

**GEORGIA BOARD OF ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS**  
**Board Meeting: February 19, 2010**

The Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers met on Friday, February 19, 2010, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, for the purpose of conducting Board business.

**The following Board members were present:**

Anne K. Smith, President and Architect  
E. Camille Puckett, Vice President and Interior Designer  
G. Niles Bolton  
David M. G. Maschke  
Laurie H. McRae (arrived at 9:45 a.m.)  
Jim Mehserle

**Others present:**

Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director  
Brandi Howell, Board Support Specialist  
Janet Wray, Assistant Attorney General via videoconference  
Ryan McNeal, Investigations  
Harry Miller, Investigations  
Sonya Williams, Legal Services

Chairperson Smith established that a quorum was present at 9:39 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

**C&D Hearing**

**ARCH080040:** A motion was made by Camille Puckett, seconded by Jim Mehserle, and the Board voted unanimously to grant the respondent's request for continuance. The hearing will be rescheduled for April 16, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairperson Smith called for any changes/revisions to the December 18, 2009 minutes. Ms. Puckett stated a correction needed to be made on page 7. The next to last sentence in the second paragraph under Committee/Subcommittee Report needed to be changed to read, "Ms. Puckett stated that she met with Mr. Taylor to discuss language developed by the Interior Designer board members based on the laws developed in other jurisdictions."

A motion was made by Niles Bolton, seconded by Jim Mehserle, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2009 full Board meeting as presented with the change noted.

Chairperson Smith called for any changes/revisions to the January 20, 2010 full Board Conference Call minutes. A motion was made by Camille Puckett, seconded by Niles Bolton, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

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**Executive Director's Report**

**Electronic Reporting of Scores:** Ms. Battle stated that at the December 18, 2009 meeting the Board asked her to find out if exam scores from NCARB were being electronically submitted. Ms. Battle reported that scores are being received electronically.

**Technology Updates:** Ms. Battle reported that the board office is upgrading its database software. This upgrade will allow for better reporting and will hopefully address CE tracking for all licensees. Ms. Battle stated she would continue to keep the Board updated as information regarding such becomes available.

The board office is moving towards making the submission of applications available online. This process will allow someone to submit an application electronically and pay for such via credit card. Hopefully within the next few months this option will be available.

**Written Correspondence**

**Correspondence from Randall Stone:** The Board reviewed correspondence from Mr. Stone. The Board directed staff to respond by stating that the Board is aware of Mr. Stone's concerns and that the Board is reviewing its rules to determine any rule amendments they deem necessary.

**ARE 4.0**

An update concerning ARE 4.0 was given by Chairperson Smith.

**NCARB**

An update concerning NCARB was given by Chairperson Smith.

**NCIDQ**

An update concerning NCIDQ was given by Ms. McRae.

**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Camille Puckett, seconded by Laurie McRae, and the Board members present: Bolton, Maschke, McRae, Mehserle, Puckett and Smith, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) and O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(h) for application discussion, investigative matters and to receive the Attorney General's Report.

**Vote on Discussions from Executive Session**

Open Session was declared by Chairperson Smith.

A motion was made by Camille Puckett, seconded by Laurie McRae, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations made during Executive Session.

The recommendations made during Executive Session are as follows:

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**Investigations Unit**

The Board heard a report on the following cases:

**ARCH080011:** The Board voted unanimously to refer the case back to Investigations and to also refer the case to the Georgia State Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

**ARCH070036 and ARCH080017:** The Board voted unanimously to refer the case back to Investigations.

**Legal Services**

The Board heard a report on the following cases:

**ARCH090029 and ARCH090031:** The Board voted to uphold its previous finding; additionally, it has empowered the staff attorney to negotiate with the respondent's attorney.

**Applications**

The Board voted to **approve** the following applications as recommended:

The following applicants, who were administratively approved, were ratified to take the Architectural Registration Examination:

Applicant #1215416  
Applicant #1218960  
Applicant #1219810  
Applicant #1220026  
Applicant #1221413  
Applicant #1221416  
Applicant #1221428  
Applicant #1221854  
Applicant #1221971  
Applicant #1224262  
Applicant #1224505

The following applicant submitted an application to take the Architectural Registration Examination based on having a professional degree in architecture and three years of acceptable practical work experience:

Applicant #1218955

The following applicant is applying to take the Architectural Registration Examination based on having a bachelor's degree in architectural engineering technology from a college in Georgia and six years of acceptable practical work experience:

Applicant #1217669

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The following applicants were approved for a Registered Architect license by Reciprocity:

Applicant #1221021

Applicant #1221023

The following Registered Architect was approved for renewal by submitting previously requested documentation:

Applicant #280137

The following applicant was approved for licensure as a Registered Interior Designer:

Applicant #1219045

The Board voted to **disapprove** the following applications as recommended:

The following applicant was disapproved to take the Architectural Registration Examination based on failure to meet qualifications:

Applicant #1218269

The following applicant was disapproved for licensure as a Registered Interior Designer based on failure to meet qualifications:

Applicant #1222856

**Written Requests**

**Applicant #280868:** After reviewing correspondence requesting a waiver of the requirements for professional development, the Board voted unanimously to disapprove the applicant's request.

**Applicant #283848:** After reviewing correspondence requesting a waiver of the requirements for professional development, the Board voted unanimously to disapprove the applicant's request.

**Applicant #1018780:** After reviewing correspondence requesting a waiver of the requirements for professional development, the Board voted unanimously to disapprove the applicant's request.

**Complaint Recommendations**

The Board voted unanimously to accept the Cognizant's recommendations regarding the following complaints:

**ARCH100012:** Close with no action. Refer back to the State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors.

**ARCH100013:** Refer to Investigations.

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**Board Attorney**

There was nothing to report at this time.

**Old/New Business**

**Cease & Desist Orders:** Discussion was held about how the Board and staff are handling unlicensed practice and how the current policy on C & Ds states that a notice of hearing would be served in the event that a respondent declined signing a presented C & D. Mr. Mehserle stated that there was a time period when unlicensed practice complaints were being automatically sent to Investigations; however, he has now resumed reviewing all of the unlicensed practice complaints. Ms. Battle stated that all complaints, including those for unlicensed practice, are being sent to Mr. Mehserle for assessment. Mr. Mehserle responded that he was not comfortable being the sole determiner of what the fine would be. Ms. Wray stated that, once an investigation was complete, Mr. Mehserle would review the investigative file and bring a recommendation of a fine amount, if applicable, to the Board for discussion. Mr. Mehserle responded by stating that would be fine.

Ms. Wray stated that the fine amount for one of the Cease & Desist Orders that the Board will be ratifying for acceptance is incorrect. She stated that O.C.G.A. § 43-1-20.1(b) reads, "*The violation of any cease and desist order of a professional licensing board issued under subsection (a) of this Code section shall subject the person violating the order to further proceedings before the board, and the board shall be authorized to impose a fine not to exceed \$500.00 for each transaction constituting a violation thereof. Each day that a person practices in violation of this title shall constitute a separate violation.*" The amount that is hand written in on the Order is \$10,000 but should be \$500. Ms. Battle asked Ms. Wray what the Board should do since the Order has already been docketed. Ms. Wray responded that the Board cannot enforce it and it should be noted in the minutes as such. Mr. Mehserle stated that he feels the Voluntary Cease & Desist Order form should be reworded. Discussion ensued.

**ARCH090034:** A motion was made by Niles Bolton, seconded by Jim Mehserle, and the Board voted unanimously to accept a signed Voluntary Cease and Desist Order and close the case.

**Penalties for Reinstatement:** At its June 12, 2009 meeting, the Board voted to reduce the penalties for reinstatement of a lapsed license to \$250.00 per year due to the economy. Ms. Battle stated that the Board had requested to revisit this current policy and make a determination about whether or not the Board wanted to continue with it. A motion was made by David Maschke, seconded by Jim Mehserle, and the Board voted unanimously to extend the current policy for a period of one year. The Board will revisit the policy at that time.

**Applicants Licensed Since Last Review**

The Board reviewed the following list of Registered Architects and Registered Interior Designers licensed or reinstated since the last Board meeting. A motion was made by Jim Mehserle, seconded by Niles Bolton, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the list.

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**Registered Interior Designers**  
**Licensed Since Last Review**

<b>License #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>
ID000735	Vaughan, James Norwood, II	1/7/2010
ID000736	Bellflowers, Diane M	1/14/2010
ID000737	Kent, Karen B	1/21/2010
ID000738	Kong, Kristin McGill	1/21/2010
ID000739	Fowler, Carrie Saunders	1/21/2010
ID000740	Schultz, Beth M	1/21/2010
ID000741	White, Ayanna M	1/21/2010
ID000742	Aitken, Crystal K	1/27/2010
ID000743	Momin, Soniya	1/27/2010
ID000744	Sheehan, Shawn Robert	2/5/2010
ID000745	Moores, John Charles, III	2/5/2010
ID000746	Walker, Stephenia Booth	2/15/2010

**Registered Architects**  
**Licensed Since Last Review**

<b>License #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>License Method</b>
RA012764	Bizot, Richard Byron, Jr	12/18/2009	Reciprocity
RA012765	Ibarra, Diana G	12/30/2009	Reciprocity
RA012766	Massa, Gabriel J	12/30/2009	Reciprocity
RA012767	Mobley, James Wynne	12/30/2009	Reciprocity
RA012768	Bumbalough, Randy L	12/30/2009	Examination
RA012769	Hunter, Joe Louis	1/5/2010	Reciprocity
RA012770	Moon, Junglack	12/30/2009	Examination
RA012771	Frasca, Robert J	1/5/2010	Reciprocity
RA012772	Ducote, Jared F	1/7/2010	Reciprocity
RA012773	Moseley, Erin Nicole	1/7/2010	Examination
RA012774	Kaminski, Jan Michael	1/7/2010	Reciprocity
RA012775	SantaCruz, Concepcion	1/7/2010	Reciprocity
RA012776	Swenson, Christina Hasboun	12/30/2009	Examination
RA012777	Grantier, Richard L, II	1/8/2010	Reciprocity
RA012778	DeBolt, Margaret West	1/11/2010	Reciprocity
RA012779	Blackstock, Joel T	1/13/2010	Reciprocity
RA012780	Carlson, Richard A	1/13/2010	Reciprocity
RA012781	Mohsen, Mohamed Ahmed	1/13/2010	Examination
RA012782	Alford, Michael T	1/14/2010	Reciprocity
RA012783	Jost, Daniel E	1/14/2010	Reciprocity
RA012784	Blair, Mark S	1/15/2010	Reciprocity
RA012785	Stout, Randall Paul	1/19/2010	Reciprocity
RA012786	Wilson, Karl G	1/20/2010	Reciprocity
RA012787	Curtis, Donald Dustin, Jr	1/22/2010	Reciprocity
RA012788	Hedgecock, Louis R	1/22/2010	Reciprocity
RA012789	Bond, Sanford	1/22/2010	Reciprocity

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RA012790	Cooper, Keita Damani	1/25/2010	Examination
RA012791	Tuck, Seab A	1/27/2010	Reciprocity
RA012792	Blair, Bobby Earl	1/27/2010	Reciprocity
RA012793	Caughman, Jay Wayne	1/27/2010	Reciprocity
RA012794	Fowler, Chad E	1/28/2010	Reciprocity
RA012795	Huus, Mark Randall	1/28/2010	Reciprocity
RA012796	Johnson, Donald William	1/29/2010	Reciprocity
RA012797	Tremblay, George Thomas	1/29/2010	Reciprocity
RA012798	Edmonds-Zimmermann, Jacquelynn Anne	2/1/2010	Examination
RA012799	McCarthy, Kelly Brian	2/4/2010	Reciprocity
RA012800	Furnstahl, Stephen Gerard	2/5/2010	Reciprocity
RA012801	Simpson, Dana M	2/5/2010	Reciprocity
RA012802	Stevens, John Kelly, II	2/12/2010	Reciprocity
RA012803	Leduc, Daryl S	2/12/2010	Reciprocity
RA012804	Taylor, Paul David	2/15/2010	Reciprocity
RA012805	Baker, Jeffrey Bruce	2/16/2010	Examination
RA012806	Hubble, Robert Nathan	2/16/2010	Examination
RA012807	Heimbuch, David Scott	2/16/2010	Examination
RA012808	Woodman, Alden Bradley	2/17/2010	Reciprocity
RA012809	Martin, James Theodore	2/17/2010	Reciprocity
RA012810	Kranz, Mark David	2/17/2010	Reciprocity
RA012811	Montgomery, Walter James	2/18/2010	Reciprocity

**Registered Architects**  
**Reinstated Since Last Review**

<b>License #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>
RA001975	Hembree, Fred Alton	1/12/2010
RA002208	Combs, Peter A	12/30/2009
RA002292	Ferguson, Jack Benny	2/12/2010
RA002643	Mann, John Douglas	1/7/2010
RA003099	Schupp, John Adams, Jr	1/5/2010
RA003146	Watt, Lonnie D, Jr	1/20/2010
RA003797	Mahoney, Lary Stuart	1/12/2010
RA005452	Stankus, Roman Leon	1/14/2010
RA006646	Penney, Thompson Edward	1/27/2010
RA006824	Davis, Jesse Curtis, Jr	2/18/2010
RA006873	Fulmer, H David, III	12/18/2009
RA006932	Warren, David Andrew	12/18/2009
RA007302	Connor, Michael Jerome	1/5/2010
RA007732	Betsch, Kenneth M	2/5/2010
RA008460	Wolfe, Russell Harvey	2/2/2010
RA009034	White, John Newton, Jr	1/5/2010
RA009054	Costantino, Anthony J	12/21/2009
RA009239	Williams, James Darrin	1/19/2010
RA009410	Hayes, Catherine Elaine	12/30/2009

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RA010283	Jones, Mark Edwin	1/6/2010
RA010383	Cavallino, Ricardo J H	1/7/2010
RA010732	Maria, Eugene Michael	1/20/2010
RA010838	Laubmann, Silas Brant	1/5/2010
RA010839	Smith, Richard Jason	2/12/2010
RA010901	Kornasiewicz, Brian David	1/5/2010
RA010954	Milberger, Eric David	1/13/2010
RA011086	Berlin, Robert Matthew	1/11/2010
RA011122	Hagan, Timothy Fowler	1/4/2010
RA011384	Burke, James Kilpatrick	1/5/2010
RA011559	Collis, Ronald Lee	2/17/2010
RA011711	Simonton, Richard F	1/5/2010
RA011863	Smith, Jason Bradley	2/18/2010
RA011919	Smith, Cass Calder	12/23/2009
RA011933	Burjek, John William	1/22/2010
RA012339	Stephenson, Richard M	1/7/2010
RA012351	Bhatt, Nilkanth R	2/10/2010
RA012385	Marshall, Dale M	1/6/2010

**Voluntary Cease and Desist Orders**

A motion was made by Jim Mehserle, seconded by Camille Puckett, and the Board voted unanimously to ratify the acceptance of the following Voluntary Cease and Desist Orders (Mr. Maschke noted that he would abstain from the vote concerning Taz E. Ogletree):

Lonnie Brown II, College Park  
 Spitzmiller & Norris, Atlanta  
 Taz E. Ogletree, Albany

**Other Business**

**Review of Rules:** Chairperson Smith stated that an overall rule review needed to be completed. Chairperson Smith asked if one of the Interior Designer board members would review the rules relating to interior design. Ms. McRae and Ms. Puckett volunteered to review those rules together. Chairperson Smith stated that she would get with Ms. Love-Stanley in regards to reviewing the architect rules. Ms. Battle stated that it would be helpful if proposed rule revisions could be emailed to her as they are amended so that she could properly format them for the next scheduled meeting.

**Training:** Ms. Battle stated that Mr. Mehserle will be conducting a training session with members of the Investigative Unit on Friday, February 26, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

**Committee Reports**

Chairperson Smith stated that Ms. Puckett and Ms. McRae have been involved in some discussion with a State Representative in regards to proposed legislative changes to O.C.G.A. § 43-4 relating to Architects and Interior Designers. This same representative invited Chairperson Smith to his office to discuss this issue but she declined. Chairperson Smith stated that the Board made an effort to try and assist with revisions. Chairperson Smith stated the Board's role is to enforce the law, not write

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the law. Ms. Puckett stated that she felt AIA, GAIDP, etc., needed to be the organizations working on the proposed language at this point and that she and Ms. McRae have contributed what they could. Discussion ensued. Mr. Mehserle stated that the Board will stand behind the proposed language as it was an official board action. Ms. Puckett further stated that the Board will not make any additional changes to what has already been voted on.

Chairperson Smith read an email she received. This person was not able to submit his IDP to NCARB in a timely fashion as he had been deployed overseas. NCARB has a rule that states that interns are required to submit their experience in reporting periods of no longer than six months and within 2 months of completion of each reporting period. According to the email, NCARB will not waive the six month rule. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Camille Puckett, seconded by Jim Mehserle, and the Board voted unanimously to direct Chairperson Smith to send a letter to NCARB stating the Board's displeasure regarding NCARB's position as it pertains to the unwillingness to waive this rule for someone who was serving our country.

With no other business for the Board to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:**

**Brandi Howell, Board Support Specialist**

**Minutes Edited/Reviewed by:**

**Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director**