

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
ILLINOIS ARCHITECTURE LICENSING BOARD

Open Minutes

Illinois Architecture Licensing Board

Date: March 22, 2024
Convened: 9:36 am
Adjourned: 12:11 pm
Location: Springfield/Chicago/WEBEX

Members Present: Michelle Gillette-Murphy, Chair
Kimberly Kurtenbach, Vice-Chair
Norman Lach, Member
E. William Reichert III, Member

Member(s) Absent: Dina Griffin, Member
Thomas Lawler, Public Member
Steven H. Pate, Member

Staff Present: Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager
Ron Almiron, DPR General Counsel
Roy Cepero, DPR Design Investigator

Guests Present: Eric Klinner, AIA-IL
Rob Anderson, IL Architect
Rick Gilmore, ALA-IL
Skyler Moran, IL Architect
Aaron Gomez, applicant
Jacob Sanders

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 9:36 am.
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

I. Board Member Comments

Chairperson Gillette-Murphy welcomed everyone and asked if anyone had announcements or comments.

As no other members had comments, Chairperson Gillette-Murphy shared that she attended the AIA-IL Grassroots program and mentioned it was a very well-developed event.

She also mentioned that she attended the Gensler Apprenticeship Program (GAP) in Chicago and learned valuable information regarding the current process and heard from several candidates within the program.

II. Guest Comments

Aaron Gomez inquired about the delay in processing his application. Mr. Lazell said he would investigate the matter and thanked Aaron

for bringing it to his attention.

Skyler Moran commented that the AIA-IL Grassroots event was wonderful.

Rob Anderson said he is glad to hear about the upcoming changes to the Act.

III. Licensing Manager Report

A. Board Member Appointments

Mr. Lazell shared that replacements for Ms. Griffin and Mr. Pate have been vetted and will soon be reviewed/approved by the Secretary.

B. Legislative Update

SB 2819 and HB 4416

These are the mirror bills to remove the “five-year rolling clock” language in the architecture practice act. The Senate bill had its third reading and passed and we’re waiting to hear about the House bill.

SB 3767

This is the bill to amend the endorsement section and modify the 2/3rds requirement for board members of Design Firms. The Senate bill has its third reading today.

C. Rules Update

Mr. Lazell shared that the department is awaiting the outcome of SB 3767 to submit the final version of the draft Rules to the associations for comment.

IV. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the open minutes of the January 19, 2024, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Kurtenbach/Richert) to accept the open minutes as presented. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

V. Ongoing Business

No ongoing business discussed.

VI. Report from Subcommittees

A. Complaint Review Subcommittee Vice-Chair Kurtenbach shared the Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the January 2024 meetings for each profession:

Architect: Opened 9, Closed 4, Referred to prosecutions 0
SE: Opened 2, Closed 1, Referred to prosecutions 0
PE: Opened 10, Closed 5, Referred to prosecutions 0
LS: Opened 2, Closed 0, Referred to prosecutions 0

Complaints currently under investigation:

Architect – 25
SE – 10
PE – 33
LS – 6

Cases currently being prosecuted:

Architect - 28
Land Surveyor - 4
Professional Engineer - 19
Structural Engineer - 6

B. NCARB information review committee Ms. Kurtenbach shared that the main items were the upcoming regional meeting and save the date info for the Annual meeting.

VII. New Business

A. NCARB 2024 Regional Meeting Chairperson Gillette-Murphy shared a report from the regional meeting. She indicated there was a lot of information shared through the meeting. There were workshops and plenary sessions. A few items to note were breakout sessions on incidental practice, pathways to practice and a keynote speaker on AI in Architecture.

B. NCARB 2024 Annual Meeting Mr. Lazell reminded the members that the Annual meeting is June 12-15 in Chicago, and asked the Board to discuss and provide the names of the delegates who will attend the meeting.

Illinois Board delegates:

Chairperson Gillette-Murphy
Member Lach
Public Member Lawler
Ron Almiron will attend via the legal funding

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Motion to move into Closed Session: Motion was made, seconded (Kurtenbach/Reichert) to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:43 am. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

VIII. Closed Session: A. Review of Closed Minutes
The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the January 19, 2024, meeting.

B. Review of applications
The Board reviewed one application pursuant to Sections 1150.30, 1150.60 and 1150.105 of the Rules for the Administration of the Illinois Architectural Practice Act of 1989.

Moved back into Open Session: The Board Chair adjourned the Closed Session and moved the meeting back into Open Session at 12:01 pm.

IX. Motions & Reminders

Accept recommendations: Motion was made, seconded (Kurtenbach/Lach) to accept the recommendations made in closed session. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Review closed minutes & keep closed minutes closed: Motion was made, seconded (Reichert/Lach) to approve the closed minutes of the January 19, 2024, meeting as presented and to keep the closed minutes closed. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Reminders: Mr. Lazell reminded the Board that the next scheduled meeting is May 24, 2024. He also reminded the members to turn in their travel vouchers to him.

X. Adjournment Motion was made, seconded (Lach/Kurtenbach) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 pm.