Washington State Board for Architects meeting transcript

January 29, 2026

Katherine Russell (00:03):

... AM on Thursday, January 29th, and it appears we don't have quorum, so we are going to run through non-voting items.

Sandy Baur (00:14):

Vice chair, let's go ahead and start with the call to order, and then we'll do an official roll call, and then decide from there, because there may be someone who logs in during our roll call.

Katherine Russell (00:29):

So this is a call to order, and Miss Woods, will you do the roll call?

Alyssa Woods (00:40):

Yes. I'll start with you, Vice Chair Russell.

Katherine Russell (00:44):

Present.

Alyssa Woods (00:46):

Secretary Brachvogel. I believe he's not present. Board Member Harm.

Scott Harm (00:54):

Present.

Alyssa Woods (00:56):

Board Member Roberts?

Sian Roberts (00:59):

Present. And may I just comment that I just got a text from Paul Wu is trying to join Teams.

Alyssa Woods (01:05):

Excellent. Okay. Will you let him know that I sent an email with the link just in case he's looking somewhere for it?

Sian Roberts (01:16):

Yes.

Scott Harm (01:16):

Let me go see if I have anybody else.

Alyssa Woods (01:23):

Well, then I'll acknowledge Board Member Wu once he comes in so that we can acknowledge the quorum. As of right now, he has not logged in, and then Chair Loynd had an excused absence. So as of right now, we do not have a quorum. And back to you, Vice Chair Russel.

Katherine Russell (01:43):

Well, while we're waiting for Paul to come in, I did miss some acknowledgments in the call to order. So we'll take... This meeting is a little odd because we don't have quorum. This meeting is open to the public. We will take time at the end of the meeting for a brief public comment period.

(02:00):

Participants will have no more than three minutes to address the board if we continue all the way through. As a reminder, board members are not to engage in conversation during public comments. As a courtesy, I ask that participants keep themselves on mute to reduce background noise. When a board member would like to comment on a topic, please use the raise hand feature in Teams. And once I've called you, unmute yourself, and state your name before sharing comments.

(02:29):

Please remember to mute yourself again before finishing speaking. Great. Do we have Paul?

Sandy Baur (02:36):

Not yet.

Elizabeth Lagerberg (02:41):

So do we have more than two members absent?

Katherine Russell (02:47):

Yes.

Alyssa Woods (02:48):

Yes, yes.

Katherine Russell (02:48):

Three. Three are absent.

Elizabeth Lagerberg (02:50):

Okay. I don't know that I heard the third board member called.

Sandy Baur (02:55):

Secretary Brachvogel is not present. Board Member Wu was present, and Chair Loynd has an excused absence.

Alyssa Woods (03:04):

We can move to item 5.1 for that discussion for now. And then once Paul joins, then we can move back to-

Katherine Russell (03:14):

Approval of the agenda.

Alyssa Woods (03:16):

Exactly.

Elizabeth Lagerberg (03:18):

To 5.1?

Katherine Russell (03:20):

Yes.

Sandy Baur (03:25):

I can start that. At our last meeting, the board had expressed concerns over recent complaint cases that involved unlicensed agents advertising online architecture activities. This was a detailed discussion that was covered during our last meeting. There was a detailed discussion then AHE Elizabeth Lockerbird commented that the staff could possibly send out a notice to the municipalities to warn them about these types of complaints that we're seeing.

(04:02):

Chair Loynd requested that we add this to the agenda for future meetings to ensure that all board members were able to acknowledge and participate in this discussion. So without a quorum, we're not able to have a deep discussion.

Katherine Russell (04:22):

We can't even discuss it.

Sandy Baur (04:24):

But we can ensure that this agenda item is added to our future April 30th meeting.

Elizabeth Lagerberg (04:33):

I mean, you can discuss it, you just can't take action on it. But I don't know to the extent that anybody wants to discuss it. Could I ask, are you sending out notices of intent to cease and desist to these people that you get complaints on?

Sandy Baur (04:58):

As far as I am aware, we have issued the order and that is where we're at right now. As far as I know, the respondent has not responded yet. They're not being very responsive.

Elizabeth Lagerberg (05:14):

So there's only one right now that's in the works?

Sandy Baur (05:17):

That I'm aware of, yes.

Sian Roberts (05:18):

There's one example that has actually been caught here in Washington. They are happening across the country.

Elizabeth Lagerberg (05:25):

Oh, okay. I see. I see.

Sian Roberts (05:28):

So it has become an issue that's being discussed at the national level among licensing boards.

Elizabeth Lagerberg (05:35):

It's also a big issue with engineers, too. So they are experiencing... At least they're experiencing people that actually sometimes a few times recently use other people's stamps.

Sian Roberts (05:57):

That was this case, yes.

Elizabeth Lagerberg (05:59):

Yeah, that has been happening quite a bit in engineering, and I don't know if it's because of the virtual nature of business practice, or...

Katherine Russell (06:10):

I don't know if there's any investigation at what level that could be used to digitize a security on our stamps rather than just doing a JPEG. Board Member Roberts?

Sian Roberts (06:29):

Yeah, just talking to Paul, he just called, and he said that what he is getting is a message that says somebody will let you in soon.

Sandy Baur (06:39):

Oh, he might have the wrong link. I don't see him in the lobby.

Scott Harm (06:44):

Yeah.

Sian Roberts (06:45):

Okay. Let me see.

Elizabeth Lagerberg (06:50):

Can you forward him the link?

Sian Roberts (06:55):

Yeah.

Alyssa Woods (06:59):

I can forward it directly from the board's calendar.

Sandy Baur (07:05):

Thank you, Alyssa.

Scott Harm (07:06):

If Paul joins us, we will then have a quorum.

Sandy Baur (07:11):

Correct. And then we'll move back to agenda item three, which is [inaudible 00:07:17]-

Scott Harm (07:17):

Vice Chair, I think before you joined, I articulated I have a hard out at 11.

Katherine Russell (07:23):

Yes.

Scott Harm (07:23):

Okay. Yeah. I wish I didn't, but it suddenly appeared. Yeah.

Elizabeth Lagerberg (07:29):
So did we approve the minutes?

Scott Harm (07:32):
We couldn't-

Sandy Baur (07:32):
They could not approve anything.

Katherine Russell (07:34):
No.

Elizabeth Lagerberg (07:34):
Oh, right.

Sian Roberts (07:35):
Requires a vote.

Elizabeth Lagerberg (07:36):
Yeah. Yeah, you're right. Sorry. Might be helpful if you, instead of showing what's on the screen right now, if you showed the actual agenda. I don't know if you can.

Scott Harm (07:48):
I'm on page 13 of 34, which is this... Oh no, that's the travel one. I'm going ahead.

Elizabeth Lagerberg (07:57):
Not necessarily the packet, but just the agenda. It's got a little more detail in it.

Katherine Russell (08:13):
Mine is annotated, so I'm not going to share it.

Elizabeth Lagerberg (08:23):
I can share it.

Sandy Baur (08:25):
Here we go.

Katherine Russell (08:27):

Okay. So what I would propose we do is as soon as a Board Member Wu joins us, that we circle back around and get our approval of our agenda and minutes, and then we cover the complaint cases, those are the items that require voting.

Sandy Baur (08:52):

Correct. So to approve the agenda with the exception of moving item seven to follow item four.

Katherine Russell (09:04):

Yes. Yeah.

Sandy Baur (09:05):

And then also we have removed item 7.1, case 2025-08-3442-00ARC, that is currently in process and not ready to present. So we'll remove that case.

Katherine Russell (09:30):

So I'll be asking for that motion.

Sandy Baur (09:32):

There he is!

Katherine Russell (09:35):

Wu is on.

Paul Wu (09:37):

Okay, now. Oh, gosh.

Katherine Russell (09:40):

Yeah.

Paul Wu (09:40):

I'm in now.

Katherine Russell (09:44):

Do we need to acknowledge him in the roll call?

Sandy Baur (09:47):

Board Member Wu has just joined the meeting. We now have a quorum. We can proceed with item 3.0 approval of the agenda.

Katherine Russell (09:57):

So can I receive a motion to approve today's agenda with the revisions as we previously discussed?

Scott Harm (10:07):

This is Board Member Harm. I move to approve the minutes as amended and distributed.

Sian Roberts (10:15):

This is the agenda.

Katherine Russell (10:15):

The agenda.

Scott Harm (10:15):

Oh, agenda. I'm sorry.

Elizabeth Lagerberg (10:20):

And why did the agenda stop being shown? We had the agenda up a minute ago. There we go.

(10:28):

It's better to approve an agenda that everybody.