



**District of Columbia**  
**Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs**  
**Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration**  
**Board Architecture and Interior Design**



**December 11, 2015**  
**Minutes**

The District of Columbia Board of Architecture and Interior Design held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, December 11, 2015, at 9:30 am at 1100 4th Street, S.W., Room 300, Washington, D.C. 20024.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ronnie McGhee at 9:45 am, and attendance was taken.

**Attendance**

Board Members Present: Ronnie McGhee, Cametrick Nesmith, Lisa Adams, Kerry Touchette, Patrick Williams, Wanda Sherrod

Board Members Absent: None

Staff: Patrice Richardson, Board Administrator; Avis Pearson, Board Administrator, Asia Dumas, Investigator, Leon Lewis, Executive Director

Legal Counsel: Kia Winston, Assistant Attorney General

Public: None

**Agenda Item: Executive Session**

At approximately 9:46 am, the following motion was made: Upon motion duly made by Mr. Nesmith and properly seconded by Ms. Adams, the Board voted unanimously to go into executive session (closed to the public) to discuss complaints/legal matters, applications and legal counsel report.

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

None.

**Agenda Item: Draft Minutes, October 30, 2015**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Nesmith and properly seconded by Ms. Sherrod the Board voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes dated October 30, 2015.

**Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations**

15 Exam; 34 Endorsement; 4 Reinstatement; and 3 Interior Designer.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Adams and properly seconded by Mr. Nesmith, the Board voted unanimously to approve the attached December 11, 2015, examination, endorsement, and reinstatement list of architect and interior design applications for licensure.

**Agenda Item: Review of Complaints:**

*In the matter of Unlicensed Interior Designers:*

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Nesmith and properly seconded by Mr. Touchette, the Board unanimously voted to forward the list names submitted in executive session and additional names for investigation for unlicensed interior design activity.

*Lisa Adams recused herself from this vote.*

**Agenda Item: Education**

None

**Agenda Item: Legal Counsel Report**

None

**Agenda Item: Review of Interior Design Continuing Education Provider Submission**

None

**Agenda Item: Review of Calendar**

*Next Regular Scheduled Meetings January 22, 2016*

**Upcoming Meetings:**

February - No Meeting	July - No Meeting
March 4, 2016	August - No Meeting
April 15, 2016	September 16, 2016
May 20, 2016	October 28, 2016
June 24, 2016	November - No meeting
	December 9, 2016

**Agenda Item: Correspondence**

None

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

Mrs. Adams provided a written report of her attendance at the CIDQ Annual Meeting of Delegates in Atlanta, 2015, attached hereto and made a part of the December 11, 2015, minutes.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

- a. Funded Delegates NCARB Regional Committee, March 11-12, 2016, Savannah, GA  
1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street, SW                                      Suite 500                                      Washington DC 20024

Three funded plus a public position:

Wanda Sherrod (NCARB); Ronnie McGhee (NCARB); Patrick Williams (NCARB) and  
Cametrick Nesmith (R2)

- b. Board Email Status: MOTA was requested to reset the password for Mr. McGhee, Mr. Nesmith and Ms. Sherrod, Ms. Lisa and Mr. Patrick Williams' board email accounts are active.

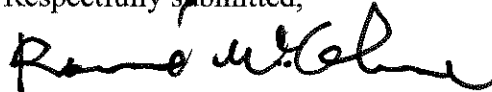
**Agenda Item: Next Meeting**

Next Scheduled Regular Meeting, January 22, 2016  
1100 4th Street, SW, Room 300B, Washington, DC 20024

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Touchette and properly seconded by Mr. Nesmith, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronnie McGhee, Chair

1/22/16

Date

Recorder: Patrice Richardson

Attachments

## Summary of the CIDQ Annual Meeting of Delegates in Atlanta, 2015

The CIDQ has a new Executive Director, Thomas (“Thom”) Banks, who was with ASID. While not announced at the meeting itself, it was announced some weeks later, on December 7, 2015.

CIDQ (Council for Interior Design Qualification), the governing body of the interior design licensing exam, the NCIDQ, met in Atlanta on November 12<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>.

Almost every state (not all states have member boards) and Canadian provinces were represented.

Organizations who participated included:

ASID, IIDA, IDCEC, IDC (Canada)

Other attendees were design stakeholders: Health Design professionals, educators, state administrators, students

Discussions and updates touched on the following issues:

- Rolling out the computer-based NCIDQ exam. The CIDQ wants the entire exam to become computer-based, which means that the Practicum section has to be brought into the computer world. The goal is to have the Practicum as a computer-based exam by 2017);
- Newly graduated students can take the first part of the NCIDQ exam immediately after graduation, once they’ve qualified to sit for it;
- Discussions from CIDA (“seeda”) – Council for Interior Design Accreditation
  - One issue of some concern is that there is a growing number of institutions that are asking for CIDA accreditation and therefore there are more institutions which need regular reviews;
  - There was some discussion of CIDA-equivalency regulations and ways to allow graduates of non-CIDA accredited programs to sit for the NCIDQ exam (for example, having a peer review committee);
- Talk of legislative issues by state;
  - These issues revolved around developing further regulation, as there is such a highly varied set of regulations in the US. The regulations range from states which have no regulations at all to those that require licensure and allow interior designers permitting privileges.
- Discussion of the “Champions and Ambassadors” program to encourage designers and educators to sit for the NCIDQ exam

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Adams, Member, DC Board of Architecture and Interior Design



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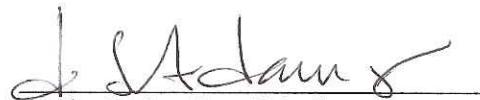
**Board of Architecture and Interior Design**

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**Applicant List  
 December 11, 2015**

**Architect (15) Exam; (34) Endorsement; (4) Reinstatement)**

Alexandra Dahlman	Exam	Huriye H Obuz	Exam
Amy E. Johnson	Exam	Jevon Carrington	Exam
Cara Westholm	Exam	Kerry R. Weldon	Exam
Christopher Huffer	Exam	Mario Alberto Perez	Exam
Christopher Robert Leonberg	Exam	Merachew Mersha Sahle	Exam
Deepa Prafulladat Joshi	Exam	Patricia Ferrari	Exam
Emily McCarthy	Exam	Patrick Amorosa	Exam
Gentry Kowall	Exam		
Alan R Tucker	Reciprocity	James Morris	Reciprocity
Amir Joshua Degany	Reciprocity	John L Chase	Reciprocity
Andrew Carl Von Lohr	Reciprocity	John Stanton Mang	Reciprocity
Anjum Fawzia Ahmedali	Reciprocity	Kevin Mousty	Reciprocity
Brian David Boettger	Reciprocity	Kristina Crenshaw	Reciprocity
Brian Patrick Gafney	Reciprocity	Margaret Mook	Reciprocity
Christoopher David Blessen	Reciprocity	Mathew Bruce Root	Reciprocity
Christopher J. Heard	Reciprocity	Matthew Ligas	Reciprocity
Colby Brian Dearman	Reciprocity	Michael Stanton	Reciprocity
Dorin Popa	Reciprocity	Ming Hu	Reciprocity
Douglas Hocking	Reciprocity	Paul N. Saphos	Reciprocity
Errol A. Dawkins	Reciprocity	Richard McNeel	Reciprocity
Gail Von Staden	Reciprocity	Sergio C. Coscia	Reciprocity
George Fanous	Reciprocity	Stanford R. Britt	Reciprocity
Jaime Alberto Gutierrez	Reciprocity	Susan Nelson Kougias	Reciprocity
James (Jake) Thiel	Reciprocity	Thomas Kylo	Reciprocity
James Arthur Gast	Reciprocity	William Gustafson	Reciprocity
Christopher Tucker	Reinstatement		
Mark D. Drake	Reinstatement		
Meghan J. Walsh	Reinstatement		
Michael F. Doyle	Reinstatement		

  
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**Interior Design (3) Exam**

Keith Switzer	Exam
Juli Sprooules	Exam
Katelyn King Taylor	Exam

  
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