

ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD
Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2026

Session 725

Board Members Present

Philip H. Cerrone, Chairperson, Architect

Angela D. Cahill, Architect

Twig Holland, Public Member

Laurann Asklof, Public Member

Julia Jack, Architect

Board Members Not Present

Board Vacancies: None

DCP Staff Present

Rachelle Hyburg, Board Coordinator

Marguerite Poisson, License and Application Supervisor

Public Present

Gina Calabro

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1. Call to Order

Chairman Cerrone called the meeting to order at 9:13 am

2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting

- January 16, 2025
 - Board Member Cahill moved to approve the minutes. Board Member Asklof seconded the motion. The motion passed (3-0-1). Abst: Holland

3. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today

- Gina Calabro inquired about the following:
 - Have there been any changes with continuing education?
 - Updates will be discussed under New Business item F.
 - Is there a statute about work 5ft outside of a building and if that requires an architect?
 - Chairman Cerrone noted that typically outside of 5ft a civil engineer would take over, architects would not be designing those systems. There is nothing in statute currently.

4. Investigations Division Complaint Status Report

- Review ARI Board Report 01.01.2026 to 02.28.2026
 - Open: 3
 - Closed: 1
- The board asked for a list of open complaints so they can review how old they are

5. Old Business

- None

6. New Business

A. 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.

- JOSHUA BARZIDEH – Being reviewed for approval
 - i. The applicant was sent for review due to them not having an NCARB record, but met all the criteria for licensure.
 - ii. Board Member Asklof moved to approve Barzideh. Board Member Cahill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- GUOYU LIU
- NAMRATA TARANEKAR
- JINGWEN LUO
- RASHID ORIFJON MUYDINOV
 - i. Board Member Asklof moved to approve Liu through Muydinov. Board Member Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 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.0016728	CHARLES LUKE DESMONE II	EXAM WAIVER NCARB PA
2	ARI.0016734	JONATHAN TOEWS	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
3	ARI.0016723	FERNANDO CHAVEZ	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
4	ARI.0016724	REGINALD B PIGGEE JR	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NJ
5	ARI.0016731	KIEL MOE	EXAM WAIVER NCARB VT
6	ARI.0016715	HO CHEUK CHOI	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
7	ARI.0016684	KEITH ALLAN KAMMERER	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
8	ARI.0016722	DENNIS MICHAEL DEVINO	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NJ
9	ARI.0016710	MATTHEW OPUSZENSKI	EXAM WAIVER NCARB TX
10	ARI.0016711	FREDERICK B FISHER	EXAM WAIVER NCARB CO
11	ARI.0016712	JOHN PAUL GROUNDS	EXAM WAIVER NCARB CA
12	ARI.0016716	KAMRAN CHARMSAZ	EXAM WAIVER NCARB MD
13	ARI.0016714	PABLO CORAZZINI	EXAM WAIVER NCARB FL
14	ARI.0016685	CHARLES AN	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
15	ARI.0016708	BRIAN DAVID WRIGHT	EXAM WAIVER NCARB MA
16	ARI.0016512	MARCH W CHADWICK	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
17	ARI.0016700	EDWIN FRANKLIN LARSEN III	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY

18	ARI.0016706	JASON L SCHROER	EXAM WAIVER NCARB TX
19	ARI.0016698	OSMAN BILGER	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
20	ARI.0016707	TRAVIS L KREIDLER	EXAM WAIVER NCARB AL
21	ARI.0016695	FRANCINE ANN ALHEID	EXAM WAIVER NCARB IL
22	ARI.0016703	KEITH SIMMEL	EXAM WAIVER NCARB GA
23	ARI.0016697	ASHLEY RAO	EXAM WAIVER NCARB MA
24	ARI.0016664	JUAN FRANO VIOLICH	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
25	ARI.0016687	WAYNE CHILDS	EXAM WAIVER NCARB MT
26	ARI.0016676	SEAN TONER	EXAM WAIVER NCARB PA
27	ARI.0016680	TODD JAY STAPLES	EXAM WAIVER NCARB MA
28	ARI.0016693	MARCO MANDRA	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
29	ARI.0016690	NATHAN HOWELL	EXAM WAIVER NCARB WI
30	ARI.0016701	CHADWICK ROBERSON	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NC
31	ARI.0016638	DANA MCKINNEY WHITE	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
32	ARI.0016683	RICHARD ALAN DALEY	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
33	ARI.0016692	ASHLEE GIACALONE	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
34	ARI.0016694	ADAM LAWLER	EXAM WAIVER NCARB OR
35	ARI.0016699	MICHAEL JOSEPH LINKER	EXAM WAIVER NCARB MI
36	ARI.0016702	VINCENT TORCHIO JR	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
37	ARI.0016641	JAMES CASSIDY	EXAM WAIVER NCARB PA
38	ARI.0016688	VALMAR TORRES FRANCA JR	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
39	ARI.0016616	HOLLY SCHULZ-AMATRUDA	EXAM WAIVER DIRECT NY
40	ARI.0016668	ANGELA MARIE ODOM	EXAM WAIVER NCARB MO
41	ARI.0016678	MANLEY SEALE	EXAM WAIVER NCARB TN
42	ARI.0016625	RHODA KENNEDY	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
43	ARI.0016681	ONETAE KIM	EXAM WAIVER NCARB MA
44	ARI.0016613	THOMAS J HICKEY	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
45	ARI.0016670	DAVID MABBOTT	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
46	ARI.0016673	JASON ROBERT POLLUTRO	EXAM WAIVER NCARB MA
47	ARI.0016675	NEIL FEASER	EXAM WAIVER NCARB AZ
48	ARI.0016677	YORAM LEPAIR	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
49	ARI.0016663	MATTHEW CANTERNA	EXAM WAIVER NCARB OH
50	ARI.0016659	SUNG CHUL LEE	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
51	ARI.0016667	RICHARD NICHOLS	EXAM WAIVER NCARB NY
52	ARI.0016672	RICHARD MCALLISTER	EXAM WAIVER NCARB OH
53	ARI.0016674	KEVIN STORM	EXAM WAIVER NCARB DC

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

1	OCULUS NEVADA, LLC 1 S MEMORIAL DR STE 1500 SAINT LOUIS, MO 63102-2453	RONALD M REIM CT License No. 10715
2	JACOBS CONSULTANTS INC 1999 BRYAN ST STE 3500 DALLAS, TX 75201-6850	RICHARD ALBERT ASHWORTH CT License No.15263 BRIAN DOUGLAS COOK CT License No.14504 SEAN CUDDAHY CT License No.14622 SARAH MOSSIEN VEKASY CT License No.15917
3	INTEMPORAL ARCHITECTURE LLC 51 EMERALD GLEN LN SALEM, CT 06420-4123	POUYA ZHAND CT License No.16035
4	INVISION DESIGN SERVICES PA PC 231 S BEMISTON AVE STE 800 SAINT LOUIS, MO 63105-1925	MICHAEL W HEIN CT License No.16355 ERIC DAVID RITLAND CT License No.16582
5	HELICON DESIGN GROUP, INC. 76 SUMMER ST STE 510 BOSTON, MA 02110-1227	ERIC ROBERT GOULD CT License No.13645

D. 2026 Legislative Bills Review

- There was no DCP representation at today’s meeting
- It was noted that DCP has been providing a bill tracking list to the board Chairs to help notify of any legislative changes that would affect their industries.
- Gina Calabro noted that she is not aware of any DCP legislative changes that Board should be aware of.

E. Discussion on proposed NCARB proposed resolutions and Bd Candidates

- Board Member Cahill commented that they were in support of the proposed resolutions.
- The board discussed the current candidates for public and board members. There was unanimous support for Olivia as a public member and Greg for one of the board member positions.
 - i. There was additional discussion regarding the other board member candidates. Chairman Cerrone noted that there is still some time to review and discuss the candidates.
 - ii. Board Member Cahill noted that there are still candidates that haven’t sent their package for review.

- F. Report on changes to 20-289-6a, continuing education approved vendors
 - The regulations are being updated to include two additional approved continuing education vendors.

- G. Interpretation of derivatives of Architect and how it is applied to company names such as Architectural Millwork and Interior Design
 - Gina Calabro noted that there was a company with Architect in the name with no licensed architect employed. She also commented that there are businesses that copyrighted their business names that include the word Architect and inquired how these changes would affect those businesses.
 - Board Member Cahill commented that the business Architectural Millwork and Interior Design is tying themselves to the specific product and not using Architect deceptively.
 - The board began to discuss how future complaints like this will be handled.

- H. NCARB Annual meeting
 - Board discussed who will be attending the annual meeting. Chairman Cerrone noted that members would be able to all attend fully funded.

7. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today

- Gina Calabro inquired if DCP will be providing the licenses. DCP's Maggie Poisson noted that they are sending those out in batches.

- Board Member Jack inquired about getting continuing education credit for serving on the board.
 - Chairman Cerrone noted that this would need to be a regulation change.
 - Board Member Cahill commented that there are other states that are currently doing that and asked for examples for review.

- The board began discussing the industry challenges with building officials not verifying information and fraudulent seals.
 - Board Member Cahill noted that DCP could stop displaying license numbers as another line of defense.
 - Gina Calabro informed the board of a bill that would make some changes to building officials including third-party reviewers and educational/certification updates for officials.

8. Adjournment

Chairman Cerrone adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am.

2026 Scheduled Meetings

May 15

July 17

September 18

November 20