

MINUTES
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGN

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

August 30, 2005

11:00 A.M. Eastern Time

Toll Free 888.461.8118 or Direct 850.414.5775

Call to Order

Mr. Gonzalez, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Rick Gonzalez, Chair

Ellis Bullock

Miguel Rodriguez

Neil Hall

Stephen Schreiber

Mary Jane Grigsby, Vice-Chair

Kenneth Horstmyer

Garrick Gustafson

Roymi Membiela

Joyce Shore

Sharon Del Bianco

Others Present:

Mary Ellen Clark, Board Counsel

David Minacci, Prosecuting Attorney

Juanita Chastain, Executive Director

Terri Estes, Board staff

Jerry Hicks

Les Smith

Miodrag Janjic

Dennis Childs

Allan Shulman

Anthony Demattei

Gustavo Carbonell

Michael Hajjar

Kristen Jones

Application Review

Architecture Certificate of Authorization

Allan T. Shulman Architect PA

Mr. Shulman was present. Mr. Hicks presented the application and commented that the application was for board review for possible practice prior to receipt of the certificate of authorization and a fine may be due. Mr. Shulman apologized for the oversight and commented that he was not aware of the requirement since he had a tax person prepare the paperwork. Mr. Shulman commented that he was the only architect but was expanding his business.

Motion: Mr. Bullock moved to approve the application with a \$500 fine as a condition of licensure.

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

Blunk Demattei Associates, Inc.

Mr. Demattei was present. Mr. Minacci advised the board that the firm was issued a citation and they had complied by paying the fine and the matter was closed. He requested that the board approve the application.

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved to approve the application.

Second: Ms. Membiela seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Childs Group, Inc.

Mr. Childs was present. Mr. Hicks presented the application and commented that the application reflected that the firm practiced prior to receiving the certificate of authorization. Mr. Childs commented that he was not aware that he needed the certificate of authorization and submitted the application as soon as he was aware of the requirement.

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved to approve the application with a \$500 fine as a condition of licensure.

Second: Mr. Schreiber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Gustavo J. Carbonell Architect Planner, PA

Mr. Carbonell was present. Mr. Hicks presented the application and commented that the application reflected that the firm practiced prior to receiving the certificate of authorization. Mr. Carbonell commented that he hired an attorney and accountant to prepare the corporation papers and was not aware that he needed a certificate of authorization since his full name was in the title of the firm. He commented that once he became aware of the requirement he made application for the certificate of authorization.

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved to approve the application with a \$500 fine as a condition of licensure.

Second: Mr. Schreiber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Herscoe Hajjar Architects, Inc.

Mr. Hajjar was present. Mr. Hicks presented the application and commented that the application reflected that the firm practiced prior to receiving the certificate of authorization. Mr. Hajjar commented that when he applied for his occupational license he was made aware of the certificate of authorization requirement. He commented that he was not aware of the requirement and made application immediately.

Motion: Ms. Membiela moved to approve the application with a \$500 fine as a condition of licensure.

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

Luis O. Revuelta, PA

No one was present. Mr. Hicks presented the application and commented that the application reflected that the firm practiced prior to receiving the certificate of authorization. Mr. Minacci commented that there was an open disciplinary case regarding the individual. Ms. Estes confirmed that the application could be tabled until the next telephone conference call.

Mr. Minacci advised the board that Mr. Revuelta's personal license would be suspended in a few weeks due to no response of a citation for the Florida Building Code. Ms. Clark advised the board to table or deny the application.

Motion: Mr. Schreiber moved to deny the application.

Second: Mr. Bullock seconded the motion.

Mr. Minacci advised the board that if Mr. Revuelta paid the citation and took the Code course then the suspension would be lifted. He advised that this was not an egregious offense. He commented that there was a communication break down but thought the issue could be resolved before the September telephone conference call.

The motion was revised.

Motion: Mr. Schreiber moved to table the application.

Second: Mr. Bullock seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

URS Corporation

Ms. Jones was present. Mr. Hicks presented the application and commented that the application reflected that the firm practiced prior to receiving the certificate of authorization. He commented that there was additional information stating that no architectural services were offered. Mr. Gonzalez disagreed and stated that they were a large firm and they were practicing in his area.

Ms. Estes advised the board that URS Corporation Southern had a certificate of authorization.

Ms. Jones was present and advised that she was an officer of the firm. She advised the board that they had companies authorized to practice in Florida, one of which was URS Corporation Southern. Mr. Gonzalez asked which firm was practicing in the Miami area. Ms. Jones replied that URS Corporation Southern was the firm practicing in the Miami and Palm Beach area and they were Florida licensed.

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved to approve the application.

Second: Mr. Schreiber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Architecture Endorsement

Alfonzo McClinton

No one was present. Mr. Hicks presented the application and commented that Mr. McClinton did not have the required degree. Ms. Estes advised the board that Mr. McClinton received a Bachelor of Science in Architecture and she contacted the institution and they confirmed it was a 4 year degree. Ms. Clark advised that the applicant was applying pursuant to Chapter 481.213(3)(a) and 481.209(1), Florida Statutes which requires the minimum educational standards.

Motion: Mr. Schreiber moved to deny because the applicant did not meet the minimum education standards as set for in Chapter 481.213(3)(a) and 481.209(1), Florida Statutes.

Second: Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Miodrag Janjic

Mr. Janjic was present. Mr. Hicks advised the board the Mr. Janjic's application was reviewed on the June 28, 2005 telephone conference call and the board advised him to obtain a NAAB education evaluation. He commented that Mr. Janjic provided additional information for the board to review.

Ms. Estes confirmed that Mr. Janjic was advised to contact CCAC and CACB to determine if there was an agreement between them regarding the education. She commented that Mr. Janjic contacted CACB and was not able to obtain a letter but provided some additional information from their web site regarding his education and dilemma obtaining the verification.

Mr. Janjic commented that contacted he CACB and was not able to obtain the agreement certification because he obtained his registration 10 months after the deadline even though he meets the requirements.

Ms. Clark read the statutes and rules and determined that Mr. Janjic met the requirements with the exception of education. Ms. Clark referred the board to Rule 61G1-13.003(7), Florida Administrative Code which states, applicants who have graduated from professional schools and colleges of architecture whose architecture programs were accredited by the CACB at the date of graduation and have received a professional degree as set forth in subsection (2), shall, for educational evaluation purposes, be treated the same as graduates of NAAB schools, as set forth in Section 481.209(1)(b)1., Florida Statutes.

Mr. Rodriguez commented that CACB has not certified the degree as equivalent to a CACB degree. He commented that until that happened they would not be able to act upon the application based on Florida's laws and rules.

Mr. Janjic stated that if he was registered before January 1992 he would be able to obtain the certificate from CACB with no problem but he was not registered until October 1992.

Mr. Schreiber advised that he could contact CACB or NAAB and have an evaluation performed. Mr. Rodriguez advised Mr. Janjic that the board must have the degree certified as equivalent either by CACB or NAAB. He commented that the board could not approve the application without that information.

Mr. Janjic requested that his application be continued and waived the Chapter 120.60, Florida Statute application processing rights.

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved to table until they hear back from CACB or NAAB regarding the assessment of Mr. Janjic's education with a limit of one year.

Second: Mr. Schreiber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ratification Lists

Licensure list (faxed/e-mailed)

Interior Design Applicants by Endorsement

Items 2-6

Interior Design Businesses

Items 7-13

Architecture Applicants by Passage of Examination

Items 14-24

Architecture by Endorsement

Items 25-87

Architecture Businesses

Items 88-110

Ms. Chastain pulled item 103.

Architecture Business Name Change

Items 111-115

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved to approve the ratification list as presented and pulled item 103.

Second: Ms. Grigsby seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion/For information

Rule 61G1-23 Letter from Mary Ellen Clark to Suzanne Printy

Letter from Department of Community Affairs, Continuing Education Credit

NCARB, Executive Summary August 2005

E-mail from North Carolina Board regarding continuing education

Reciprocity

Letter from Peter Bloomfield to NCARB

Letter from Scot Di Stefano

E-mail from Jane Grosslight regarding continuing education providers

Ms. Clark confirmed that Rule 61G1-23 was for information.

Mr. Bullock was going to attend the upcoming NCARB meeting. Mr. Bullock commented that he talked with AIA about creating an online continuing education course for the Florida Building Code advanced course.

The board requested that the architecture and interior design continuing education handbook rules be noticed for development.

Ms. Chastain advised the board that Georgia will not automatically accept other states continuing education and that Florida was not the only jurisdiction having the issue.

Ms. Chastain commented that the letter from Mr. Di Stefano was that he was concerned that his disciplinary issue would remain on the web indefinitely. Mr. Minacci commented that he advised Mr. Di Stefano that the board's direction was discipline was to remain public information and available. He advised Mr. Di Stefano that others had requested the same and the board had not granted their requests.

Ms. Chastain advised that she place Ms. Grosslight's e-mail on the board agenda for review when they reviewed the handbooks.

Addendum

Application Review

Peter Rott

Mr. Rott was not present. Mr. Hicks presented that application and commented that Mr. Rott's degree was a 4 plus 3 degree. He commented that it was not NAAB accredited until 1996. Ms. Clark referred the board to the Rule 61G1-13.003, Florida Administrative Code. Mr. Hicks commented that his program did meet the requirements. Mr. Rodriguez commented that he would need to have a NAAB evaluation performed to state that the degree was equivalent.

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved to table the application until the September telephone conference call.

Second: Ms. Grigsby seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

The board set the following meetings:

September 26, 2005 11:00 a.m. telephone conference call

October 24-26, 2005 location Fernandina Beach

December 1, 2005 10:00 a.m. telephone conference call

January 17, 2006 11:00 a.m. telephone conference call

February 22-24, 2006 location Tampa

Old Business

No old business.

Adjourn

Motion: Ms. Del Bianco moved to adjourn.

Second: Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.