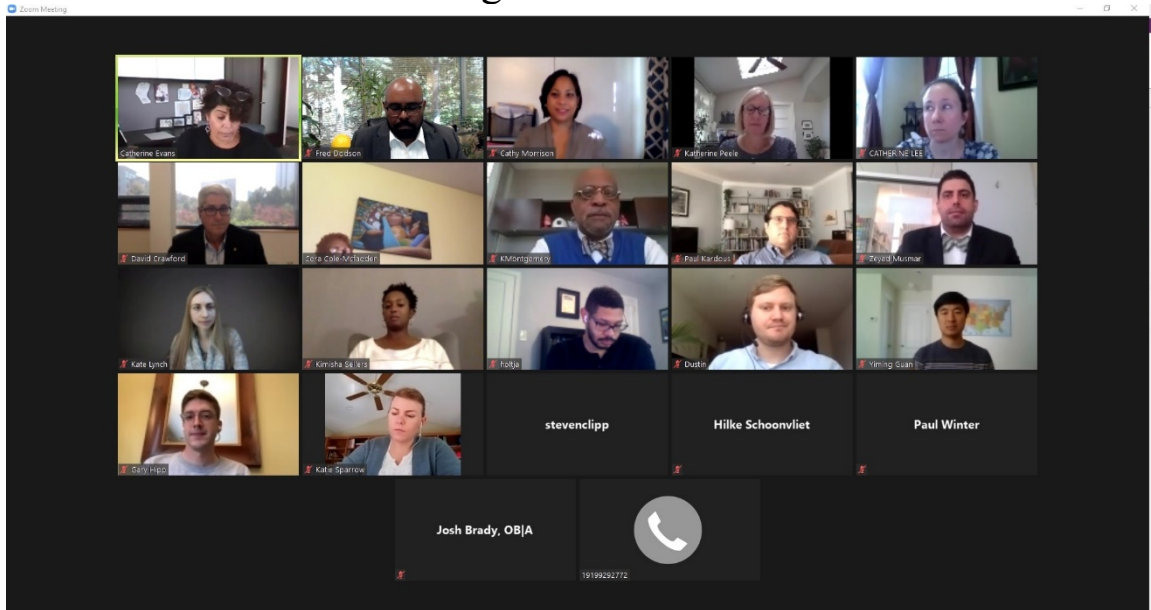


## New Architect Luncheon - November 6, 2020 Program of Events



### Cathe Evans, Executive Director Board Office Activities

*“I would like to congratulate all of you. Surviving the agony and ecstasy of the years of education, internship and the exam are quite an achievement. You are now an architect and with that title comes many responsibilities. And, to do it during such a turbulent time in world history, I’m sure you will be better for it. Thankfully, we have the technology to continue the annual tradition of the New Architect Luncheon, even if it is virtual! Julie Piatek, Tyler Barrick and I staff the Board office. Many of you have had the pleasure of speaking with Julie, our Director of Administration. Now that you are licensed, you will get to know Tyler, he is the Firm & CE Compliance Coordinator. Feel free to call on us for any questions you may have. If we can’t answer it, we know who can. And, finally, the Board contracts with Nichols, Choi and Lee as its legal counsel.*

*Let me tell you a little bit about what we do in the Board office. There are approximately 6500 individuals licensed to practice architecture in NC. About half of them reside out of state. We have about 1850 firms licensed in NC – about half are out of state companies. On a regular basis the board publishes an electronic newsletter, usually once per quarter. If you haven’t done so, please be sure the Board email address is accepted by your email system because all correspondence from the Board, including your notice of renewal will be sent via email. We strongly encourage you to read the email and newsletters from the Board as it will contain valuable information that you will need to know. A rulebook is published electronically when there are rule changes... As a licensed professional, you are responsible for your license and everything associated with it from timely renewal to knowledge of the Board rules and laws. The Board web site is also a very useful tool for architects. There you will find the rules and laws, misc. forms, meeting schedule, and continuing education information. There is also a directory where you can search for other architects and print certification of your license.*

*The Board staff also processes all applications from those to take the ARE to Professional Corporations. And, we investigate all complaints that are filed in the Board office from non-licensed practice to unprofessional conduct to incompetency. The Board members usually meet once a month and you are always welcome to attend the meetings as they are open to the public.”*

### Introduction of the Board members

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

### Katherine Peele, FAIA, President

#### 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.

#### 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.

David Crawford

Purpose of the AIA

The mission of AIA North Carolina is to serve its members by enhancing and promoting the profession of architecture. Further information is found at [www.aia.org/northcarolina](http://www.aia.org/northcarolina)