

**MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE,
INTERIOR DESIGN AND RESIDENTIAL DESIGN (NSBAIDRD)**

March 20, 2024

The Gina Spaulding Boardroom
2080 East Flamingo Road, Suite 120, Las Vegas, NV 89119

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Chairman Greg Erny called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

Board members present: Gregory Erny (Chairman), William Snyder (Secretary/Treasurer), Daniel Coletti, George Garlock, James Mickey, Nathaniel Waugh, Tina Wichmann and Marie Wikoff. One registered interior designer position vacant.

Also in attendance: Monica Harrison (Executive Director), Louis Ling (Legal Counsel), Laura Bach (Chief Investigator), Stacey Hatfield (Public Information Officer), and Leilani Quenga (Licensing Specialist / Bookkeeper).

NSBAIDRD Mission Statement:

“The mission of the NSBAIDRD is to promote, preserve, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by regulating architects, registered interior designers, and residential designers to provide competent professional services in the built environment.”

AGENDA ITEM 1 Public comment

Michelle Gibson provided public comment.

AGENDA ITEM 2 Election of officers

This item was not necessary.

AGENDA ITEM 3 Approval of consent agenda

Consent agenda included the following:

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes: January 17, 2024
- C. Secretary/Treasurer Report (Reports and bank statements)
 - 1. Nevada Architect, Registered Interior Designer and Residential Designer Licensing Statistics
 - 2. Wells Fargo Bank Statements
 - 3. Bank of Nevada Statements
 - 4. First Independent Bank Statements
- D. Ratification of Reciprocal Licenses (see attached list)
- E. Firm Name Approval Requests
 - 1. CDG Architects LLC
 - 2. X Architecture Collective, LLC

3. Rostrata PLLC
4. KM Architecture
5. The TMG Group, LLC
6. Dezirae Bruni Interiors PLLC
7. Butler & Moore Architects, Ltd.
8. Houston/Tyner, A Professional Architectural Corporation
9. CESO ARCHITECTS, INC.

F. Firm Registration Approval Requests

1. HW, LLC
2. Apogee Consulting Group, PA
3. Urban Idea Architecture
4. The Lawrence Group Architects, PC

Architects: Registration by Reciprocity

9344	Victor A. Fuentes	9366	Karissa Patel Kashyap	9388	James Elwood Donaghy
9345	Megan C. Whitman	9367	Joseph D. Schork	9389	James Pfeiffer
9346	Donald M. Treiman	9368	David J. Sassano	9390	Roger L. Hansen
9347	Patrick Wirz	9369	Christopher John Sawaya	9391	Bryce Rutledge Jennings
9348	Kirk O. Dunn	9370	Mark E. Levine	9392	Eric D. Aust
9349	Vito Anthony Picicci	9371	Michael R. Schnoering	9393	Paul Edward Faller
9350	Guy Christopher Toro	9372	Robert Humason	9394	Nathan P. Urban
9351	Darren LaMarr James	9373	Lauren Reid Schmidt Bninski	9395	William D. Goryl
9352	Hari Karuppan Viswanathan	9374	Richard C. Avery	9396	Rebecca Marie Barry
9353	Thomas Robert Hughes	9375	Andrew G. Stepp	9397	Brian Adam Kish
9354	Daniel Nenonen	9376	Alan R. Hamm	9398	Jinger Tapia
9355	Ryan P. McKay	9377	Catherine Megan Compton	9399	Amanda E. Harpstead
9356	Wing Wong	9378	Rodney J Ranzenberger	9400	Johan Seilie
9357	Nathaniel William Sebok	9379	Rebecca Katherine Sanchez	9401	Thomas W. Hut
9358	William E. Hoisington	9380	Michael Franks	9407	Jeffrey Ying Hao Li
9359	Michael Cristopher Winnick	9381	Lee Payne	9408	Brian August Meissner
9360	Graziano Meniconi	9382	William H. Wickett IV	9409	Jonathan Ammon
9361	Francisco J. Gonzalez Pulido	9383	Hien Dinh Nguyen	9410	James Thomas Doherty
9362	Phil S. Choi	9384	Gregory L. Palmer	9411	Chad Benjamin Smith
9363	Mark A. Molinaro, Jr.	9385	Donovan Ballantyne	9413	Kathryn Lynn Weinert
9364	Jason Otero	9386	Michael J. Kleffner	9414	David Austin Daniel
9365	Marie Wilson	9387	Sandipan Aditya		

Residential Designers: Registration by Reciprocity

445-RD Paul J. Alvarez 446-RD Gary Beyerl

Garlock requested item 3F-1 be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion. Erny requested item 3E-6 be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion. Mickey said there are a number of applications from registrants in national firms that are establishing a Nevada-specific firm. He wants to make sure the applicants know that the work done in Nevada, including contracts and marketing, must be done under the Nevada firm name, not the national firm name.

Motion: Garlock moved to approve the consent agenda, except items 3E-6 and 3F-1. Motion seconded by Snyder.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM 3E-6 Firm name approval request: Dezirae Bruni Interiors PPLC

Erny said procurement is listed as a service of the firm. He wants to make sure the registrant discloses this to potential clients.

AGENDA ITEM 3F-1 Firm Registration approval request: HW, LLC

Garlock asked for clarification on firm ownership.

Motion: Mickey moved to approve the firm name approval request of “Dezirae Bruni Interiors PPLC,” and the firm registration approval request of “HW, LLC.” Motion seconded by Garlock.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM 10A Residential Designer Report – Update of the Residential Design Examination

Coletti reported eight of ten candidates passed the graphics portion of the exam in August. Erny said the jurisprudence exam will be rewritten with NCARB.

AGENDA ITEM 10B Residential Designer Report – Discussion regarding upcoming legislative issues related to residential design

Larry Tindall, chair of the Nevada Institute of Residential Design and Architecture, addressed the board. Tindall said he would like the board to consider changing name of the residential designer to residential architect.

AGENDA ITEM 4A Deliberations/Action on Applications for Registration: Architects

Erny greeted the attendees and explained the swearing-in process and ceremony.

Snyder swore-in the following individuals as architects:

1. Javier Rios Barrera..... 9402
2. Alexander Villa 9403

3. Kenneth Andrew Ballard..... 9404
4. Kristen Levin..... 9405
5. Alexander Quintero..... 9406
6. Joseph Bradshaw..... 9412

Motion: Mickey moved to approve the registration of the above referenced individuals as architects.
 Motion seconded by Garlock.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM 4B Deliberations/Action on Applications for Registration: Registered Interior Designers

Wikoff swore-in the following individuals as registered interior designers:

1. Sharon Ly 310-ID
2. Nisha A. Stewart 311-ID
3. Vanessa Watts 312-ID
4. Susan Connaghan..... 313-ID

Motion: Mickey moved to approve the registration of the above referenced individuals as registered interior designers. Motion seconded by Wichmann.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM 4C Deliberations/Action on Applications for Registration: Residential Designers

Coletti swore-in the following individuals as residential designers:

1. Thomas Fougner 447-RD
2. Glen Zilly 448-RD
3. Colin McHale..... 449-RD
4. Blake Epperson 450-RD

Motion: Mickey moved to approve the registration of the above referenced individuals as residential designers. Motion seconded by Garlock.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

Tindall presented Zilly and McHale with the Dewey Jones Award for passing all sections of the exam on the first attempt.

Taryn Cole, representative from AIA NV, congratulated the new registrants on behalf of AIA.

Erny and other board members congratulated the new registrants. Erny encouraged the new registrants to share any comments or concerns on the licensure process.

Harrison encouraged new registrants to reach out to board staff for guidance if they plan to register a firm. She also said that they are exempt from earning continuing education units for the first two years of licensure.

New registrants shared comments on the licensure process.

AGENDA ITEM 5 **Firm name approval request: Stewart Street Studio, LCC**

Motion: Waugh moved to approve the firm name approval request of “Stewart Street Studio, LLC.”
Motion seconded by Garlock.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM 6 **Review and possible approval of firm name Origin Architecture**

Andrew Martin, owner of Origin Architecture, and Mike Wadley, Martin’s attorney were present. Origin Architecture was presented for firm name approval at the May 23, 2023 board meeting and was not approved because the proposed firm name was too close to a previously approved firm name and was misleading to the public.

Ling advised the board that if they decide to deny the application, they must make a finding that the proposed name is false, deceptive or misleading, per NAC 623.740.8.

Board members and Martin discussed the issues. Martin proposed using the name Origin Arc. Board members agreed to the change.

Motion: Garlock moved to conditionally approve the firm name Origin Arc, pending an amended application being submitted to staff. Motion seconded by Snyder.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM 7 **Discussion and possible action regarding the 2025 Legislative Session – Jim Wadhams**

Jim Wadhams addressed the board.

AGENDA ITEM 8A-1 **Case No. 24-027R in the matter of Michael Peterson**

Erny recused himself from the matter.

The Respondent is alleged to have violated NRS 623.270.1 (c) and (f), NRS 623.270.5 and Rule of Conduct 1.1.

Staff received a complaint against the Respondent from James DeLand stating that the Respondent delayed his project by two months because he had not returned phone calls and texts. Further allegations were that the Respondent was negligent in submitting a set of plans to the HOA without an outdoor lighting plan which was required.

The Respondent was sent a Notice of Charges concerning this matter. The Respondent's case was discussed with Executive Director Harrison and the decision was made to offer the Respondent an opportunity to settle the matter informally rather than face a disciplinary hearing before the Board. A settlement agreement was negotiated incorporating a Guilt clause and an Administrative Penalty of \$3,000 and Investigative Costs in the amount of \$1,800. A condition was also added to the Respondent's probation that he must include contact information for every client he takes on in order to verify with them that the Respondent is being responsive.

Staff recommended approval of the settlement agreement.

Motion: Waugh moved to approve the settlement agreement. Motion seconded by Garlock.

Board members discussed the matter. Board members said that there have been a number of matters involving the respondent and the respondent should come before the board.

Garlock removed his second of the motion.

Motion withdrawn: Waugh withdrew his motion for approval.

Waugh said his objection is based on the timing of the current matter and previous matter overlapping.

Motion: Mickey moved to deny approval of the settlement agreement. Motion seconded by Coletti.

Vote: Coletti, Garlock, Mickey, Wichmann and Wikoff in favor. Waugh opposed. Erny recused. Motion passes.

Motion: Waugh moved to address the matter in a formal hearing. Motion seconded by Wikoff.

Vote: Erny recused. All others in favor. Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM 8B Discussion and possible decision regarding closure of enforcement cases

Bach recommended the following cases for closure without disciplinary action:

24-019R 24-020N 23-021N 23-026R

Motion: Waugh moved to approve the closure of the cases listed above without disciplinary action.

Motion seconded by Garlock.

Vote: Erny recused. All others in favor. Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM 8C Enforcement report

Bach reported that Dennis Rusk attended the required classes. Staff is waiting for remittance of the costs.

AGENDA ITEM 9A Architect Report – NCARB Draft Resolution Packet

Erny presented his position on draft resolutions. Board members discussed the matter. Final resolutions will be discussed at the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9B Architect Report - FYI: Regional Summit Candidate Packet FY25

This information was presented to the board in the board meeting e-book.

AGENDA ITEM 9C Architect Report - FYI: NCARB Position on Accreditation February 2024

This information was presented to the board in the board meeting e-book.

AGENDA ITEM 9D Architect Report - FYI: NCARB Update February 2024

This information was presented to the board in the board meeting e-book.

AGENDA ITEM 11D Architect Report - FYI: NCARB Fast Facts January and February 2024

This information was presented to the board in the board meeting e-book.

AGENDA ITEM 16 Formal Contested Administrative Hearing – Continuation and completion of hearing, deliberation, and potential action in the matter of Jeffrey Hagen and JAHA (Case No. 24-016N)

A formal hearing was held in the matter of Jeffrey Hagen and JAHA, Case No. 24-016N. The Respondent made a Motion to Dismiss at the last board meeting, which the board denied.

Board members present: Gregory Erny (Chairman), Daniel Coletti, George Garlock, James Mickey, William Snyder, Nathaniel Waugh, Tina Wichmann and Marie Wikoff

In attendance:

Matthew Feeley, Counsel to the Board

Louis Ling, Prosecuting Attorney

Laura Bach, NSBAIDRD Chief Investigator

Mark Hutchings, Counsel for Respondent

The counts brought against Jeffrey Hagen and JAHA are as follows:

First Cause of Action

By practicing architecture and residential design without a valid registration as evidenced by the facts presented, Respondents jointly and severally violated NRS 623.360(1)(c).

Second Cause of Action

By holding themselves out as an architect and/or a residential designer without a valid certificate of registration, Respondents have each violated NRS 623.360(1)(a) and/or NRS 21 623.360(1)(b).

Testimony was heard and evidence was introduced into the record.

Motion: Waugh moved to find the respondents guilty of the First Cause of Action, as substantiated by the evidence presented by the prosecution, including the testimony of the witness and evidence admitted into record. Motion seconded by Snyder.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

Motion: Waugh moved to find the respondents guilty of the Second Cause of Action, as substantiated by the evidence presented by the prosecution, including the testimony of the witness and evidence admitted into record. Motion seconded by Wikoff.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

Motion: Having found the Respondent violated the First and Second Causes of Action, Garlock moved to impose the following penalties:

- Impose an administrative fine of \$10,000 for each cause of action, for a total fine of \$20,000.
- Respondent pays all costs and fees for the investigation and hearing.

Motion seconded by Mickey.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM 12 Public Member Report

Waugh had nothing to report.

AGENDA ITEM 14 Board Counsel Report

Ling reported results of district court cases.

AGENDA ITEM 11A Registered Interior Designer Report – FYI: Happy 50th Anniversary, CIDQ!

This information was presented to the board in the board meeting e-book. Wikoff reported that there are ongoing discussions on reforming CIDQ board structure.

AGENDA ITEM 11B Registered Interior Designer Report – FYI: Call for Nominations

This information was presented to the board in the board meeting e-book.

AGENDA ITEM 15 Public Information Report

Hatfield said the next CEU Seminar is November 1. She and Harrison will be meeting with the committee soon to plan the agenda. Hatfield reported on the spring outreach efforts to high schools.

AGENDA ITEM 13 Executive Director Report

Harrison said the next board meetings are in Reno on June 5, 2024, and in Las Vegas on August 21, 2024. Licensing renewals are finished and registration numbers are above where they were at this time last year. Continuing education audits are in process.

AGENDA ITEM 17 Items for Future Agenda

- Staff transition planning.

AGENDA ITEM 18 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Chairman Erny adjourned the meeting.

Monica Harrison, Executive Director

William Snyder, Secretary/Treasurer