

# Architecture Columns



**Katherine N. Peele, FAIA**

## President's Message

This has obviously been a challenging year for all of us, particularly for firms and architects that have been impacted financially by the pandemic. Our NC Board of Architecture has continued to operate successfully, as well as make a move to our new location in downtown Raleigh.

As you may know, each year the Board holds a New Architect Luncheon. Much like every in person event, the luncheon was cancelled, however, we were able to hold our first ever virtual New Architect Luncheon via Zoom. It was quite a success. A summary of the Board presentation is as follows:

### Purpose of the Board

The NC Legislature established the North Carolina Board of Architecture in 1915 to ensure the protection of the life, health and safety of the public.

Seven members are appointed to NCBA by the Governor. Five are architects and two are 'public.' The architect members serve five year terms; public members serve at the pleasure of the governor.

### Basic functions of the Board are:

Legislative – Rules are created and adopted

Executive – Business and enforcement activities take place daily, fees are collected, continuing education is required, Intern Development is monitored, the Architectural Registration Exam is administered and investigations of rule violations are conducted

Judicial – declaratory rulings are issued and sanctions are made.

The State of NC is fortunate when it comes to licensing Boards; we are autonomous and not buried in a sprawling state agency. Continued on pg 3

## Board Members

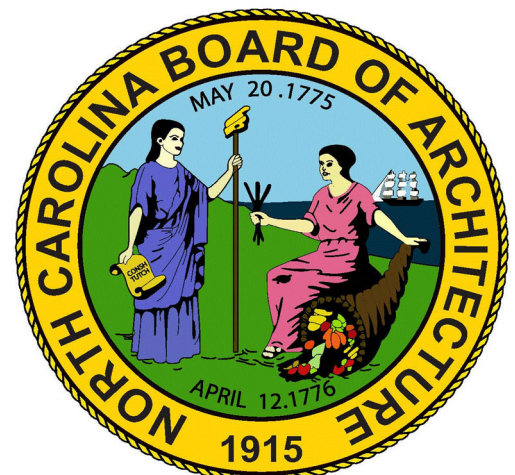
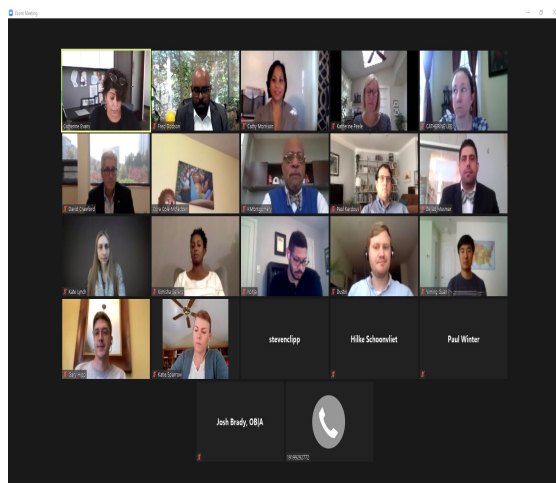
Katherine Peele, FAIA	President
Cathy Morrison, AIA	Vice President
Steve Clipp, AIA	Treasurer
Fred Dodson, Jr.	Secretary, Public Member
Walter Sawyer, AIA	Member
Roula Qubain, AIA	Member
Cora Cole-McFadden	Public Member

## Board Staff

Cathe M. Evans	Executive Director
Julie L. Piatek	Director of Administration
Tyler Barrick	Firm/CE Compliance

## Upcoming Meeting Dates

January 8, 2021
February 5, 2021
March NCARB Regional Summit (virtually)
April 9, 2021
May 7, 2021
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All Board meeting are open to the public.



# from the executive director's desk

## COVID-19 Update—FIRM Renewals Due—Continuing Education



In accordance with North Carolina Governor Cooper's order, the NC Board of Architecture office remains closed to the public. Staff members are alternating days in the office and we work remotely. We are available through email or phone during regular office hours. When the office reopens to the public, we will update our website and social media channels, and advise of any new procedures in place for safely visiting the office. We have technology in place to allow Board operations continue without interruption. All forms, rules and laws and general board information is found on the web site [www.ncbarch.org](http://www.ncbarch.org)

For questions related to Continuing Education and Firm Registration, contact Tyler Barrick at [tyler@ncbarch.org](mailto:tyler@ncbarch.org) or 984-328-1145

For all other questions regarding individual licensure or general information contact Julie Piatek at [juliap@ncbarch.org](mailto:juliap@ncbarch.org) or 984-328-1161

For Cathe Evans, Executive Director email [cathe@ncbarch.org](mailto:cathe@ncbarch.org) or 984-328-1144.

Board meetings are scheduled as normal, however, until further notice, they will be held via teleconference. If you would like to participate in a Board meeting please contact me at [cathe@ncbarch.org](mailto:cathe@ncbarch.org).

In the midst of the pandemic, the Board moved to its new office at 434 Fayetteville St Suite 2005, Raleigh, NC. Hopefully we will be able to welcome the public to visit it soon.

**In early November 2021 firm renewals were emailed to all active firms.** Be sure to renew your firm by December 21, 2020 to avoid late penalty fees. Questions regarding firm renewals should be directed to Tyler Barrick at [tyler@ncbarch.org](mailto:tyler@ncbarch.org)

**Are you sure your individual license has not expired? You can confirm that your license is active by [clicking here](#).**

On behalf of the Board members and Staff, we wish you a very Happy Holiday Season and all the best in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Cathe Evans

Executive Director



## licensing statistics as of December 3, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

**Active Individual licenses : 6435**

expiring on June 30, 2021

Breakdown:

NC 2712

Out-of-State 3723

**Active Firm licenses: 1880**

expiring on December 31, 2020 and 2021

Breakdown:

NC 743

Out-of-State 1137

## expired license lists

Individual licenses that expired on June 30, 2020 [can be found here](#).

Firm Licenses that expired on December 31, 2019 [can be found here](#).

**These lists are current as of 12/03/2020.** If you renewed after that date and time, you can check the status of your firm or individual by [clicking here](#).

## **President's Message - Continued from Page One**

### **Role of the Board member:**

One of the best ways to participate in our democracy is by serving on a state board, commission or committee. Board members provide expert knowledge, advice and recommendations concerning several areas:

Licensure standards; curricula of schools; education and experience qualifications of licensure applicants; standards for professional and industry practice, competence and conduct; vigorous enforcement of these standards; disciplinary hearing process for violation of professional licensing laws or rules by licensees; revisions to the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of the professional licensing act.

### **Committees of the Board**

In order to conduct the business of the Board more efficiently, much of the work is done via committees with a staff liaison. The active committees of the Board are:

#### *Licensure*

The licensure committee includes Applications, CE, and Outreach

Some of the charges include:

Receive and review applications for licensure in NC as requested by the Executive Director. Make recommendations for each applicant for Board consideration/disposition. Promote the Rules of the NC Board of Architecture regarding Continuing Education requirements for architects. Monitor Continuing Education compliance of licensees. Promote the Rules, Laws and Purpose of the NC Board of Architecture (contacting students, IDP/ARE candidates, educators, and licensees). Attend, present, and speak at AIA meetings/functions and architecture schools throughout the state.

#### *Judicial/Professional Standards*

Review complaints received by the Board of Architecture

Consult with Board's legal consultant regarding complaints

Enforce and promote the Rules of the NC Board of Architecture regarding Professional Standards of Architects.

The Board also has an Operations Committee that assists staff with personnel, budget and other miscellaneous items that may come up. When necessary a Rules/Legislation Committee is activated. This typically happens when the need for rule amendments arises.

### **Fred Dodson – Public Member The Purpose of the Public Member**

The public members on a board or commission are there to express and be watchful of the public interest, not the interest of the professional occupation. Public members are not expected to be and are not supposed to be technically expert or experienced in the area of law or profession which they oversee. Some benefits of the public member are:

Reduces the potential for decisions that favor architect over the public.

Reduces the potential for decisions which favors one group of the architecture/profession over another.

Enables public participation in governmental decision-making.

Augments public confidence and trust in the regulatory entity.

Expands the range of skills, talent, training, and perspectives available for higher quality and more creative action.

Enhances credibility respecting decisions and public advocacy.

Sincerely,

*Katherine Peele, FAIA*

President, NC Board of Architecture

# enforcement report

Following is the Enforcement Report for the period August 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020. The Board is not bound by precedence in matters of disciplinary action. It is the prerogative of the Board to be conservative in its review of cases and to enforce the rules and laws with sanctions and civil penalties as allowed by law. You may request a copy of the entire order by sending an email to [cathe@ncbarch.org](mailto:cathe@ncbarch.org) be sure to include the case number with your request.

The Board Closed five cases with Consent Orders:

[Case 1160 Le, Bang T](#)

[Case 1162 Wygoda, Shlomo Steve](#)

[Case 1163 Patrick Valent/ Craig Design, LLC d/b/a CBVR  
Tele-com Design Group, PLLC](#)

[Case 1166 Colombo, Michael](#)

[Case 1168 Golden, Jason](#)

The Board two cases with a Letter of Warning to a non-licensed individual:

[Case 1165 Skinner, Carter](#)

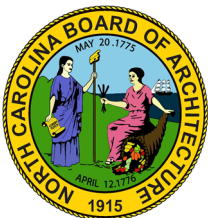
[Case 1169 Clayton, Joshua](#)

The Board closed one case without prejudice.

The Board closed one case as unfounded.

## A note on Board enforcement and jurisdiction—

The Board of Architecture has jurisdiction pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §83A-15 and 21 NCAC 02 .0208, 21 NCAC 02 .0209 and 21 NCAC 02 .210 to receive and investigate complaints involving dishonest conduct, incompetence and unprofessional conduct and non-licensed practice. This Board does not have the statutory authority to discipline architects regarding complaints involving contract disagreements between a client and architect or allegations of ordinary negligence, nor can the Board mediate these situations. All civil penalties collected by the Board of Architecture are deposited with the Office of State Budget management where they are disbursed to school systems throughout the State



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