The Architectural Division of the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Professional Landscape Architects was called to order by Chairman JC Rearden at 8:00 a.m. on Monday July 31, 2017. A quorum being present, Chairman Rearden declared the meeting open for business.

**Members Present**
James C. “JC” Rearden, Chairman of the Division
Michael Popp, Member of the Division
Martha John, Member of the Division

**Others Present**
Shantae Duren, Board Staff

To better track the order in which items were taken up on the agenda, each item in the minutes will be listed in the order it was discussed in the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Martha John made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2017 Architectural Division Open Meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael Popp and unanimously carried.

**Discuss status of, or potential changes to, the Board Rules and/or Chapter 327, RSMo, regarding the Architectural profession**

Mr. Rearden talked about the Immediate Personal Supervision rule. Mr. Rearden stated to the division that it is his opinion that a licensee’s client is the person or company who holds a licensee’s contract and not necessarily the one who owns the building. Mr. Rearden stated that he believes that meddling in the business side of the licensee’s contracts is outside of the Board’s duty to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

The Division Members discussed the suggestion made by a licensee to no longer require individuals on inactive status to pay a renewal fee. The Division members agreed that they did not think that the Board needs to charge for the renewal of an inactive license, but would like to see what the rest of the Board thought of the matter.

At approximately 8:15 a.m. an area architect, Sonya Jury, joined the meeting.
Open House with area licensees to discuss any items of common interest relative to licensure, enforcement, and regulation of architecture in the State of Missouri as set forth in Chapter 327, RSMo.

Chairman JC Rearden allowed Ms. Jury to ask the Division Members any questions she felt needed to be discussed. Ms. Jury inquired to how the State plans to handle the schools that are trying to make it to where new graduates are able to obtain licensure without the currently required years of experience. Ms. Jury stated that she believes this is dangerous and degrading to the profession. In response Mr. Rearden advised Ms. Jury that the Board, in representation of the state of Missouri, voiced their disapproval to NCARB, but were told that their opinion was in the minority. Mr. Rearden explained that NCARB’s justification for not requiring the years of experience is that they will be requiring more years of schooling. Ms. Jury inquired if there is anything the Board can do to help insure that the new licensees are qualified to practice Architecture. Mr. Rearden stated that there could be, but it would require a change in statute that would take a long time to achieve, if approved.

At approximately 8:18 a.m. Board Chair Bob Hartnett and Executive Director Judy Kempker entered the room.

There being no further questions at the time the Division members moved forward with the discussion of the Board’s open agenda items.

**Discuss status of, or potential changes to, the Board Rules and/or Chapter 327, RSMo, regarding the Architectural profession**

The Division Members returned to their conversation regarding the fee for an inactive license renewal. Ms. Kempker advised that the amount of work that goes into renewing an inactive license by the Board staff is the same amount of work as it takes to renew an active license. Ms. Kempker discussed an idea that the Division had discussed briefly, regarding the updated licensure system, in which the system would allow for an online renewal where licensees can print their renewed license at home. Ms. Kempker stated that this could save the Board money and the staff time if it were to become a possibility.

Please Note that at approximately 8:30 a.m. Mr. Hartnett and Ms. Kempker exited the room.

At approximately 8:35 a.m. Public Member Sherry Cooper entered the room.
Review and discussion of Open Items on the full Board’s July 31 and August 1, 2017 agenda

Division members reviewed and discussed Full Board Open Agenda Item #16 Tab B, Update from Architectural Division on the NCARB Annual Meeting held on June 21, 22, 23 & 24, 2017 in Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. Rearden stated that he thought the NCARB meeting went really well. Mr. Rearden reported that the discussion focused a lot on how many of the states are dealing with their governments trying to de-regulate licensed professions. Mr. Popp added that he thought there was a limited amount of regulation changes compared to previous years.

Motion to Close Meeting pursuant to Sections 610.021(1) and (14) and 620.010.14(7) RSMo

At 8:52 a.m., Chairman JC Rearden called for a motion to close the meeting to the general public for the purpose of discussing confidential or privileged communications between this agency and its attorney as well as to discuss pending litigation and complaint matters. Martha John made a motion that the meeting be closed to the general public pursuant to Chapter 610.021 subsection (1) RSMo, for the purpose of discussing investigative reports, complaints, audits and/or other information pertaining to licensees or applicants; Chapter 610.021 subsection (1) RSMo, for the purpose of discussing general legal action, causes of action or litigation and any confidential or privileged communication between this agency and its attorney, and for the purpose of reviewing and approving closed meeting minutes of one or more previous meetings under Chapter 610.021 RSMo, which authorizes this agency to go into closed session during those meetings. The motion was seconded by Michael Popp. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried. Mr. Rearden asked for any visitors to leave the room. At this time Sony Jury exited the room. Mr. Rearden then declared the meeting was closed to the general public.

Reconvene in Open Session

At approximately 12:10 p.m., Martha John made a motion to go back into open session. Motion was seconded by Michael Popp and unanimously carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion of Martha John, seconded by Michael Popp, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Executive Director

Date Approved: _________________