

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGN

I. General Information

Meeting Dates: General Business Meeting was held November 29-30, 2005
Meeting Location: Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL
Members Present: Rick Gonzalez, Chair, Ellis Bullock, Sharon Del Bianco, Joyce Shore, Mary Jane Grigsby, Neil Hall and Miguel Rodriguez (absent November 30)
Members Absent: Kenneth Horstmyer, Garrick Gustafson, Stephen Schreiber and Roymi Membiela
Others Present: Juanita Chastain, Terri Estes, Mary Ellen Clark, David Minacci, Trent Manausa, Emory Johnson, Les Smith and other interested parties.

II. Major Issues/Actions

- The board reviewed one architect endorsement application. The applicant requested that the application be withdrawn which the board accepted.
- The board reconsidered an application denial and allowed the applicant to withdraw his application.
- The board reviewed eight architecture certificate of authorization applications. Four were approved, three were approved with a fine as a condition of licensure and one was denied.
- The board reviewed and approved one architect individual application.
- The board reviewed two interior design individual applications. One was approved with a fine as a condition of licensure and one was denied.
- The board reviewed and denied one interior design endorsement application.
- The board reviewed three interior design certificate of authorization applications. One was approved with a fine as a condition of licensure, one was denied and one was tabled.
- The board ratified the continuing education ratification list.
- The board approved the ratification list with the exception of one applicant the prosecuting attorney pulled.
- The board reviewed the June 30, 2005 financial report.
- Ms. Clark presented the rules report.
- The board approved a fee for the reinstatement of a null and void license. Ms. Chastain presented the board with a draft application for reinstatement of a null and void license. The board suggested some minor changes which Ms. Chastain will make and bring back to the board for review.
- The board heard four motions for order waiving formal hearing. Three were tabled and one was accepted.
- The board tabled one hearing on a recommended order.
- The board heard and approved eleven settlement stipulations.
- The board accepted seventy voluntary relinquishments of licensure. These licensees relinquished their license due to the failure to obtain the four hour core curriculum course.
- The board reviewed six continuing education applications. Four applications were approved and two were denied.
- The board discussed the State of Louisiana's request to waive the continuing education requirement for Louisiana residents also licensed in Florida due to Hurricane Katrina's devastation. The board agreed the law does not allow for waiver of continuing education. However, the rule provides for hardship cases and the board will consider the requests on a case by case basis.

- The board discussed the Region 3 draft letter addressed to Raul Rodriguez, Florida Building Commission Chair, opposing the requirement of the two hour advanced building code course. One board member commented the letter was derogatory in tone. Other members were in support of being exempt from the requirement but there was no motion to pursue it further.
- Ms. Del Bianco gave an overview of the Building Code Education and outreach Council meeting.
- Mr. Bruce Dana of the Department of Transportation gave a presentation on electronic signing and sealing.
- The board voted to notice rule language on electronic signing and sealing.
- The board agreed to discuss the architecture and interior design continuing education handbooks at the February 2006 meeting.
- The board voted to reelect Rick Gonzalez Chair and Mary Jane Grigsby Vice-Chair.
- Ms. Vicki Long, Florida American Institute of Architects, attended the meeting and introduced her staff. Ms. Long informed the board she met with Secretary Marstiller and informed her that the number one complaint she hears from association members is regarding the customer contact center. Ms. Long stated she informed Ms. Marstiller that the association and the board have a good working relationship. Ms. Long stated the association has created a task force to research firm ownership and a task force to research mandatory construction administration for possible 2006 legislative changes. She also indicated the association would be supportive of a “retired” architect status. When asked about privatization Ms. Long indicated the association has not discussed language for the 2006 session but that may be an item that they address at a later date.

III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- The board approved language on rule 61G1-16.005, FAC, electronic signing and sealing.
- The board approved the fee for reinstatement of null and void licenses in rule 61G1-17.001, professional fees and penalties for architects and rule 61G1-17.002, professional fees and penalties for interior designers.
- The board agreed on rule language for rule 61G1-23.015, Responsible Supervising Control Over Architectural Practice Outside of the Architect’s Office to address concerns raised by the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee.

IV. Action Required

- Assistant Attorney General to prepare appropriate orders and notice rules.
- Prosecuting Attorney to prepare appropriate disciplinary orders.
- Ms. Chastain to update application for reinstatement of a null and void license.
- The following meeting dates were set:
 - February 22-24, 2006 in Fernandina Beach
 - May 2-3, 2006 in Tampa

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