

ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2025

Session 721

Board Members Present

Philip H. Cerrone, Chairperson, Architect

Angela D. Cahill, Architect

Twig Holland, Public Member

Laurann Asklof, Public Member

Board Members Not Present

Julia Jack, Architect

Board Vacancies: None

DCP Staff Present

Rachelle Hyburg, Board Coordinator

Jason Cohen, Director of Operations

CJ Strand, Legislative Director

Marguerite Poisson, Licensing Specialist

Public Present

Gina Calabro

Emmanuel Machado

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1. Call to Order

- Chairman Cerrone called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting

- March 21, 2025
 - i. Board Member Asklof moved to approve the minutes. Board Member Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- May 16, 2025
 - i. Board Member Cahill moved to approve the minutes. Chairman Cerrone seconded the motion. The motion passed (3-0-1) Abstention: Holland

3. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today

- None

4. Investigations Division Complaint Status Report

- Review ARI Board Report
 - 01.01.23-07.15.25
 - Open: 0
 - Closed: 4

5. Old Business

- DCP's C.J. Strand provided an update on legislative changes that affect the Architectural Board.
 - i. Updates on proposed legislation discussed in the March meeting
 - SB1357
 - a. Noted there were four sections that affect the architectural industry
 - i. Clarification that derivatives of Architecture cannot be used for non licensees.
 - ii. Individuals must clarify in advertisements that they are not a licensed architect.
 - iii. Clarification that continuing education is due after the first license renewal.
 - iv. Allows emeritus status and that the Board holds the ability to grant a waiver for the CE requirements.
 - SB611
 - a. The bill did not pass
 - An Act to Establish a Program to Help Towns Develop Pre-Approved Building Plans
 - a. That bill did not pass

ii. Discussion on who can certify CEU per CT Statute 20-289-6a

- Chairman Cerrone inquired about how the Board can be more informed prior to these bills being proposed.
 - i. CJ Strand noted that he will discuss the renewal application changes with Jason and DCP's legal team to see what the Board has purview over.
 - ii. The Board noted that it looks unprofessional when they are not informed of any changes.
 - iii. Board Member Cahill asked if the Board in could get a training on how to sign up for legislative updates the November meeting.
 - CJ Strand noted that this is something he would like to do with all the Boards and is planning on scheduling a seminar in January for everyone to attend.

6. **New Business**

1. The following candidates have passed the *Architect Registration Examination* and are recommended by the Department of Consumer Protection for licensing as Architects in the State of Connecticut.
 - Jason Hanrahan-board member reviewed and vote needed
 - Evan Vincent
 - Evan Mozzer
 - Lauren Blonde
 - Jomar Alvarado
 - Jared Hardell
 - Michael Aiardo
 - Michelle Rago
- Board Member Cahill moved to approve. Chairman Cerrone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Applications for licensing by waiver of examination; the following individuals were approved under Section 21a-8 of the General Statutes by the Department of Consumer Protection for licensing as architects in the State of Connecticut on the basis of waiver of examination with an NCARB Certificate Record or by Direct Endorsement;

	Credential Number	Contact Name	Method of Licensing
1	ARI.0016452	MARK SCHEERHORN	EXAM WAIVER NCARB WI
2	ARI.0016447	JAMES ANTHONY MUEHLBAUER	EXAM WAIVER NCARB WI
3	ARI.0016417	KRISTI LYNCH	EXAM WAIVER NCARB WI
4	ARI.0016466	JEFFREY HARRIS	EXAM WAIVER NCARB VA
5	ARI.0016462	STEPHEN BERNARD KLIMAS	EXAM WAIVER NCARB TX

6	ARI.0016450	HO MANH NGUYEN	EXAM WAIVER NCARB TX
7	ARI.0016438	BRIAN LEE CRAWFORD	EXAM WAIVER NCARB TX
8	ARI.0016457	ALAN D PARADIS	EXAM WAIVER NCARB PA
9	ARI.0016476	CHRISTOPHER VICTOR PAPA	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
10	ARI.0016474	EDWARD S GELLMAN	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
11	ARI.0016478	ERIN FLYNN BERG	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
12	ARI.0016446	JEFFREY GERARD BELL	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
13	ARI.0016416	KYLE ROBERT MORRIS	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
14	ARI.0016468	MICHELLE GRAHAM	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
15	ARI.0016428	JOSEPH PLOUFFE	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
16	ARI.0016448	MARIO GENTILE	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
17	ARI.0016440	CYNTHIA REYES MALINOWSKI	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
18	ARI.0016434	PAUL GURDAK-WARCHOL	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
19	ARI.0016409	LANCE C LOWELL	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
20	ARI.0016436	ERIC NIELSEN	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
21	ARI.0016424	JOSEPH SALVATORE SOLFARO	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
22	ARI.0016406	EMMANUEL DAVID D'AMORE	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
23	ARI.0016432	JOHN C DAMERON	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
24	ARI.0016429	SERDAR KAYMAN	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
25	ARI.0016435	MAORI HUGHES	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
26	ARI.0016420	HACKJONG CHOI	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
27	ARI.0016455	MANUEL ANTONIO MILLAN	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NJ
28	ARI.0016397	CURTIS WINN HOBERMAN	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NJ
29	ARI.0016465	JEFFREY LOESCHEN	EXAM WAIVER NCARB MN
30	ARI.0016418	DIMITRI BRAND	EXAM WAIVER NCARB ME
31	ARI.0016439	JESSICA DAMSEAUX	EXAM WAIVER NCARB MD
32	ARI.0016335	STEPHEN JOSEPH FEIGE	EXAM WAIVER NCARB MA
33	ARI.0016431	HANSY BETTER	EXAM WAIVER NCARB MA
34	ARI.0016467	MICHAEL SAMRA	EXAM WAIVER NCARB MA
35	ARI.0016391	PATRICK GRANNAN	EXAM WAIVER NCARB MA
36	ARI.0016449	CYNTHIA ANNE BROCKELMAN	EXAM WAIVER NCARB MA
37	ARI.0016441	JENNIFER SHIMINSKY	EXAM WAIVER NCARB MA
38	ARI.0016427	TAYLOR MICHAEL THERIAULT	EXAM WAIVER NCARB MA
39	ARI.0016470	PAUL MICHAEL LINDSAY	EXAM WAIVER NCARB IN
40	ARI.0016463	STUART CHRISTENSON	EXAM WAIVER NCARB IL
41	ARI.0016443	FRANK C KARPOWICZ III	EXAM WAIVER NCARB IL
42	ARI.0016437	WILLIAM PATRICK SULLIVAN	EXAM WAIVER NCARB ID
43	ARI.0016410	MICHAEL ALLEN-HALL	EXAM WAIVER NCARB DC
44	ARI.0016408	KRISTOFFER KENTON STRAIN	EXAM WAIVER NCARB CO
45	ARI.0016444	JOSEPH REMLING	EXAM WAIVER NCARB CA
46	ARI.0016348	SHAWN ANDERSON	EXAM WAIVER NCARB CA
47	ARI.0016316	DAVID J KELLEY	EXAM WAIVER NCARB AL
48	ARI.0016323	JORGE OTERO PAIOS	EXAM WAIVER DIRECT NY
49	ARI.0016454	PETER PESCE	EXAM WAIVER DIRECT NY
50	ARI.0016464	DAVID MARK LEVEN	EXAM WAIVER DIRECT NY
51	ARI.0016130	CHONG BIN TAN	EXAM WAIVER DIRECT NY

52	ARI.0016411	JOHN HARRIS HATHEWAY JR	EXAM WAIVER DIRECT NY
53	ARI.0016395	DAREK SHAPIRO	EXAM WAIVER DIRECT CO

3. Applications for the Corporate Practice of Architecture; the Department approved the following applications under Section 21a-8 of the General Statutes:

1	CREDO DESIGN ARCHITECTS STUDIO, LLC 301 MAIN AVE DE PERE, WI 54115-2202	DAWN OSTRENGA ROLLING CT License No. 16293
2	BWDARCHITECTS INC 2677 PROSPERITY AVE STE 475 FAIRFAX, VA 22031-4928	JAMES EDMUND DANKOVICH CT License No.14867
3	MB ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN, LLC 310 PASSAIC AVENUE 1ST FL STE FAIRFIELD, NJ 07004	MICHAEL BUSCH JR CT License No.14323
4	DARKCONN ARCHITECTURE PLLC 1 BATES CT APT 401 NORWALK, CT 06854-5916	DARIUSZ PIOTR KULINSKI CT License No.14294
5	PERRY DEAN ROGERS & PARTNERS ARCHITECTS INC 177 MILK ST FL 8 BOSTON, MA 02109-3404	CYNTHIA ANNE BROCKELMAN CT License No.16449 RYAN M SENKIER CT License No.13963
6	ALAO DESIGN PLLC 132 ATLANTIC AVE BROOKLYN, NY 11201-5502	JAMES CARSE CT License No. 16060 LIGAYA MACEDA CT License No. 14200
7	GNICH ARCHITECTURE STUDIO LLC 1001 SE SANDY BLVD STE 100 PORTLAND, OR 97214-1331	JASON D GNICH CT License No. 12806
8	PREMIER ARCHITECTURE LLC 14185 DALLAS PKWY STE 1400 DALLAS, TX 75254-4317	AIMEE SANBORN CT License No. 16309
9	SOCOTEC, INC. 151 W 42ND ST FL 24 NEW YORK, NY 10036-6646	JENNIFER LINGLONG SZE CT License No. 16321
10	SPAGNOLO GROUP ARCHITECTURE P.C. 18 W 18TH ST NEW YORK, NY 10011-4602	JOHN A SULLIVAN CT License No. 15241
JPC	GALLOWAY ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURE PC 5500 GREENWOOD PLAZA BLVD STE 200 GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111-2106	KRISTOFFER KENTON STRAIN CT License No. 16408

4. Hardship Waiver Requests:

- Madzula – ARI.4675
 - i. Chairman Cerrone moved to approve a 6-month extension. Board Member Asklof seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Wicko – ARI.4547
 - i. Board Member Cahill moved to approve an extension through July 31, 2025. Board Member Asklof seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Sonkin – ARI.6606
 - i. Board Member Holland moved to approve a 6-month extension. Board Member Asklof seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Mason – ARI.15293
 - i. Board Member Cahill moved to approve the waiver. Board Member Asklof seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Garcia – ARI.4701
 - i. Board Member Asklof moved to approve the waiver. Board Member Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion on the CEU requirement added to the renewal application

- Gina Calabro provided an official statement on behalf of The Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.
- The Board and Jason Cohen discussed the changes made to the renewal application which required licensees to submit their CE credits with their renewal application. And discussed why uploaded transcripts are not accepted at this time.
- Board Member Cahill inquired about what precedent DCP found to make these changes to the renewal application.
- Chairman Cerrone noted that communication of these updates between DCP and the Board would have been beneficial before implementing changes.

6. Prospective Candidate For Licensure

- Applicant: Jason Hanrahan
- Chairman Cerrone moved to approve. Board Member Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today

- Board Member Cahill proposed keeping an open agenda item for DCP updates.
- Gina Calabro inquired if she could reopen complaints with the new legislative changes that are using a derivative of architecture, for example “Architectural Design” when they are not licensed.
- There was discussion on the reinstatement process if they apply for reinstatement after the 3-year window. Maggie Poisson asked if the Board would want to review the reinstatement licensees that have been previously approved during an initial application.
 - Chairman Cerrone stated that he thinks these situations should go before the Board so they can go into a further review with the applicant.
- Maggie Poisson asked the board to add the applicant, Andrew Crowley, under New Business: 6A
 - Chairman Cerrone moved to approve. Board Member Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Board Member Holland noted that there are times when DCP staff does not attend meetings when requested even though the board members are coming in-person.
- The board changed the September 26th meeting to September 23rd.

8. Adjournment

- Chairman Cerrone adjourned the meeting at 10:32 am

2025 Meeting Schedule

September 23

November 21