

MINUTES
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGN

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General Business Meeting
March 12, 2008

Call to Order

Mr. Kuritzky called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Members Present:
Eric Kuritzky, Vice-Chair
Mary Jane Grigsby
E. Windell Hall
Joyce Shore
Wanda Gozdz
John Ehrig

Members Absent:
Roymi Membiela
Rossana Dolan
Garrick Gustafson
Lourdes Solera

Mr. Kuritzky excused the above absences.

Others Present:
Juanita Chastain, Executive Director
Terri Estes, Government Analyst
David Minacci, Prosecuting Attorney
Mary Ellen Clark, Board Counsel
Robert Lence
Luis Lara
Lee Thomas Cooper
Carlos Varela
Edgar Del Aguila

Application Review

Robert J. Lence, Architect, Inc.
Certificate of Authorization
Mr. Lence was on the line. Mr. Minacci commented that Mr. Lence has complied with the requirements imposed in the settlement stipulation.

MOTION: Eric Kuritzky moved to approve the application.

SECOND: John Ehrig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Luis A. Lara
Architecture Examination

Mr. Lara was on the line. Mr. Minacci commented that Mr. Lara had complied with the final order.

MOTION: Ms. Grigsby moved to approve the application.

SECOND: Ms Shore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Lee Thomas Cooper
Architecture Endorsement

Mr. Cooper was on the line. Mr. Kuritzky asked if the board had approved the Texas IDP as equivalent to the NCARB IDP.

Ms. Chastain replied that the application was before the board for that purpose. She indicated Mr. Cooper is currently licensed in Texas and that he went through the Texas IDP program. She further stated that she contacted the Texas executive director and was told that the Texas IDP program mimics the NCARB program. However, NCARB will not give him a certificate because they did not track his IDP. To get the NCARB IDP record he would have to start over and earn the three years under the NCARB IDP.

Ms. Estes stated staff reviewed the programs and they appear to be equivalent.

Mr. Kuritzky asked if they first had to approve the program as equivalent and Ms. Clark stated that she thought they could approve in one motion under endorsement.

MOTION: Mr. Ehrig moved to approve the application.

SECOND: Mr. Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Carlos Varela
Architecture Examination

Ms. Chastain indicated that the application was before the board because of his answer to the background question.

Mr. Varela indicated that there had been no further incidents.

Ms. Clark asked Mr. Varela to explain the charges and how the matter was resolved. Mr. Varela stated that when he was 17 he was attacked and beaten very badly by a gang. He indicated that a few days latter he saw one of the gang members pass in front of his car and he accelerated his car and struck him on the leg. Mr. Varela was charged with aggravated battery. He took a plea bargain of no contest but adjudication was withheld with special conditions. He indicated he had fulfilled all of the special conditions.

Ms. Clark stated that the reason the board needs to know the facts of the incident is to determine if it relates to the practice of architecture.

MOTION: Ms. Grigsby moved to approve the application.

SECOND: Mr. Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Paul Lewis McKeever
Architecture Examination

Mr. McKeever was not present. Ms. Chastain explained that the application was before the board because Mr. McKeever answered yes to the background question.

Ms. Estes stated that there was a letter of explanation in the file from Mr. McKeever.

MOTION: Mr. Ehrig moved to approve the application.

SECOND: Ms. Shore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Edgar Del Aguila
Architecture Examination

Mr. Del Aguilla was online. Ms. Chastain explained that the application was before the board because Mr. Del Aguila answered yes to the background question.

Marc James Durkee
Interior Design Endorsement

Ms. Chastain stated that Mr. Durkee requested that the application be continued for further consultant review and that he waived his application processing time frame.

MOTION: Ms. Grigsby moved to continue the application.

SECOND: Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion

Ms. Grigsby indicated she would not be able to attend the May board meeting.

Ms. Chastain informed the board that the May meeting will be held in St. Petersburg at the Hampton Inn and the October meeting will be held in Ft. Lauderdale at the Embassy Suites.

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.