

Meeting Minutes: 2025 Board Meeting #4 **Date:** December 18, 2025
Location: Orange Lawn Tennis Club **Time:** 6:36 – 7:33 PM

Attendance **Board Members Present**

- Lisa Walzer
- Kelli Glasgow
- Jonathan Terrero
- Dana Napurano
- John Fallon
- Francisco Grimaldi
- Ben Horten
- Elizabeth Pacheco
- Eric Buckley
- Christopher Townsend

Component Director

- Robert Epstein

Also Present

- Gustavo Torrico

6:36 PM **Call to Order** L. Walzer

- Attendance and establish quorum (D. Napurano)

6:36 PM **Board Meeting #3 and #4 – 2025 Minutes**
• Minutes were approved unanimously for both meetings via an online vote.

Board Meeting #5 – 2025 Minutes

- There was no quorum for the meeting. Minutes were not drafted for the informal discussion.

6:37 PM **President's Report** L. Walzer

- Recap of the prior year's events and accomplishments.
- Welcomed new slate of officers.

6:39 PM **Treasurer's Report** J. Terrero

- Refer to shared Treasurer's report.
- Reviewed final Barkitecture numbers. Surplus was shared with the three shelters that participated in the event.

6:41 PM **NJIT AIAS** K. Glasgow

- NJIT AIAS received a Student Chapter Award and is requesting assistance with funding the trip to the awards ceremony in Denver.

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- Our chapter provided a letter of endorsement to National in support of them for the award.
- We discussed ways our chapter can assist with the funding.

Motion to donate \$750.00 to NJIT AIAS in return for students to volunteer to help with the K-12 Art Exhibition installation and to attend a general meeting in 2026 to present what they learned through attending the awards in Denver.

Motion to accept; K. Glasgow, first; J. Fallon, second; all approve

- Discussed the possibility of having a table at the university career fair to represent AIA. It was determined this is not the best forum to connect with students.
- Alternative ways to connect with students were discussed including attending the NJIT design awards, and project studio crits and portfolio reviews at NJIT and Kean.
- Discussed the possibility of inviting students to showcase their work at each of the general meetings.

7:11 PM **EPIC** L. Walzer

- A new liaison to the state EPIC committee has been assigned.

7:12 PM **2026 Calendar** K. Glasgow

- Refer to shared draft of the 2026 calendar.

7:15 PM **Presidents Celebration** J. Fallon

- The event will be held on February 7th.
- An update on the event planning was shared.

7:20 PM **K-12 Art Contest** J. Fallon

- A record number of submissions were received for the contest.
- The reception is scheduled for January 17 at the Newark Library. All board members are encouraged to attend.

7:22 PM **Architecture Week** K. Glasgow

- Coordination between sections and the state board is ongoing.
- A career exploration session is scheduled at the Newark High School of Architecture and interior Design got April 17.
- Tours of libraries in Union County and possibly Warren County are being worked on.

7:25 PM **Canstruction** K. Glasgow

- Venues are still being considered for a Spring event.
- The possibility of a shared event with AIA West was discussed, but it was determined it will be a challenge for the build outside of the area of this section.

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| 7:30 PM | <u>Barkitecture</u> | L. Walzer |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The event will be planned for the Fall.• The same animal rescues expressed interest in participating again. | |
| 7:31 PM | <u>Maplewood Library Tour</u> | L. Walzer |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registration for the event is open.• It was confirmed that a representative from the architect's firm will be in attendance. | |
| 7:32 PM | <u>Slack</u> | J. Fallon |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board members are encouraged to take advantage of the platform. | |
| 7:33 PM | <u>Meeting Adjourned</u> | |

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