

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS
AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS
Board Meeting
December 16, 2011**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers was held on Friday, December 16, 2011 at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, GA.

The following Board Members were present:

Anne Smith, Chairperson
David M. G. Maschke, Vice Chair
Janice Wittschiebe
Laurie H. McRae
Jim Mehserle
Cindy Trimble Kelly via telephone conference

Others present were:

Steve Lindsey, Executive Director
Janet B. Wray, Senior Assistant Attorney General via telephone conference
Kathy Osier, Board Support Specialist

Anne Smith established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Executive Session:

Jim Mehserle moved to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications, complaints, and investigations, as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2 (k) and 43-1-19 (h). David Maschke seconded the motion. The motion was carried by Anne Smith, Chairperson; David Maschke, Vice Chair; Janice Wittschiebe, Laurie McRae, Jim Mehserle and Cindy Kelly. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on the matters discussed and to continue with the public session.

Janet Wray, Senior Assistant Attorney General, reported that she has two pending cases at this time. Chairperson Smith asked that a summary be made available of all of the Attorney General's pending cases during Board meetings.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by David Maschke, seconded by Janice Wittschiebe and the Board voted unanimously to table approval of the minutes of the October 21, 2011 board meeting until the February 24, 2012 Board meeting as they were not available to review at this time.

Applications:

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Laurie McRae moved, Janice Wittschiebe seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the following licenses issued since the October 21, 2011 meeting:

	License #	Name
1.	ID000802	Heather H. Thagard
2.	ID000801	Susan Ann Drew
3.	ID000800	Kym E. Bryant
4.	ID000803	Jennifer Scheffris

Laurie McRae moved, Janice Wittschiebe seconded, and the Board voted to ratify approval of the following applicants to take the Architectural Registration examination:

Applicant #	Name
1734133	Boyde Robert Barton
1735262	Belinda Padron Sosa
1736331	Matthew Lawrence Holcombe
1736994	Richard Kenji Tillman
1737303	Charles Alan Cartwright
1736879	Peter Alexander Stephenson
1735638	Nathaniel Hugh Cates

Laurie McRae moved, Janice Wittschiebe seconded, and the Board voted to ratify approval of the following applicant applying for Architectural licensure by reciprocity:

Applicant #	Name
1313648	Wayne Lee Gregory

Laurie McRae moved, Janice Wittschiebe seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following applicant for reinstatement of an expired Architectural license:

License #	Name
RA008411	Mark Allen Curry

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in the design and construction of a townhome community. It is the belief of this individual that an architect is needed in the project's design and construction in both a multifamily project and a group development (ref. section 43-4-14, subparagraph (3)). After some discussion, the Board unanimously decided that they agree with this individual's interpretation and the law does require an architect's involvement in the design and construction of a townhome community (ref. section 43-4-14, subparagraph (3)):

- Richard B. Gilpin, Jr. Savannah, GA

The Board also received correspondence regarding the proper process of duplicating a commercial building for a client when they are unable to contact the original Architect. The Board unanimously decided the individual must obtain permission from prior Architect to use the existing drawings or to use as a prototype. Otherwise, they must hire a new Architect to start over with the design of the plans.

- R. K. Hodges Cumming, GA

Laurie McRae shared with the Board that National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) has changed the current exam process. This will allow a person who meets the education requirement to begin taking the NCIDQ Exam before completing all of the required work experience. All of the Board members expressed their support of this change and if necessary they will review the rules to determine if amendments will be necessary.

Laurie McRae discussed that she had attended the annual NCIDQ meeting which was held November 10 – 13, 2011, in Alexandria, VA. She stated that the meeting was very good and very positive.

David Maschke moved, Janice Wittschiebe seconded, and the Board approved the 2012 board meeting dates as follows, beginning at 9:30 a.m.:

- Friday, February 24, 2012
- Friday, April 20, 2012
- Friday, June 15, 2012
- Friday, August 17, 2012
- Friday, October 19, 2012

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- Friday, December 14, 2012

David Maschke presented to the Board a report of the Chapter 50 Rules Review Committee's work on review of the rules. He will send an email to the committee members which will include dates for completion of review. Anne Smith, Chairperson, reported her review of 50-7-.02 with proposed revisions. After discussion, the Board will forward the proposed revisions to the Attorney General's Office for further review.

Anne Smith, Board Chair for the Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers, also serves as the NCARB Regional Chair. Chairperson Smith reported to the Board that she had recently attended the NCARB Regional Meeting and that an Educator Conference will be held by the Georgia Region in January 2012. In March 2012, the joint regional meeting between the Georgia Region & Region 6 will be held in Seattle, WA. The annual meeting will be held in June 2012, in Minneapolis, MN and NCARB will fund two representatives from the board to attend. She asked the Architect Board Members to consider joining her in attending the annual meeting.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on February 24, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, GA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.