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**MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING OF THE WESTERN COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURAL
REGISTRATION BOARDS – WCARB REGION 6
The Fairmont Princess Hotel, Scottsdale, AZ**

Friday, June 20, 2025

Chairman Tian Feng called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 1

Roll Call:

Alaska – present
Arizona – present
California – present
Colorado – present
Guam – present
Hawaii – present
Idaho – present
Nevada – present
New Mexico – present
Northern Marianas - present
Oregon – present
Utah – present
Washington – present

All member states and jurisdictions were present and represented at the June 2025 Region 6 Regional meeting at the NCARB Annual Business Meeting.

Introductions:

There was one new member in attendance: Robert Williams, MBM New Mexico, The new and existing members of WCARB Region 6 were warmly welcomed.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Michael Kolejka (AZ) moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Catherine Gutierrez (GU).

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: Celestia Carson (UT) moved to approve the minutes from the February 28 – March 1, 2025 regional summit in Philadelphia, PA. Motion seconded by Jared Maw (UT).

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM 4 Regional Chair's Report, Year in Review – Tian Feng

Since being elected as your chair during the 2024 Regional Summit, I have been actively collaborating with the Executive Committee, member boards, and the WCARB Executive Director on initiatives for organizational management, governance updates, financial health, and communication with NCARB.

Here are some notable accomplishments of our work on your behalf:

Following the departure of our previous Executive Director in June 2024, we conducted a comprehensive national search and selected Gina Spaulding as the new Executive Director for WCARB. Leveraging her extensive 3-decade experience as a member board executive director and former WCARB executive director, Gina has demonstrated exceptional leadership and has made a remarkable impact since her appointment.

The Executive Committee drafted proposed amendments to the Bylaws and Rules to enhance organizational governance. These amendments were voted and approved during the Regional Summit in Philly.

The Executive Committee prepared the agenda and program for the WCARB Region 6 meeting at the Regional Summit.

By aligning WCARB's fiscal year with NCARB's fiscal year, we have simplified financial reconciliation and enhanced clarity. Strategic spending reductions, including reductions in business and travel expenses, have been implemented to balance the budget without compromising critical services to member boards or increasing member dues. These measures have improved the long-term financial outlook for WCARB.

After hearing from you for several years that you wanted us to make some earning on the WCARB savings, the Executive Committee opened a brokerage account at Fidelity and transferred \$100,000 of WCARB funds to that account. We have already received our first monthly dividend of \$297.

Gina scanned 40 years of old meeting minutes from 1962 to 2003 with the objective of making them accessible on the WCARB website for all members.

I eagerly anticipate serving as the Regional Director for Region 6 and welcome the incoming Executive Committee for 2025-26, which is:

- Mike Kolejka, Chair
- Celestia Carson, Vice Chair
- Sian Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer
- Ray Vigil, Member
- Scott Sayles, Member

AGENDA ITEM 3 Regional Chair’s Report, Year in Review – Scott Harm

Written remarks: We started off the year at the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) in Chicago, IL with a very lively number of conversations surrounding the “issues of the day” which among many others was the topic of Regional Realignment. Once the Regional Realignment was dealt with and ultimately rejected by the overall body of NCARB we focused our attention on other pressing and vital issues.

In the big picture, topics identified during ABM the member Boards and other participating persons discussed and reviewed such topics as; The Pathways to Practice (P2P), Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA), The National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB) Funding issue, Relationships with the Coalition of Community College Architectural Programs (CCCAP), Policy Statement of the use of AI, and the continued presence of Testing Applicants caught up in cheating activities.

Later in the year the Executive Committee focused their energies on matters related to the financial health of NCARB and making adjustments to budgets to align income with expenses based on data shared with the EC from various financial advisors, and activities related to NCARB’s investment portfolio.

It should not go unrecognized that NCARB lost three valuable team members who were instrumental in the operations and success of NCARB. These individuals, Mary de Souza, Harry Falconer, and Guillermo Ortiz de Zarate will be missed and their contributions to the organization were greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (ABM) JUNE 16, 2024 – CHICAGO, IL

- As stated above, the primary issue that captured the focus of the many people who attended the ABM was the debate and voting on the initiative to realign the regions that comprise all of NCARB member Boards. The measure/initiative was ultimately voted down but without careful consideration and lively discourse between opposing positions.
- Other topics covered within the ABM agenda of Topics was a Presentation by the Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) and the state of affairs related to cheating and information sharing between license candidates
- Discussions also centered around NCARB’s continued support of Community Colleges (CCCAP), Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), and the continued financial support of NAAB.
- The “newest” topic that has since gathered a lot of momentum is the Competency Based Pathway to Practice. This methodology relies on a total of 16 measured competencies that are “measured or documented” through the means and methods of either; Education, Testing, or Work Experiences.
- Lastly presentations and/or workshops on such topics as: Continuing Education, Examination, Experience Committee, Auditing, Credentials, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) were presented to NCARB Members in attendance. There were no virtual presentations or workshops post COVID.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL – AUGUST 13, 2024 – VIRTUAL CALL

- A Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 budget adjustment request was presented by NCARB CEO Michael Armstrong. The adjustment request was presented to allow the “half price” renewal fee for first time Certificate Record Holders. In previous communications to newly licensed individuals it was dissimulated that they would receive a second year of price reduction. This was overlooked in the budget process but wanting to be “good for our word” CEO Armstrong requested that the BOD allow the half price reduction to carry through for a second year. The BOD approved by a unanimous vote.
- NCARB had previously developed a software program to help similar organizations and companies identify, organize, and utilize volunteers by the best possible means. This software program’s name is Lineup, as a registered trademark of NCARB. As part of the management of Lineup there is an annual need to establish and certify the identities Board of Directors. During this call the Lineup BOD was confirmed which include a new member for a one-year term who is Miguel Rodriguez of Miami Florida and the current Regional Director for Region 3.
- During a presentation during this Board call CEO Mike Armstrong outlined his Goals which included the following items:
 - Effectively guide staff/organizational realignment after the departure of VP Harry Falconer
 - Prioritize awareness and engagement of key stakeholders
 - Launch a new approach to onboarding internal staff and new board members
 - Oversee development of a multi-year legislative/advocacy strategy
 - Deliver a Position Statement regarding NCARB’s role in addressing the impact of Artificial Intelligence on its role and mission

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – SEPTEMBER 25, 2024 – BOSTON, MA

- Primary topics of conversation included reviews of Board Policies regarding the ARE examination process, Credential Committee reviewing the procedures surrounding upcoming elections given the reorganization of the Executive Board including the combination of Secretary/Treasurer position and Members at Large.
- The Pathways to Practice (P2P) with its 16 competencies is still a significant part of the meeting and focusing on the means and methods of measuring each competency.
- Volunteer Lifecycle Report- The volunteer lifecycle review project with an outside consultant aims to improve the program further and ensure all volunteers have a positive experience serving on an NCARB committee. The volunteers generally give very positive feedback and have a high rate of returning to continue volunteering, The research has also revealed areas where NCARB can further improve the program and the volunteer experience.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL – NOVEMBER 13, 2024 – VIRTUAL CALL

- CEO Mike Armstrong provided the Board of Directors (BOD) a full, in depth report on the fiscal health of the organization as well as reviewing the various meeting and events he and President VanTine had participated in the previous months.
- The Board of Directors discussed the possibility of reassigning funds previously allocated to fund the NAAB to fund AIAS and NOMAS.
- Recommended action finalizes updates the FY26 Board of Directors Election Policy. Updates to the policy for sharing vote totals aim to provide transparency in the election process for all candidates and members, while also not unnecessarily deterring qualified candidates from running. The FY25 Credentials Committee recommends the policy be updated to share only the percentage of the vote for the winning candidates in a contested race, rather than listing all vote totals for each candidate. Members may still request a full report of voting totals from the Credentials Committee.
- The Board of Directors received a report regarding the NCARB Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) with Canada and Mexico.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – JANUARY 23, 2025 – SANTA BARBARA, CA

- Review of NCARB's relationship with the Coalition of Community College Architectural Programs (CCCAP) is a professional organization of educators dedicated to promoting the value of Architecture Programs in community colleges and to providing an alternative pathway to the architectural profession. The CCCAP empowers students to pursue their career and academic goals in the field of architecture and the built environment today and in the future.
- Discussion continued with a presentation and analysis of the NCARB BOD position on submitting candidates to serve on the NAAB Board of Directors. Each year, the NCARB Board of Directors must submit three names to the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) to fill an NCARB-assigned seat on the NAAB Board of Directors.

REGIONAL SUMMIT – FEBRUARY 28, 2025 – PHILADELPHIA, PA

- A financial report was presented by Jim Oschwald of New Mexico. Oschwald reported that the WCARB funds were moved from New Mexico Bank and Trust to Wells Fargo Bank after Gina Spaulding took over as the Executive Director. The Executive Committee is working on submitting a business application to Fidelity so that the money in the savings account can be moved there to earn some interest or dividend income. The Executive Committee will report back on these efforts at the next meeting.
- All Member Boards were present at this meeting and provide their individual status reports.
- RAMP Training for NCARB Reimbursements NCARB will no longer use the Excel spreadsheet for travel reimbursements and will use the application RAMP to submit all NCARB related travel expenses, starting with the Regional Summit. Rob Dickinson, Finance Vice President at NCARB, gave a 30-minute presentation on how to set up

individual accounts and use the RAMP program for NCARB travel reimbursements. Dickinson told the members that all receipts for travel now need to be submitted for payment.

- WCARB Election Process: The Regional Chair will designate two members from the Executive Committee and/or the general membership to serve on the Election Committee. The Election Committee oversees the elections by passing out the ballots, counting the ballots and reporting the outcome of the ballots to the membership.
 - There are three election types:
 - 1. Regional Director
 - 2. Executive Committee
 - 3. Executive Committee Leadership

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – APRIL 10, 2025 – WASHINGTON DC

- In 2015, NCARB launched the Integrated Path to Architectural Licensure (IPAL), a dynamic, innovative initiative to give students the opportunity to complete the core requirements for architectural licensure while earning their degree. IPAL options within architecture programs provide students with a structured approach to making significant progress toward completion of the Architectural Experience Program® (AXP®) and taking each division of NCARB’s practice exams for the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) before graduation. This initiative offers a systematic approach to architecture students interested in a streamlined, comprehensive path to licensure.
- Opportunities and Risks Report - The NCARB Board of Directors performs an annual analysis of the immediate and near-term risks the organization may confront along with an evaluation of opportunities that may be pursued. This effort helps align and support strategic planning and related annual initiative and budget development.
- Next Steps on Thought Leadership: The Board of Directors will continue its discussion around defining thought leadership for NCARB.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL – MAY 14, 2025 – VIRTUAL CALL

- MRA With Costa Rica Update The Board will be presented with a recommended motion to table Resolution 2025-02: Mutual Recognition Agreement with the Colegio de Arquitectos de Costa Rica/Colegio Federado do Ingenieros y Arquitectos
- de Costa Rica (CACR/CFIA) until 2026. This request was initiated by El Colegio Federado de Ingenieros y de Arquitectos de Costa Rica (CFIA) and el Colegio de Arquitectos de Costa Rica (CACR), who indicated that regulatory updates must first be enacted through their legislative process in order to meet the operational requirements of the agreement.

AGENDA ITEM 5 **Financial Report – Jim Oswald, Secretary/Treasurer**

The FY26 final Budget that was adopted by the membership in March 2025 at the Regional Summit in Philadelphia was presented to the membership for review and informational purposes.

The Balance Sheet as of June 4, 2025 was provided in the meeting materials for the membership.

Also provided was the Statement of Activity for July 1, 2024 – June 4, 2025.

As of June 4 2025, total assets from both the checking, savings and Fidelity accounts total \$148,393.

Secretary/Treasurer Oschwald asked if there were any questions. There were none.

AGENDA ITEM 6 State Reports

Arizona

Board Composition:

Architects: 1

Non-Architects: 10

Other Licensed Professionals: 4

Licensing Statistics:

In State Registrants: 2,400

Out-of-State Registrants: 4,300

Brief Overview of Current Issues:

Surviving the volatile political climate of the state. Judith Stapley told the members that the board thought they were going to be sunsetted last year.

Current Legislation Related to Architecture:

House Bill HB2200 will allow reciprocity and acceptance of MRA agreements in place by NCARB, NCEES, and CLARB. It adds another pathway to licensure in Arizona. This passed the House, the Senate, and was signed by the Governor on 4-7-2025.

Senate Bill SB1051, This legislation would alter the Board's statutes ARS § 32-144. (Exemptions and limitations) As amended it reads, "An interior nonstructural alteration of an individual unit of a commercial space if that individual unit does not exceed three thousand square feet except assembly occupancy as defined in the adopted building code." This Bill passed the House, the Senate and was signed by the Governor on 5-12-2025.

The AIA AZ chapter tried again this session to initiate interest in a bill to change the board's composition. The bill would have allowed two architects rather than only one, in addition to other professionals. Unfortunately, the legislature is not interested in working on this change.

*New Question: What is your jurisdiction doing to educate the public?

We make every effort to attend all university events, local conferences and associations related to those professions regulated by this board. Recently we have sent out letters to all city building/planning departments to alert them to the fraudulent scams occurring with various online platforms. We keep our website updated with the most current information; we have created informational flyers to pass out and PowerPoint presentations.

Miscellaneous:

We are confidently moving towards a new online platform for our agency. Our target date to go live is June 2025.

Board Members Terming out in 2025:

Clinton Campbell – Public Member
Jack Gilmore – Landscape Architect
Stacy Skankey – Public Member

California

Board Composition

Architects: 5
Non-Architects: 5
Other Licensed Professionals: n/a

Licensing Statistics

In State Registrants: 17,445
Out of State Registrants: 4,395

Brief Overview of Current Issues

The Board adopted a new four-year strategic plan, to coincide with its sunset review cycle and plan. The board is working with AIA to create legislation that is responsive to disaster issues, such as the recent fires in Los Angeles.

Current Legislation Related to Architecture

AB 759 (Valencia) creates a title of Architect-in-Training."

*New Question: What is your jurisdiction doing to educate the public?

The Board provides a quarterly newsletter. Other outreach is targeted at specific groups, primarily students.

Board Members Terming out in 2025:

Tian Feng
Ronald Jones (eligible for reappointment)

Colorado

Board Composition:

Architects: 3
Non-Architects: 3 public
Other Licensed Professionals: 4 Professional Engineers, 3 Professional Land Surveyors

Licensing Statistics As of 5/27/2025

In State Registrants: 3,959 (3,906 rpt'd in Feb)
Out of State Registrants: 4,879 (4,754 rpt'd in Feb)

Brief Overview of Current Issues

- Retention of Board Members and procuring diversity appointments.
- Currently transitioning out 2 very busy Boards from MBE portfolio = more time training and hand- over work to new team.

Current Legislation Related to Architecture

Update on the following: This bill was PI'd – Postponed Indefinitely, basically killing the bill.

SB25-156, Which prohibits a state agency from imposing a personal qualification requirement in order to engage in as profession or occupation unless the agency can show that the requirement is demonstrably necessary and narrowly tailored to address a specific, legitimate public health, safety, or welfare objective. Dictating that on or before July 1, 2026, every agency must review occupational regulations and determine whether the regulation should be repealed or amended. Any person may file a petition with an agency requesting that an occupational regulation be repealed or amended. As we already have a 8-10 year sunset review process and a requirement for all the Boards and Programs within our division to review their rules on a rotating schedule for cutting regulatory red-tape, we are hoping this bill does not go far. The bill also called for repealing various clean air programs/regulations.

Miscellaneous

Rulemaking Hearing at the July 11, 2025, meeting:

- Remove the occupational portability language from rule as ARC, PE, and PLS industry representatives had them exempted from the requirement.

- Remove language that does not support direct testing.
- Clarify reporting due date for malpractice/settlement judgments
- Add language to require that a licensee must be in good standing to obtain retired status and that it cannot be used to avoid disciplinary action.
- Adopts the NCEES examinations (previously in statutes); offering more flexibility when changes occur.
- Adds CE for PLS'
- Several revisions to PLS practice standards.

Board Members Terming Out in 2025:

- We have one outstanding PLS vacancy (Gene Reininger).
- PE Board Member, Bill Hoffman is up for reappointment for a second term, applied
- Avik Guha, Architect, will not be seeking 2nd term.
- Completing their 2nd and final four-year and not eligible for reappointment:
 - Bill Buntrock, PLS and
 - Tim Hayashi, PE

Challenges to recruiting has been getting candidates with racial/cultural diversity

Guam

Board Composition

Architects: 2 – (Currently 1 Seat Vacant)

Non-Architects: 2

Other Licensed Professionals: 2 Engineers 1 Surveyor

Licensing Statistics

In State Registrants: 33

Out of State Registrants: 79

Current Legislation Related to Architecture

Ongoing work on updating law, rules and regulations.

*New Question: What is your jurisdiction doing to educate the public?

The board engages closely with professional societies, students of the University of Guam School of Engineering.

Hawaii

Board Composition

Architects: 3

Non-Architects: 11

Other Licensed Professionals: 4 Engineers, 2 Land Surveyors, 2 Landscape Architects (3 public members)

Licensing Statistics*

In State Registrants: 987

Out of State Registrants: 1557

*As of March 31, 2025

Brief Overview of Current Issues

- Increase in overlapping practice scope inquiries from licensees/members of the public
- Plan stamping issues, particularly on the neighbor islands

Current Legislation Related to Architecture

- The Board did not comment on any architecture-related bills this session
- The Board was tracking SB 66: Relating to Housing, which is currently enrolled to the Governor

*New Question: What is your jurisdiction doing to educate the public?

- New FAQs for applicants and licensees
- Notice regarding "plan stamping" and consumer resources
- Several presentations to the University of Hawaii at Manoa and other conferences, etc. for students, young professionals, and unlicensed professionals. Initial presentations have been for engineers and surveyors, with intent to expand to the other EASLA board professions.

Miscellaneous

- Administrative rules revision process in the works for HAR 16-115

Board Members Terming out in 2025:

- Roberto Yumol (architect): Termed out 5/2/2025
- Dan Hirota (land surveyor): Terms out 6/30/2025

Idaho

Board Composition

Architects: 3 Architects, 2 Landscape Architects

Non-Architects: 1 public member, 1 Educator

Licensing Statistics

In State Registrants: 2,438 Architects, 348 Landscape Architects

Out of State Registrants:

Brief Overview of Current Issues

Touchstone said that Idaho is a DOGE state and is currently going through every statute to see what can be removed. They are looking at taking the Rules and putting them in statute.

Current Legislation Related to Architecture

HB014 – Idaho statutory clean-up bill

*New Question: What is your jurisdiction doing to educate the public?

I have been traveling around the state to discuss the building code potential update. No other efforts are being made.

Nevada

Board Composition

Architects: 5

Interior Designers: 2

Residential Designer: 1

Public Member: 1

Licensing Statistics

In State Registrants: 966

Out of State Registrants: 2298

Current Legislation Related to Architecture

As we approach the final week of the Legislative Session, we are closely monitoring SB78, which relates to the Governor's office reform of boards and commissions. After several amendments, it seems that board consolidations will not occur. However, we remain hopeful that a few more changes will come our way before the session concludes on June 2. Currently, the only aspect of the bill that appears to have some support is the provision regarding the

Department of Business and Industry's oversight of board staff, which unfortunately creates a significant disconnect from the board's current operations. On another note, a competing bill proposing the creation of an Office of Shared Services was submitted last week as Senate Bill 425. SB425 would allow us to operate independently from the Department of Business and Industry while continuing our current functions. We are optimistic that SB425 will successfully pass and replace SB78.

Latest legislative update: On Monday, June 2, the proposed bills aimed at reforming boards and commissions died after controversial amendments were added at the last minute. Additionally, Senate Bill 507, which intended to provide funding for the Department of Business and Industry to expand its staff for board oversight and allow the department to charge a fee for its services, also failed to progress and ultimately did not move out of the Assembly Government Affairs Committee.

*New Question: What is your jurisdiction doing to educate the public?

Nevada has a designated public information officer responsible for overseeing the public outreach program established by the board several years ago. This program aims to raise awareness, enhance educational efforts, and improve both professional and public engagement through unified communication and public relations strategies. This initiative aligns with the board's mission statement and the services it provides. The outreach initiatives by the Board have enabled us to adopt a more proactive approach to reducing unlicensed violations and educating candidates, students, and the general public who have questions about the licensing process.

Board Members Terming out in 2025:

William Snyder - 10/31/2025

New Mexico

Board Composition

Architects: 6

Non-Architects: 1 Public Member

Other Licensed Professionals: Vice-Chair/ Public Member Mark Glenn, Esq.

Licensing Statistics

In State Registrants: 713

Out of State Registrants: 1692

Brief Overview of Current Issues

Use of fraudulent seals in New Mexico.

*New Question: What is your jurisdiction doing to educate the public?

Revised the handbook for New Mexico Building Officials and will be distributing it to all local zoning and building jurisdictions.

Miscellaneous

In April 2025, Tamarah Begay was appointed as a new educator to the Board.

For FY26: Chair Ray Vigil will serve on the WCARB Committee.

Vice-Chair Mark Glenn will chair the NCARB Professional Conduct Committee.

MBE Melarie Gonzales will chair the NCARB Member Board Executive Committee.

Board Members Terming out in 2025:

Tara Rothwell
Geoffrey Adams

Northern Marianas

Board Composition TOTAL = 05

Architects: 0

Non-Architects: 1 Appraiser and 1 Public Member

Other Licensed Professionals: 2 – PE (Civil Engineers)
1 – PE/PLS (Dual Civil Engineer/Land Surveyor)

Licensing Statistics

In State Registrants: 04 (13%)

Out of State Registrants: 27 (87%)

Brief Overview of Current Issues

- Lack of an Architect on the Board. Proposed legislation to increase board members and dedicate a seat for an Architect
- Due to budgetary constraints, enforcement continues to be an issue when hiring a full-time investigator. Currently relies on the Attorney General's Office to assist with complaint investigations. Plan on contracting out monitoring/investigation services as a short-term solution.
- NMI has finally moved into e-licensing and hopes this service will facilitate secure and convenient online applications and payments.
- Outreach programs in the schools are being considered.

Current Legislation Related to Architecture

- Plan on resubmitting a proposed legislation to increase board members and dedicate a seat for Architect representation on the Board

*New Question: What is your jurisdiction doing to educate the public?

- Currently, we submit an annual Citizen Centric Report (CCR) that is an innovative means of communicating to the community and government leaders. It is also posted on the website, highlighting progress, finances, priorities, and challenges that are readily available and understandable information to the community.

Oregon

Board Composition

Architects: 5

Non-Architects: 2

Other Licensed Professionals: 0

Licensing Statistics

In State Registrants: 2101

Out of State Registrants: 2000

(Note: these counts are for individuals only and do not include 1003 firms actively registered)

Brief Overview of Current Issues

The Board's focus and strategic initiatives include:

1. Reviewing education and experience requirement paths to licensure, identifying and seeking opportunities to minimize any barriers.
2. Establishing clearer boundary lines between architecture, engineering, and landscape architect practices. Each Oregon board decided to wait for the outcome of ICOR's work on practice overlap before moving forward on this goal.
3. Reviewing rules related to continuing education, title use options for recent graduates, and professional conduct.
4. Determining ways to better recognize new exam registrants.

Current Legislation Related to Architecture

In the 2025 Oregon Legislative session, House Bill 2141 was introduced to create a voluntary registration for commercial interior designers under the Oregon State Board of Architect Examiners (OSBAE). OSBAE provided technical feedback on the bill. The bill underwent an amendment to clarify scope of practice and a proposed reassignment of authority to the Department of Consumer and Business Services, Building Codes. The bill was ultimately not moved forward.

*New Question: What is your jurisdiction doing to educate the public?

OSBAE promotes knowledge of architectural practice and the associated public health, safety, and welfare considerations through a variety of initiatives, including:

- Producing a *Consumer Guide* to help the public understand how to hire and collaborate with architects.

- Maintaining a robust website that provides comprehensive information about licensure and regulatory requirements.
- Sending educational information to newly registered businesses through the Secretary of State.
- Conducting annual outreach events with students and educators at Portland State University and the University of Oregon.
- Collaborating with the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying to publish a *Reference Manual for Building Officials*, which outlines key statutory exceptions and provides practical interpretations of scenarios governed by architectural and engineering regulations.

Utah

Jared Maw told the membership that this is the first year that the architects have had the combined board with landscape architects and so far it is going very well.

Washington

Board Composition

Washington's Board for Architects is in its 105th year of serving architects. The Governor-appointed board consists of seven members: six architect members and one public member.

Architects: 6

Non-Architects: 1

Other Licensed Professionals: 0

Licensing Statistics

In State Registrants: 3,956

Out of State Registrants: 3,179

Brief Overview of Current Issues

The Washington Board conducted four virtual board meetings in 2023. The board staff continue to work remotely, and the Board remains fully operational in the remote environment.

HB 1880 went into effect July 1, 2024, eliminating the five-year rolling clock for completion of the Architect Registration Exam (ARE) from Washington state law. This has furthered the Board's goal of reducing barriers to licensure and allowed several applicants to be added back into the ARE process.

The Board is currently prioritizing outreach efforts, particularly to college-aged students at state universities and technical colleges. A committee has been formed to explore other outreach opportunities, including increasing awareness of alternative pathways to licensure. The Board continues to partner with the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Washington Council on mentorship, outreach, and legislative monitoring.

Current Legislation Related to Architecture

The board was approached regarding the regulation of the interior design profession in Washington state, which a group hopes to introduce to the Legislature in 2026. The proposal would include additional members being added to the Board for Architects to represent interior designers.

A bill was passed by the Washington State Legislature for local jurisdictions to allow for the self-certification of plans for detached auxiliary dwellings. Though not directly under its authority, the Board is monitoring implementation of this law for any potential program impacts.

There are other pieces of legislation specific to the Washington board which board staff does not anticipate impacting any other jurisdictions.

*New Question: What is your jurisdiction doing to educate the public?

The Washington Board has increased its efforts regarding student outreach, particularly to college-aged students at state universities and technical colleges. A committee has been formed to explore other outreach opportunities, including increasing awareness of alternative pathways to licensure.

Miscellaneous

The Board welcomed new Board Members Kathy Russell and Peter Brachvogel in December 2024. A graduate of Washington State University, Board Member Russell brings 30 years of practice in Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Oregon, ranging from affordable- and high-end housing, K-12 schools and facilities, higher education facilities, and civic projects. After graduating from the University of Washington and University of Michigan, Board Member Brachvogel has worked throughout California and Washington for more than 40 years and has worked as a part-time faculty member educating the next generation of young architects.

The Washington Department of Licensing (DOL) that supports the Washington Board for Architects has seen changes to the Board's support team in the past year with Program Specialist Susan Nieves accepting a promotional opportunity. Former Administrative Assistant Alyssa Woods has accepted the Program Specialist position and began supporting the Board in September 2024.

Board Members Terming out in 2025:

Scott Harm

AGENDA ITEM 7: Laudatories – Sian Roberts

Sian Roberts read the laudatories below into the record for William Snyder, James Oswald, Robert Calvani, Jack Gilmore, Goeffrey Adams, Tara Rothwell and Tian Feng into the record and the Region greeting each laudatory with a standing ovation for all their contributions to the Region. They will be greatly missed.

William Snyder

Whereas architect William "Bill" Snyder of Nevada has served as member of the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design for twenty-one years, Throughout his professional and volunteer endeavors, Bill has worked to enhance the quality of education at all levels. He has served on the boards of the Nevada Community College Foundation and the University of Las Vegas, Nevada. In recognition of his contributions to improving education for young Nevadans, William E. Snyder Elementary School was opened in August 2001.

As a Vietnam veteran, Bill dedicates much of his time to the community by leading several pro bono projects, particularly those involving children. After being deeply affected by the Haitian earthquake on January 12, 2010, Mr. Snyder felt compelled to take action. He joined an assessment and design team that collaborated with the Schools of the Children of the World.

Whereas Bill has served as the Nevada Board Chair, participated for many years on numerous NCARB exam writing and grading committees and has participated as a Nevada architect delegate to the NCARB and WCARB meetings for over two decades

It is therefore resolved that we express our sincere heartfelt appreciation for the generous gift of his time, talents, and insights which benefited the public, the architectural community, WCARB, NCARB and his fellow Nevada Board members with a standing ovation.

James Oswald

Whereas architect James "Jim" Oswald of New Mexico has served as a dedicated and valued member of the New Mexico Board of Examiners for Architects for twenty years, and

Whereas Jim has served on over twenty NCARB committees, including the Broadly Experienced Architect committee, the Education committee, the Examination committee, the Procedures and Documents committee, and many advisory committee and case studies;

Whereas Jim has served as a member of WCARB, including serving on the Executive Committee twice and serving as the WCARB Regional Director for two terms; and

Whereas Jim has been a steady voice and staunch friend, with a very special relationship with our Island jurisdictions that is a beautiful thing to see; and whereas Jim loves to travel and eat good food, especially with good friends;

It is therefore resolved that we express our sincere heartfelt appreciation for the generous gift of his time, talents, and insights which benefited the public, the architectural community, WCARB, NCARB and his fellow New Mexico Board members with a standing ovation.

Robert Calvani

Whereas architect Robert "Bob" Calvani of New Mexico has served as a dedicated and valued member of the New Mexico Board of Examiners for Architects for twenty years, and

Whereas Bob has served on over twenty NCARB committees, including the ARE subcommittees for multiple choice, building systems and mechanical and electrical systems, the Practice Analysis Task Force, the Examination committee, the Internship committee, and many advisory committee and case studies;

Whereas Bob has served as a member of WCARB, including serving on the Executive Committee as the Chair and serving as the WCARB Regional Director for two terms; and
Whereas Bob has served six years on the NCARB Board of Directors including serving as the President of NCARB; and

Whereas Bob has a wonderful sense of humor and is a great friend; and loves to travel and spend time with his family, including his precious grandchildren who love their Papa;

It is therefore resolved that we express our sincere heartfelt appreciation for the generous gift of his time, talents, and insights which benefited the public, the architectural community, WCARB, NCARB and his fellow New Mexico Board members with a standing ovation.

Jack Gilmore

Whereas landscape architect Jack Gilmore of Arizona has served as a dedicated and valued member of the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration for the past eight years, and

Whereas during Jack's tenure on the Board, he collaborated with two Executive Directors, held officer positions and participated in various board committees. He led the recruitment of essential volunteers to assist with the application reviews and investigation assessments, reviewed legislative issues, actively attended national association meetings and remains an engaged participant of CLARB and ASLA;

Most importantly, Jack undertook the demanding role of Board Chairman when the legislature restructured the Board's composition, leaving only one board member each representing five of the seven professions regulated by the Board. With ten new board members in place, six of who were public members, Jack led the monthly meetings for over two years with an unmatched sense of calm and humble leadership.

It is therefore resolved that we express our sincere heartfelt appreciation for the generous gift of his time, talents, and insights which benefited the public, the architectural community, WCARB, NCARB and his fellow New Mexico Board members with a standing ovation.

Geoffrey Adams

Whereas educator Geoffrey "Geoff" Adams of New Mexico has served as a dedicated and valued member of the New Mexico Board of Examiners for Architects for fourteen years, and

Whereas Geoff was a true lover of nature and loves to hike and spend time outdoors; and

Whereas Geoff loves to teach young minds the profession of architecture and has spent many years teaching architecture to students at the University of New Mexico;

It is therefore resolved that we express our sincere heartfelt appreciation for the generous gift of his time, talents, and insights which benefited the public, the architectural community, WCARB, NCARB and his fellow New Mexico Board members with a standing ovation.

Tara Rothwell

Whereas architect Tara Rothwell of New Mexico has served as a dedicated and valued member of the New Mexico Board of Examiners for Architects for twelve years, and

Whereas Tara has served on numerous NCARB committees, including the ARE Forms Assembly Task Force and Subcommittees, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force and committee, and the Policy Advisory committee;

Whereas Tara has served as a member of WCARB, including serving on the Executive Committee and serving as the Regional Leadership Committee for two terms; and

Whereas Tara loves to travel and try new things including a new profession in a related field; and whereas her greatest love in life is her family, especially her young adult son;

It is therefore resolved that we express our sincere heartfelt appreciation for the generous gift of his time, talents, and insights which benefited the public, the architectural community, WCARB, NCARB and his fellow New Mexico Board members with a standing ovation.

Tian Feng

Whereas architect Tian Feng of California has served as a dedicated and valued member of the California Architects Board for eleven years, and

Whereas Tian has served on numerous NCARB committees, including the Broadly Experienced Architect and Broadly Experienced Foreign Architects committees, the Education committee, the XP Portfolio Audit Team, the NCARB ARE Cut Score committee, the DEI committee and others;

Whereas Tian has served as a member of WCARB, including serving on the Executive Committee including serving as the Chair, and being elected to serve as the WCARB Regional Director;

Whereas Tian has worked as the distinguished district architect of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, and as an architectural advisor on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Advisory Committee; Tian's remarkable career at BART is a testament to his unwavering dedication and vision, shaping the very infrastructure that serves the countless daily commuters, and

Whereas Tian possesses a profound passion that beautifully reflects his character: the art of designing and nurturing a Chinese garden; the picturesque garden he has cultivated speaks volumes about his patience, his eye for beauty, and his ability to foster growth—qualities he brings to every facet of his life, and

Whereas Tian approaches his work with the same care and warmth he devotes to his garden, ensuring his endeavors flourish and endure; Tian's many years of service, both in his professional pursuits and his volunteer endeavors, underscore his character, a life of purpose and a deep commitment to serving others.

It is therefore resolved that we express our sincere heartfelt appreciation for the generous gift of his time, talents, and insights which benefited the public, the architectural community, WCARB, NCARB and his fellow California Board members with a standing ovation.

AGENDA ITEM 9 Review and Discussion of Proposed Resolutions

A synopsis of the proposed resolutions are below:

Resolution 2025-A would replace the existing Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) between NCARB and Regulatory Organizations of Architecture in Canada (ROAC). The amended MRA would eliminate post-licensure experience requirements as a qualification, remove citizenship requirements, and allow acceptance of pathways outside of the standard path to NCARB certification.

Resolution 2025-B would have the membership ratify an MRA developed between NCARB and Costa Rica's Colegio de Arquitectos de Costa Rica/Colegio Federado de Ingenieros y Arquitectos de Costa Rica (CACR/CFIA). The MRA recognizes the significant correlation of competency requirements at licensure between NCARB and CACR/CFIA and allows acceptance of pathways outside of the standard path to NCARB certification.

Resolution 2025-C would have the membership ratify an MRA developed between NCARB and the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP). The MRA recognizes the significant correlation of competency requirements at licensure between NCARB and SACAP and allows acceptance of pathways outside of the standard path to NCARB certification.

Resolution 2025-D proposes a housekeeping update to the NCARB Certification Guidelines that would replace all instances of the word "foreign" with "international" as it relates to NCARB's programs for architects licensed outside of the United States. This resolution would not change any requirements for certification.

Resolution 2025-E would adjust the eligibility requirements for the Education Alternative to Certification outlined in the NCARB Certification Guidelines by eliminating the required three-year delay between initial licensure and eligibility to apply for certification through this pathway. This aligns with ongoing efforts to remove unnecessary time-bound restrictions in NCARB programs that are not tied to demonstrating competency.

Chair Feng asked the members if there were any additional questions or concerns they wanted to discuss within the Region? There were none.

AGENDA ITEM 8 NCARB Candidates Visit

The candidates for election that visited Region 6 were: Coffee Polk, Kevin Singh, Scott Harm, Dmitry Kazakov, Miguel Rodriguez, Stephanie Hopkins, George Miller and Sylvia Kwan.

AGENDA ITEM 10 NCARB Visiting Team

Visiting Team: Ken Van Tyne, NCARB President, Edward Marley, 1VP President Elect and Mike Armstrong, NCARB CEO and other NCARB staff stopped by the region to answer any questions.

Tonie Esteban asked how things were going with the At Large Candidates this year? What are the challenges and opportunities? Van Tyne replied that it has been an excellent board this year. It was a good move to add the at large candidates. Armstrong said that it showed the board that it had a blind spot in how they were communicating.

Tian asked if the board was the right size? Ed Marley said that they wouldn't want the board to be any bigger than 15 members and the size of the board will drop to 14 next year and the size has been working.

Mike Kolejka asked if Pathways to Practice was the biggest issue facing the board currently, what is the second biggest issue? Ed Marley said the second biggest issue facing the board is the theft of architectural seals and the board is starting those conversations now.

Chair Feng thanked the visiting team for taking the time to visit the region.

AGENDA ITEM 11 Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURN FOR THE DAY

Chair Feng adjourned the Region 6 WCARB meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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Paul Baril

ARIZONA

Ed Marley
Judith Stapley
Mike Kolejka
Jack Gilmore
Scott Sayles
Keith Smith
Kurt Winter
Julie Pham

CALIFORNIA

Ron Jones
Jon Baker
Laura Zuniga
Robert Pearman
Sylvia Kwan
Tian Feng
Dmitry Kazakov-Guest

COLORADO

Christy Riggs
Joyce Young

GUAM

Cathyann Gogue
Paul Santos
Catherine Gutierrez

HAWAII

Brian Fujiwara
Jon Lucas
Janet Primiano

IDAHO

Jedd Walker
Justin Touchstone
Daniel Mullin
Allison McClintick

NEVADA

Coffee Polk- Guest
Tina Wichmann
Greg Erny

James Mickey
Monica Harrison

NEW MEXICO

Jim Oschwald
Ray Vigil
Robert Williams
Barbara Felix

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Esther Fleming
Gregorio Castro
Denn Manglona
Roy Reyes

OREGON

Erica Ceder
Tonie Esteban
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Sian Roberts
Scott Harm
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