Art & Architectural Review Board Overview and Mission

Department of General Services (DGS)
Authority

AARB is established by Virginia Code §§ 2.2-2400, 2.2-2401, and 2.2-2402

Executive Order 88 (2001) delegates the Governor’s responsibility regarding AARB to the Director of General Services.

AARB issues Guidelines for Submittals and Presentations.

Composition of the Board, Dictated by Code of Virginia § 2.2-2400 Six members:

- Director of the Department of Historic Resources or designee
  - Ex officio member
- Five citizen members appointed by Governor:
  - An architect nominated by Virginia Society of the AIA
  - May be a nominee selected by the governing board of UVA
  - A member of VMFA board of trustees
  - Two appointed from the Commonwealth at large
  - One of which shall be a painter or sculptor

General Rules
A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum (3 of the 5 voting members)

Annually the Board elects a chairman, vice-chairman, and other appropriate officers

Members serve without compensation but are reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary travel expenditures

DEB shall provide assistance to the Board in the undertaking of its responsibilities

Code Responsibilities of the Board Code of Virginia § 2.2-2100:

The Board shall serve as an advisory board in the executive branch of state government:
"Advisory" - A board, commission or council shall be classified as advisory when its purpose is to provide advice and comment to an executive branch agency or office. An advisory board, commission or council serves as a formal liaison between the agency or office and the public to ensure that the agency or office understands public concerns and that the activities of the agency or office are communicated to the public. An advisory board, commission or council does not serve a regulatory or rule-making purpose. It may participate in the development of public policy by providing comment and advice.

- Code of Virginia §§ 2.2-2401 and 2.2-2402
The Board shall provide advice to the Governor / DGS Director prior to:

- The Governor accepting or the Commonwealth obtaining “works of art” by purchase, gift, or otherwise for state property
  - “Works of Art”- all paintings, mural decorations, stained glass, statues, bas-reliefs, tablets, sculptures, monuments, fountains, arches or other structure of a permanent character intended for ornament or commemoration
  - Board should review the design and location
- Code Responsibilities, Continued
- The Board shall provide advice to the Governor / DGS Director prior to:
  - Construction or erection of any building or appurtenant structure placed on state property
  - Construction or erection of any bridge, arch, gate, fence, or other structure or fixture intended primarily for ornamental or memorial purposes and paid for, wholly or in part, by appropriation from the state treasury and which will be placed state property
  - Removing, remodeling, or adding to existing structures owned by the Commonwealth
- Code Responsibilities, Continued
- The Board shall provide advice to the Governor / DGS Director prior to:
  - Any work of art not owned by the Commonwealth being placed in or upon any state property for more than two years
    - Does not apply to VMFA or university-affiliated art or architecture museums

The Board shall submit a biennial report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before October 1st of each even-numbered year.

Purpose from AARB Guidelines

To advise the Governor on the “artistic character” of buildings and works of art paid for by the state or located on or over state property.

The Board to encourage the design of buildings and works of art which are both aesthetically and functionally appropriate.

The Board generally requires each submission to demonstrate:

- Concern for the greater public good
- A command of the fundamental principles of good design, including refinement of color, form, scale, material, and craft
- A positive contribution to the order and aesthetic of the physical setting
- Due consideration of its historical, cultural, and environmental factors
- A resolution of basic functional and organizational requirements
AARB General Info
The Board meets at 10:00am on the first Friday of each month.

Electronic submissions must arrive no later than 4:00pm on the Friday two weeks prior to meeting.

Items that should be addressed in presentations:
- Brief description of the project
- Photographs and illustrations
- Relationships to the surrounding community, historic significance, adjacent sites, and agency master plan
- Mass, scale, form, and architectural character
- Previous exhibits if a return visit

Number of projects submitted for fiscal years:
2014: 184
2015: 151
2016: 152

Members 2014:
Sanford Bond
Robert Mills
Faithe Norrell
Burchell Pinnock
Helen Wilson
Calder Loth

Members 2015:
Sanford Bond
Robert Mills
Faithe Norrell*
Burchell Pinnock
Helen Wilson
Calder Loth
Donna Tuten
*Ms. Norrell resigned from the board in April 2015. Donna Tuten was appointed to the position in August 2015.

Members 2016:
Sanford Bond
Robert Mills
Burchell Pinnock
Donna Tuten
Helen Wilson
Calder Loth