

Georgia State Board of Registered Architects and Interior Designers

Board Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2025

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registered Architects and Interior Designers met on Friday, February 7, 2025, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217.

<p><u>Board Members Present:</u> Anne Smith, President (In-person) Melissa Cantrell, Vice President (In-person) Carol Pacheco (In-person) Cindy Trimble (WebEx) David Maschke (In-person) Laurie Mcrae (WebEx) Ralph Raymond (In-person)</p> <p><u>Board Members Absent:</u> Craig Buckley Kathy Cooper, Consumer</p> <p><u>Attorney General Representative present:</u> Giovanna Franchi Souza, Assistant Attorney General (WebEx) Eric Yi, Assistant Attorney General (WebEx)</p>	<p><u>Board Staff Present:</u> Laurie Elander, Executive Director (In-person) Iris Waller, Licensure Supervisor (In-person) Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist (In-person) Ava Walker, Licensure Analyst (In-person)</p> <p><u>Visitors:</u> Michael Armstrong, NCARB CEO (In-person) Roxanne Alston, NCARB VP of Customer Relations (In-person) Maurice Brown, NCARB AVP of Advocacy and External Engagement (In-person)</p>
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Open Session:

At 9:30 a.m., President Anne Smith established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Michael J. Armstrong, CEO of NCARB attended the board meeting along with Roxanne Alston, NCARB VP of Customer and Maurice Brown, NCARB AVP of Advocacy and External Engagement. Mr. Armstrong wanted to talk to the board about some emerging issues they have been working on at NCARB as in pathways to practice leading to initial licensure. A bigger change that may be ready to roll out in about 3 years is NCARB has a licensure research and development task force that has been exploring if there are other assessment tools that is not currently being used that may qualify someone for licensure. Also, NCARB is making some slight updates to the exam and experience programs as they currently exist. The proposal from NCARB’s Experience Committee is to modify the reporting rule. NCARB is proposing allowing one full year to report experience to count at 100% and all hours after one year would count at 75%. The exam has been undergoing a few adjustments over the past several years, the rolling clock of 5 years to complete the exams was eliminated last year and now NCARB is recognizing exams passed for the ARE’s 5.0 and ARE’s 4.0 and has allowed people to get back on the path to licensure and in some cases allowed people to complete the path to licensure. NCARB would like to get to know the community colleges better and see if there is a path to licensure thru the community colleges. Mr. Armstrong went over the 5 resolutions to be voted on at the NCARB Regional Summit.

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Anne Smith commented on committee service and states it is very rewarding but in addition the mental exercises working with others from other states and countries are also very rewarding. Anne thanked Maurice for helping with all the legislative things that comes up and when he spoke with AIA about concerns with reporting the continuing education when states adopt a third-party CE tracker like CE Broker.

Melissa Cantrell, Vice-President made a motion for the Board to approve the agenda with amendments to add NCARB and CIDQ updates to the agenda. Ralph Raymond seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Anne Smith, President presented a draft of the December 6, 2024, board meeting minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Carole Pacheco moved to approve minutes as presented, Melissa Cantrell, Vice-President seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Licenses Issued

Ralph Raymond made a motion to ratify the licenses issued, reinstated, and applicants approved to take the ARE's between September 2, 2024 and February 3, 2025 in accordance with Board Rules and Policies, Carole Pacheco seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

License Number	Licensee
ID001103	Sydney Vatalaro
ID001104	Callie Alexandra Baker
ID001105	Meagan Dee Hodge
ID001106	Andrew William Haney
ID001107	Christopher Robert Curtis
RA017827	Daryl Williams-Dotson
RA017828	Mark Kenneth Cueva
RA017829	Trent Rogers
RA017830	Michael R Johnson
RA017831	Brian Harold Hertz
RA017832	Ryan Matthew Claus
RA017833	Rajiv Nicholas Bachan
RA017834	Holly Young Kincannon
RA017835	John McComb Bealle
RA017836	Jonathon David Simianer
RA017837	Daniel Breitner
RA017838	Joseph Maximillian Schoenborn
RA017839	Smruti Keshani

License Number	Licensee
RA017848	Brian Mork
RA017849	Robert Hewer
RA017850	Beth Anne Valdivia
RA017851	Danny Scott Henrickson
RA017852	David Mitchell Cornes
RA017853	Shannon James Bivins
RA017854	Salvatore Sergio D'Aleo
RA017855	Roberto Sebastian Bucheli
RA017856	Stephen Robert Bellairs
RA017857	Christina Toscano
RA017858	Rachel Turner-Lauck
RA017859	Scott Charles Webber
RA017860	Neda Mohsenianrad
RA017861	Nicholas James Renard
RA017862	William Patrick Sullivan
RA017863	Craig Garbarini
RA017864	Drazen Cackovic
RA017865	Luke McCary

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RA017840	Aaron Kenneth Becker
RA017841	Thomas Marschner
RA017842	Emilio Thomas Fernandez
RA017843	Andre` Jason Clarke
RA017844	James H Webb
RA017845	Kevin M Chong
RA017846	Kyle William Callaghan
RA017847	Jason William Puestow

RA017866	Charles Michael Rogers
RA017867	Andrew M. Butler
RA017868	Kim V Vierheilig
RA017869	Alec Templeton
RA017870	Maxim Dariush Nasab

Licenses Reinstated:

License Number	Licensee
RA010617	David B Dial
RA014611	Douglas E Brookbank
RA016331	Jamie Moshe Straz
RA012793	Jay Wayne Caughman
RA015254	Katie Aloisio Honeycutt
RA016360	Randall P Collins
RA016496	Stephen M Wilder
RA011122	Timothy Fowler Hagan

Applicants approved to take the A.R.E.'S

Applicants Number	Applicant Initials
3181120	H.B.
3186308	N.F.
3187882	C.S.
3189007	J.W.
3181012	A.C.
3181714	E.T.
3181859	Y.D.
3181860	C.J.
3181907	J.D.
3181952	H.C.
3182803	J.B.
3185887	H.T.
3186355	J.B.
3186779	A.W.
3188078	J.F.

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3188117	N.K.
3189041	N.D.
3189085	M.J.
3188620	R.C.
3189478	J.W.
3189536	J.O.

President Anne Smith and Vice-President Melissa Cantrell granted Executive Director Laurie Elander expressed permission to sign routine board documents on their behalf and would like to be notified when consent orders are signed on their behalf.

Registration and Exam Applications Discussion: Table to be discussed at the next meeting.

Board Rules Discussion: Table to be discussed at the next meeting.

Executive Session:

Melissa Cantrell, Vice President moved, Carol Pacheco seconded, and the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 11:28 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2 (k) and 43-1-19 (h) to deliberate on applications, complaints, and to receive the Attorney General’s Report.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Anne Smith, President declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq 12:07 p.m. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Open Session:

Ralph Raymond made the motion to accept recommendations made during executive session, Melissa Cantrell, Vice-President seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The recommendations accepted are as follows:

Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

Approve the Executive Session Meeting minutes from December 6, 2024

Applications:

3187071: Approved

3181565: Denied

3185994: Tabled

Complaints:

ARCH250009: Close and refer to General Contractor’s Board.

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ARCH250010: Table, request additional information.

ARCH250011: Table for further review.

ARCH250012: Refer to investigation.

Attorney General Report:

Giovanna Franchi Souza gave the Attorney General's report during executive session. The Board voted to accept the report as presented.

ARCH220007: Refer to investigations to hand serve cease and desist.

NCARB and CIDQ Update:

Executive Director Report:

The Board reviewed the Executive Director's report, which provided the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications and complaints/compliance matters.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held on March 28, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Laurie Elander, Executive Director



Anne Smith, President

Signed by Laurie Elander with the expressed permission of Anne K. Smith



Laurie Elander, Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: Friday, March 28, 2025

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COUNTY OF BIBB

AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specified exemptions relied upon. O.C.G. A. 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meetings in question.

Comes Anne K. Smith the Board Chair identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and subject to penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On March 28, 2025, this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of members present voted to close the meeting or a portion hereof of the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The legal authority for closure of this meeting was: O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k).
5. The subjects discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are as follows:

Applications and other personal information submitted by the applicants, information, Favorable or unfavorable, submitted by a reference source concerning an applicant; and Deliberations of the Board with respect to an application, an examination, a complaint, an Investigation, or a disciplinary proceeding.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Anne Smith

PRESIDING OFFICER

Anne K. Smith

Signed by Laurie Elander with expressed permission of Anne K. Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th

Day of April 2025
Deborah A. Horton

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: December 17, 2028

