

MINUTES

BOARD OF EXAMINATION AND REGISTRATION OF ARCHITECTS

DATE: May 9, 2011

**PLACE: Department of Business Regulation (DBR)
1511 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg 68-1 Conference Room
Cranston, RI 02920**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair David R. Prengaman; Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman; Members John K. Grosvenor and Wilbur E. Yoder (Present at 1:09 p.m. to 2:25 p.m.)

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Secretary Christian J. Ladds
Louis A. DeQuattro, Jr., Esq., CPA, DBR Deputy Director & Counsel**

**OTHERS PRESENT: Brian J. Riggs, DBR, Administrator, Financial Management (Present 1:09 p.m. to 2:42 p.m.)
Dawne Broadfield, Board Executive**

CALLED TO ORDER: Chair Prengaman called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

to commence Board business.

A. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

(1) Vice-Chair Feibelman moved to approve the open meeting minutes

of April 11, 2011 as published. Member Yoder seconded. Motion passed, 3-0, three (3) in favor, one (1) abstained and one (1) absent. Voting in favor were Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, Members John K. Grosvenor and Wilbur E. Yoder. Chair David R. Prengaman abstained since he was absent from that meeting. Secretary Christian J. Ladds was absent from this vote.

(2) Vice-Chair Feibelman moved to approve and seal the executive session meeting minutes of the April 11, 2011 as published. Member Yoder seconded. Motion passed, 3-0, three (3) in favor, one (1) abstained and one (1) absent. Voting in favor were Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, Members John K. Grosvenor and Wilbur E. Yoder. Chair David R. Prengaman abstained since he was absent from that meeting. Secretary Christian J. Ladds was absent from this vote.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(1) Vice-Chair Feibelman moved to convene into executive session at 1:10 p.m. pursuant to RI General Laws, §42-46-5 (a)(2) for sessions or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation and §42-46-5 (a)(4) for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Member Yoder seconded. Motion passed, 4-0, four (4) in favor and one (1) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, Members John K. Grosvenor and Wilbur E. Yoder. Secretary Christian J. Ladds was absent from this vote.

(2) Vice-Chair Feibelman moved to adjourn from executive session and to reconvene to an open meeting at 1:50 p.m. pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-4. Member Yoder seconded. Motion passed, 4-0, four (4) in favor and one (1) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, Members John K. Grosvenor and Wilbur E. Yoder. Secretary Christian J. Ladds was absent from this vote.

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(3) Vice-Chair Feibelman moved to seal the executive session and record the votes taken in executive session pursuant to RI General Laws §42-46-4 and §42-46-5. Member Yoder seconded. Motion passed, 4-0, four (4) in favor and one (1) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, Members John K Grosvenor and Wilbur E. Yoder. Secretary Christian J. Ladds was absent from this vote.

(4) Vice-Chair Feibelman moved to record the votes taken in executive session in accordance with RI General Laws §42-46-4 as follows: No votes to be recorded. Member Yoder seconded. Motion passed, 4-0, four (4) in favor and one (1) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, Members John K Grosvenor and Wilbur E. Yoder. Secretary Christian J. Ladds was absent from this vote.

(5) Vice-Chair Feibelman moved pursuant to RI General Law §42-46-4

that the Board defer disclosure of all votes in executive session until such time as such disclosure would not jeopardize any strategy, negotiation, or investigation undertaken concerning RI General Law §42-46-5(a). Member Yoder seconded. Motion passed, 4-0, four (4) in favor and one (1) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, Members John K Grosvenor and Wilbur E. Yoder. Secretary Christian J. Ladds was absent from this vote.

(6) In Executive Session closed matters, no matters were closed.

(7) In Executive Session pending matters, there are three (3) pending matters, consisting of one (1) investigative matter, one (1) registration matter and one (1) administrative matter with no recusals.

C. OLD BUSINESS

(1) Legislation – Introduction to the General Assembly

- **“Technical Amendments to the RI General Laws, Chapter 5-1”**
- **House Bill #2011-H5577-Attorney DeQuattro updated the Board and indicated that this bill passed out of Committee.**
- **Senate Bill #2011-S0511-Attorney DeQuattro updated the Board and indicated that this bill passed out of Committee.**

Chair Prengaman thanked Members Grosvenor and Yoder for attending the Committee hearings with Attorney DeQuattro. Chair Prengaman felt that it is important that the Board continues to find a

way to attend these hearings. Member Yoder moved to continue. Member Grosvenor seconded. Motion passed, 4-0, four (4) in favor and one (1) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, Members John K Grosvenor and Wilbur E. Yoder. Secretary Christian J. Ladds was absent from this vote.

(2) New England Conference of Architectural Registration Boards (NECARB)

• 2011 Fall Conference - Rhode Island Board – Hosting State

The Rhode Island Board will be hosting the NECARB 2011 Fall Conference. It is the Host Board's duties to coordinate the meeting place, to confirm the reservations and to select a continuing education topic presentation preferably in Health, Safety, and Welfare (HSW).

• Chair Prengaman indicated that he sent an e-mail to Margo Jones, NCARB Region I Director, to try and remind her that this Board is waiting for confirmation of the conference dates (October 21-23, 2011) in order to book Hotel Providence. At this point, Ms. Jones indicated that she would try to confirm that this week.

• Member Grosvenor was to try to look into some of the detailed questions that the Board had regarding the contract. At this point Member Grosvenor will ask Hotel Providence if the dates are still available but will defer the request for more detail until the Region confirms the date. Open questions include :

• Notice that Parking is \$26/per night;

- **The hotel reserves the right to adjust room rates if less than 14 rooms are reserved;**
- **The hotel has a sliding scale for outright cancellation fee 40% to 80% of the estimated \$5,000.**
- **Can the meeting room accommodate the appropriate number in totals?**
- **Computation of meal costs in order to determine Registration Fee.**

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Member Grosvenor moved to continue. Member Yoder seconded. Motion passed, 4-0, four (4) in favor and one (1) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, Members John K Grosvenor and Wilbur E. Yoder. Secretary Christian J. Ladds was absent from this vote.

(3) New England Conference of Architectural Registration Boards (NECARB)

- **2011 Spring Joint Regional Meeting**
- **Chair Prengaman gave summary notes to the Board at the last meeting in his absence. He felt that the April 11, 2011 summary meeting minutes covered everything that he reported. Chair Prengaman inquired if the Board agreed at the last meeting to write a letter to the DBR Director asking for funding of attendance at NCARB meetings, explaining the importance of the attendance, and asking for**

consideration for funding. Mr. Riggs indicated that the Board could but the result would not be favorable.

Member Grosvenor moved to close. Member Yoder seconded. Motion passed, 4-0, four (4) in favor and one (1) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, Members John K Grosvenor and Wilbur E. Yoder. Secretary Christian J. Ladds was absent from this vote.

(4) National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)

- **2011 Annual Meeting and Conference**
- **Funded Delegate – Member Board Member (1) - Chair Prengaman**
- **Scholarship funding – Member Board Members (1) – Member Grosvenor and Member Board Executive (1) Dawne Broadfield**
- **NECARB Funding - Regional Chair Chris Williams sent an e-mail reminding the Board that the New England Region (NECARB) will fund a delegate from each State. Member Yoder will consider attending.**
- **2011 Draft “Resolutions” to be Acted Upon at the Annual Meeting – Chair Prengaman indicated that the “Resolutions” were discussed at length at the Spring Regional conference. Chair Prengaman indicated that once the Board’s questions regarding “Continuing Education” were answered, he suggested that the Board vote in favor of all of the “Resolutions.”**
- **By-Law Amendments – Chair Prengaman, as Regional By-Laws Committee Chair, noted that the Region suggested changes to the**

“Regional Officers” to add a “Vice-Chair.” The Committee did a comparison of the New England Region By-Laws against the other five (5) Regions and found that the almost every Region had more “Officer” positions, which ultimately seemed to lead to more involvement from the Region nationally. There was some concern that our Region does not promote its own people enough to get involved nationally. As a result, the Region is proposing to add a “Vice-Chair” person as an “Officer” that does not currently exist. Officer positions are Director, Chair and Secretary/Treasurer. There is also a proposed change that removes a \$2,000 stipend paid to the Secretary/Treasurer to do the job. This removal would allow the new “Vice-Chair” person to attend meetings.

- Delegate Credentials Letter – Submitted indicating Chair Prengaman designated as the “voting delegate” and Member Grosvenor designated as the “voting delegate” in Chair Prengaman’s absence.**

(5) Architecture: Concerning Licensure Document submitted by Matthew Arnold, Architect, Virginia

Matthew Arnold has been corresponding with the Member Boards and NCARB about the service in relation to the NCARB Intern Development Program (IDP) and the NCARB Architectural Registration Examination (ARE) process being too long. NCARB notified the Boards that it is misinformation and published a brochure explaining the facts.

Vice-Chair Feibelman moved to not respond and to close. Member Grosvenor seconded. Motion passed, 3-0, three (3) in favor and two (2) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, and Member John K Grosvenor. Member Wilbur E. Yoder and Secretary Christian J. Ladds were absent from this vote.

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D. NEW BUSINESS

(1) Firm Registration Question – Can a firm contract with an entity to do a building in RI and sub the architectural work to an individual who is licensed in RI, with that individual stamping/signing all the drawings?

Vice-Chair Feibelman moved to send an e-mail response indicating that the Rhode Island General Laws governing the practice of architecture requires that the firm designing the building have a current Certificate of Authorization (COA) whether that firm is directly engaged by the client or is engaged another entity. As long as the firm designing the building has a current Certificate of Authorization (COA), the Rhode Island General Laws governing the practice of

architecture law allows it. Member Grosvenor seconded. Motion passed, 3-0, three (3) in favor and two (2) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, and Member John K Grosvenor. Member Wilbur E. Yoder and Secretary Christian J. Ladds were absent from this vote.

(2) Election of Officers

 Vice-Chair Feibelman moved to nominate David R. Prengaman to continue as “Chair.” Member Grosvenor seconded.

 Chair Prengaman moved to nominate Barbara Feibelman to continue as “Vice-Chair.” Member Grosvenor seconded.

 Vice-Chair Feibelman moved to nominate Christian J. Ladds to continue as “Secretary.” Member Grosvenor seconded.

Member Grosvenor moved to propose the next slate of officers with David R. Prengaman, Chair; Barbara Feibelman, Vice-Chair; and Christian J. Ladds, Secretary. Vice-Chair Feibelman seconded. Motion passed, 3-0, three (3) in favor and two (2) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, and Member John K Grosvenor. Member Wilbur E. Yoder and Secretary Christian J. Ladds were absent from this vote.

E. National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Information and Updates

(1) PowerPoint Presentation on Effective Board Membership (Prepared by Doreen Frost, Member Board Executive (MBE), Minnesota Board.

- Chair Prengaman saw this presentation at the Spring Regional Meeting and thought it was a very good presentation to use to remind all Board members what is expected and the importance of a Board member's duties. After review, the following changes will be made with approval from Ms. Frost.

- On Page 3, Add: To existing licensees.

- On Page 9 - Remove all information, but replace with: Not in Rhode Island, but other States Allow it.

- On Page 10-13, remove those pages.

- With modifications, give to New Board Members.

- Changes will be made and distributed electronically and close.

(2) NCARB – IDP (Intern Development Program) Supervisor e-News – April 2011

- So noted.

(3) NCARB – e-Connection – Keeping our Record Holder Informed – April 2011

- So Noted.

(4) NCARB – News Clips – “NCARB Talks” Video Series Debuts – Tips on how to develop a plan to be licensed by the architects who work at NCARB.

- So noted.

(5) NCARB - IDP 2.0 Experience Settings (announcement of proposed modifications)

- Vice-Chair Feibelman moved to respond that the Rhode Island Board has no comments and to close. Member Grosvenor seconded. Motion passed, 3-0, three (3) in favor and two (2) absent. Voting in

favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, and Member John K Grosvenor. Member Wilbur E. Yoder and Secretary Christian J. Ladds were absent from this vote.

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F. APPLICATIONS

1. BLUE BOOKS (RECIPROCITY)

(A) Member Grosvenor moved to approve the following Blue Books as submitted with an expiration date of December 31, 2011. Vice-Chair Feibelman seconded. Motion passed, 3-0, three (3) in favor and two (2) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, and Member John K Grosvenor. Member Wilbur E. Yoder and Secretary Christian J. Ladds were absent from this vote.

(1) DISSINGER, Donald H. (6) NEUERT, Sean M.

(2) HILL, Chris A. (7) OVERLAND, Leigh D.

(3) JACQUES, Rodney (8) PAXSON, William Hall

(4) KREBS, Carl F. (9) SKARMEAS, George C.

(5) LANGE, Travis Daniel

2. BLUE BOOK (REINSTATEMENT)

(A) Member Grosvenor moved to approve the reinstatement of the

Blue Book with an expiration date of December 31, 2011. Vice-Chair Feibelman seconded. Motion passed, 3-0, three (3) in favor and two (2) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, and Member John K Grosvenor. Member Wilbur E. Yoder and Secretary Christian J. Ladds were absent from this vote.

(1) Ickes, David Burton, #3424

3. INITIAL REGISTRATION REQUESTS (GREEN BROOKS), INDIVIDUALS SEEKING INITIAL REGISTRATION AFTER COMPLETING THE REQUIRED EDUCATION, INTERN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (IDP) AND THE ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION EXAMINATION (ARE)

(A) No applications were presented at this time.

4. CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION (COA) APPLICATIONS (See Attached List)

(A) Vice-Chair Feibelman moved to approve the applications for the Certificates of Authorization for the Sole Proprietorships for Michael R. Black, AIA; Andrew L. Falkenstein; and Paul D. Orbah, Architect as submitted. Member Grosvenor seconded. Motion passed, 3-0, three (3) in favor and two (2) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, and Member John K Grosvenor. Member Wilbur E. Yoder and Secretary Christian J. Ladds were absent from this vote.

(B) Vice-Chair Feibelman moved to approve the Change in Responsible Control adding Kurt Baur (3811) and removing Jack A. King (3263) for the application for Certificate of Authorization for the Limited Liability Company for Fletcher Thompson Architecture Engineering, LLC, #ALLC26, as submitted. Member Grosvenor seconded. Motion passed, 3-0, three (3) in favor and two (2) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, and Member John K Grosvenor. Member Wilbur E. Yoder and Secretary Christian J. Ladds were absent from this vote.

(C) Vice-Chair Feibelman moved to conditionally approve the application for the Certificate of Authorization for the Limited Liability Company for David Scott Parker Architects, LLC as submitted pending receipt of a “Certificate of Good Standing” issued by the Rhode Island Secretary of State’s Office. Member Grosvenor seconded. Motion passed, 3-0, three (3) in favor and two (2) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, and Member John K Grosvenor. Member Wilbur E. Yoder and Secretary Christian J. Ladds were absent from this vote.

(D) Vice-Chair Feibelman moved to conditionally approve the applications for the Certificates of Authorization for the Corporations for Allevalo Architects, Inc. and EYP Architecture & Engineering, P.C. as submitted pending receipt of a “Certificate of Good Standing” issued by the Rhode Island Secretary of State’s Office. Member Grosvenor seconded. Motion passed, 3-0, three (3) in favor and two

(2) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, and Member John K Grosvenor. Member Wilbur E. Yoder and Secretary Christian J. Ladds were absent from this vote.

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(E) On March 11, 2009, the Board previously denied an Initial Certificate of Authorization application submitted by Albert D. Fine under the name of “Fine Associates” due to the use of the plural “Associates” in the firm name with only one architect on staff. Mr. Fine now submitted a seconded Initial Certificate of Authorization application under the name of “Albert D. Fine, AIA, Architect.” After review, Vice-Chair Feibelman moved to approve for the application for Certificate of Authorization for the Sole Proprietorship for Albert D. Fine, AIA Architect as submitted pending receipt of the “\$100 Initial Application fee.” Member Grosvenor seconded. Motion passed, 3-0, three (3) in favor and two (2) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, and Member John K Grosvenor. Member Wilbur E. Yoder and Secretary Christian J. Ladds were absent from this vote.

(F) Vice-Chair Feibelman moved to approve for the application for Renewal Certificate of Authorization Application for the Limited Liability Partnership for Wank Adams Slavin Associates, LLP, #ALLP7, that expired on December 31, 2006 pending receipt of payment of an additional one hundred and eighty dollars (\$180) for a total payment of three hundred and sixty dollars (\$360) sixty-dollars calculated (\$60) per year for every year not renewed to include 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 and receipt of the "Certificate of Legal Existence" issued by the Rhode Island Secretary of State's office. Member Grosvenor seconded. Motion passed, 3-0, three (3) in favor and two (2) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, and Member John K Grosvenor. Member Wilbur E. Yoder and Secretary Christian J. Ladds were absent from this vote.

(G) Arrowstreet, Inc., #A-14,020, submitted an on-line Certificate of Authorization renewal application on December 23, 2010 with a change of people in responsible control without submitting an Amended Certificate of Authorization application. The Board corresponded twice with no response. Based on no response, Vice-Chair Feibelman moved to send another notification to Arrowstreet, Inc. (#A-14,020) indicating that the firm renewed online, that the application was incorrect, that the Board corresponded twice asking for corrections without response. Therefore, the Certificate of Authorization for the Corporation for Arrowstreet, Inc., #A-14,020, expired December 31, 2010 and is considered LAPSED and

Arrowstreet, Inc. cannot practice architecture in the State of Rhode Island and to contact the Board with any questions in order to complete the renewal process. Member Grosvenor seconded. Motion passed, 3-0, three (3) in favor and two (2) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, and Member John K Grosvenor. Member Wilbur E. Yoder and Secretary Christian J. Ladds were absent from this vote.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Prengaman announced that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., at the DBR, The John O. Pastore Center, 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Conference Room 68-1, Cranston, RI 02920. Member Grosvenor moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:24 p.m. Vice-Chair Feibelman seconded. Motion passed, 3-0, three (3) in favor and two (2) absent. Voting in favor were Chair David R. Prengaman, Vice-Chair Barbara Feibelman, and Member John K Grosvenor. Member Wilbur E. Yoder and Secretary Christian J. Ladds were absent from this vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Feibelman, AIA

Vice-Chair

BF/dmb

- **Posted on June 14, 2011 electronically on Secretary of State's Office website. Pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, R.I. Gen. Laws Sec. 42-46-6(b), business not included in this notice may be considered with the consent of the majority of the members, and/or may convene into Executive (closed) Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Sec. 42-46-5.**

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION (COA) APPLICATIONS

Board Meeting of MAY 9, 2011

SOLE PROPRIETORSHIPS

MICHAEL R. BLACK, AIA -0- MA APPROVED – 05/09/11

ANDREW L. FALKENSTEIN - 0 - MA APPROVED – 05/09/11

**ALBERT D. FINE, AIA ARCHITECT \$100. MA APPROVED – PENDING
RECEIPT OF THE**

\$100 INITIAL APPLICATION FEE– 5/09/11

PAUL D. ORBAH, ARCHITECT -0- OH APPROVED – 05/09/11

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES

**FLETCHER THOMPSON ARCHITECTURE - 0 - CT APPROVED –
05/09/11**

ENGINEERING, LLC

#ALLC26 – Change in Responsible Control

Removed: Jack A. King (3263)

Added: Kurt Baur (3811)

**DAVID SCOTT PARKER ARCHITECTS, LLC \$100. CT APPROVED –
05/09/11**

LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP

**WANK ADAMS SLAVIN ASSOCIATES, LLP \$180. NY APPROVED –
PENDING RECEIPT OF**

**#ALLP7 – RENEWAL APPL PKG PAYMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL
\$180 FOR**

**AMENDED APPL PKG - Change in Responsible Control A TOTAL
PAYMENT OF \$360 CALCULATED**

Removed: Hazel Ephron (3030) PER YEAR FOR EVERY YEAR NOT

RENEWED

TO INCLUDE 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, AND 2012 AND RECEIPT OF THE "CERTIFICATE OF

LEGAL EXISTENCE FROM THE RI

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE - 05/09/11

CORPORATIONS

ALLEVATO ARCHITECTS, INC. \$100. MA APPROVED – 05/09/11

ARROWSTREET, INC. \$120. MA SEND ANOTHER NOTIFICATION THAT

#A-14,20 – Change in Responsible Control THE FIRM RENEWED ONLINE, APPLICATION

Removed: Robert J. Slattery (1355) – (Not Listed on the WAS INCORRECT, BD CORRESPONDED

Online Renewal Application) TWICE ASKING FOR CORRECTIONS WITHOUT

Added: George Tremblay (3489) without Amended Application A RESPONSE, COA EXPIRED AND IS

NO response to Bd's 12/30/10 and second request letters CONSIDERED LAPSED, CANNOT PRACTICE

requesting an Amended Application. IN RI, CONTACT BD WITH QUESTIONS -

On-line Renewal Application attached. 05/09/11

**EYP ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING, P.C. \$100. NY APPROVED –
05/09/11**

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