.

Introduction of New Board Member

Board Members introduced themselves and welcomed new Board Member Christopher Siemion. Mr. Siemion is appointed to the Board to represent the general public for a term expiring March 31, 2010. He succeeds Mark B. Dickow whose term has expired.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM ARCHITECT BOARD MEETING HELD JANUARY 25, 2007

Motion: It was moved by Ms. DeDecker and supported by Ms. Van Valkenburgh that the minutes from the Architect's Board Meeting of January 25, 2007 be approved as written. The motion carried unanimously.

PETITIONS

Reciprocity

James Pavlecic meets experience and examination requirements. Mr. Pavlecic holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Studies from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1983). Mr. Pavlecic was denied licensure by reciprocity because he does not meet Michigan's education requirements of possessing a NAAB-first professional degree in architecture.

Mr. Pavlecic was licensed as an Architect in the State of Illinois on November 18, 1987, the State of Wisconsin on September 18, 2002 and the State of Indiana on November 25, 2002. He is currently licensed in all three states.

Mr. Pavlecic maintains that his 23 plus years of work experience and continuing education establishes equivalency for the education requirement to qualify him for licensure by reciprocity in Michigan.

At the Board meeting held October 25, 2006, the Board tabled Mr. Pavlecic's petition until the January 25, 2007 Board meeting to allow Mr. Pavlecic time to submit documentation of how his work experience establishes equivalency for

the difference between his 4 year BS degree in Architecture and the NAAB five year first professional degree in Architecture that is required by the State of Michigan. Subsequently, per Mr. Pavlecic's written request to the Department, Mr. Pavlecic's petition was deferred to the March 8, 2007 Board meeting.

Mr. Pavlecic addressed before the Board.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. DeDecker and supported by Ms. Van Valkenburgh to uphold the Department's denial for licensure by reciprocity, due to Mr. Pavlecic's failure to demonstrate equivalency for the education requirement of a NAAB accredited first professional degree in Architecture. The Board recommends Mr. Pavlecic reapply after he has obtained certification through the Broadly Experienced Architect (BEA) process. The motion carried unanimously.

The Department concurred.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

STAFF REPORT

Legislative Update

Amy Shell, Legislative Specialist reported that the Governor signed into law Senate Bills 826 and 827 regarding increased penalties and fines for Residential Builders. However, the bills she approved were tie-barred with Senate Bills 631 and 632 specifying continuing education and a pre-licensure fee which were not approved. Because all four bills were tie-barred together, none of the bills will go into effect.

ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Keene advised the Board that Ms. Van Valkenburgh has volunteered to attend the NCARB 2007 Joint Regional Meeting between Region III and IV in Orlando, Florida, March 15-17, 2007 on the Board's behalf.

The NCARB 2007 Annual Meeting will be held in Denver, Colorado on June 20 – 23, 2007.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stephen Smith, Vice President for AIA Michigan addressed the Board. He reported that on March 20, 2007, AIA Michigan will participate in a Legislative Day at the Lansing Capitol. He invited Board Members to visit the Capitol and meet with House Representatives and Senators. Some of the discussion issues include:

1. Increased penalties for unlicensed practice
2. Certification of Merit Bill
3. Correcting the Statute of Limitations

Ms. Keene directed Board Members to the NCARB ARE handout. She advised that NCARB will launch ARE 4.0 in July of 2008. The ARE 4.0 will update and improve the current format of the ARE exam. The exam will move from 3.1 to 4.0 by combining graphic and multiple choice questions. She advised that the exam will be more subjects oriented and will better reflect what Architects do while practicing architecture. There will be a one year period from July 2008 to June 2009 to allow candidates the opportunity to complete the ARE 3.1 and/or prepare for ARE 4.0. Candidates who have not completed all divisions of the ARE 3.1 will transition to the ARE 4.0 by the end of June of 2009.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Architects will be held on June 28, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Elisabeth Knibbe, Vice Chairperson

Date

Jackie Jernigan, Recording Secretary

Date