

MINUTES  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGN

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

April 17, 2020

9:00 a.m. Eastern Time

Toll Free (888) 585-9008 - conference pass code 491089625

**Call to Order**

Mr. Jernigan called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and a quorum was established.

Members Present:

G. Steve Jernigan, Chair  
John Ehrig  
Miguel Rodriguez  
Aida Bao-Garciga  
Ivette O'Doski  
Dylan Rivers  
Holly Dennis, Vice- Chair

Members Absent:

Francisco Costoya, unexcused  
Timothy Nolen, unexcused  
Jonathan Toppe, unexcused

Others Present:

Robert Milne, Board Counsel  
David Minacci, Prosecuting Attorney  
Amanda "Mandie" Ackermann, Executive Director  
Terri McEwen, Government Analyst  
Vicki Long, AIA Florida  
David Roberts, Esq., Partner, Nortelus Roberts Group  
Dr. Ann Roccon, ASID Florida South Chapter President  
Other interested parties

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**Application Review**

Leon Lawson – NCARB Endorsement

Mr. Lawson meets the licensure requirements. The application was before the board based on affirmative answers to background questions. After board discussion, the following motion was made.

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved to approve the application for licensure.  
Second: Mr. Rivers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### Stephen Oliver – NCARB Endorsement

Mr. Oliver meets the licensure requirements. The application was before the board based on affirmative answers to background questions. After board discussion, the following motion was made.

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved to approve the application for licensure.  
Second: Ms. Bao-Garciga seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### William Worthington – NCARB Endorsement

Mr. Worthington meets the licensure requirements. The application was before the board based on affirmative answers to background questions. After board discussion, the following motion was made.

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved to approve the application for licensure.  
Second: Ms. Bao-Garciga seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### Kurt Hereld – State Endorsement

Mr. Hereld was present and the application was before the board based on failing to meet the education requirements. After board discussion, Mr. Hereld requested that his application be amended to NCARB Endorsement.

### **Voluntary Relinquishment**

#### Gerald Vermey

Mr. Vermey was not present or represented by counsel. Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Nolen were recused from the review of the case based on their participation on the Probable Cause Panel. The case was before the board based on Mr. Vermey failing to exercise responsible supervisory control and signing and sealing plans that were not properly detailed. Mr. Minacci reported that Mr. Vermey had pending projects and requested that the board allow him to complete the projects. The board agreed.

Motion: Mr. Ehrig moved to accept the voluntary relinquishment.  
Second: Ms. O'Doski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Minutes**

#### July 22, 2019 – Probable Cause Panel

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved that the board accept the minutes as presented.  
Second: Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

July 23-24, 2019 – General Business

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved that the board approve the minutes as presented.  
Second: Ms. Bao-Garciga seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

January 30, 2020 – Probable Cause Panel

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved that the board accept the minutes as presented.  
Second: Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

January 31, 2020 – General Business

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved that the board approve the minutes as presented.  
Second: Ms. Bao-Garciga seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Ratification List**

Licensure

*Architect licensed by Initial Examination, Architect licensed by NCARB Examination Registration, Architect licensed by NCARB Endorsement, Architect licensed by State Endorsement, Architect licensed by Direct Endorsement, Architect licensed by Null and Void Hardship, Architect licensed by Name Change, Architect Business licensed by Corporation, Fictitious Name, Partnership, Limited Liability, Architect Business license by Name Change, Interior Designer licensed by Endorsement, Interior Designer licensed by Dual AR/ID Endorsement, Interior Designer licensed by Null and Void Hardship, Interior Design Business licensed by Corporation, Limited Liability, and Dual AA/IB Registration.*

Mr. Rodriguez requested to be recused because he had a business license on the ratification list.

Motion: Mr. Ehrig moved that the board approve the list as presented.  
Second: Ms. Dennis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Discussion**

NCARB Regional Summit 2020 report

Mr. Rodriguez reported that the meeting was held in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Regional meetings were held and Mr. Rodriguez was re-elected as Regional 3 Vice-Chair. Texas submitted a letter of concern regarding NCARB reviewing disciplinary cases based on state disciplinary actions. NCARB was taken action against certificate holders. The NCARB Board will review and report back regarding those procedures. The upcoming Annual Meeting is pending if it will be held in person. Mr. Jernigan reported that he enjoyed attending his first meeting. Ms. Ackerman reported that she enjoyed attending her first meeting because it was a learning experience regarding NCARB. Mr. Rivers reported that NCARB provided relevant information for practitioners, executive directors, and consumer members.

## **Rules Report**

Mr. Milne and Ms. Ackermann reported that they were working on the rules regarding House Bill 1193.

## **Reports**

Board Chair – G. Steven Jernigan

Mr. Jernigan again stated that he appreciated attending the NCARB Region meeting.

Executive Director – Amanda “Mandie” Ackermann

Ms. Ackermann thanked everyone for attending the meeting by telephone conference. She reported that House Bill 1193 passed and is ready for the Governor’s signature with an effective date of July 1, 2020. An implementation plan is in place and she will work with Mr. Milne regarding the rules impacted by the bill.

AIA Florida – Vicki Long

Ms. Long reported that, Senate Bill 1124/House Bill 707, the Sunset Bill for all professions failed to pass. The Consultant’s Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) continuing contract maximum threshold was amended from \$2 million to \$4 million and studies at \$500,000. The Sea Level Rise Bill passed and that required studies must be completed prior to the conception being financed by states. She reported that House Bill 1193 required 2 hours of wind mitigation education prior to licensure for endorsement and 2 hours of advanced or specialized courses on the Florida Building Code. Due to COVID19, AIA Florida has minimal staff attending the office and others are teleworking. Their hot topics were updated to reflect the offering of continuing education, free of charge, and utilized technology to insure that attendees stay connected. AIA Florida is deciding whether to hold their upcoming Annual Conference and will update the board as soon as possible. AIA Florida requested that an architect be appointed to the Governor’s Task Force regarding re-opening Florida businesses. AIA Florida is working with the Governor’s Office regarding board appointments and reported that they will not be addressed soon.

ASID – David Roberts

Mr. Roberts reported House Bill 1193 regarding the deregulation of interior designer will revise the statute to a voluntary registration. Registered Interior Designers will be required to provide proof of passing the NCIDQ examination. The bill removed the requirement for an interior design business licensed. There will be a provision that will allow prior licensed interior designers be grandfathered under this provision.

Prosecuting Attorney – David K. Minacci

- 1). Prosecutor’s Case List – License and Unlicensed
- 2). Investigator’s Case List – Licensed and Unlicensed
- 3). Fines Chart – Summary
- 4). Fines Chart – Licensed
- 5). Fines Chart – Unlicensed
- 6). Billable Hours – December 2019
- 7). Billable Hours – January 2020
- 8). Billable Hours – February 2020
- 9). Results of January 31, 2020 Board Meeting

### **Future Board Meeting Dates and Locations**

July 7-8, 2020 –Palm Beach, meeting in conjunction with Florida AIA

July 7, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – Probable Cause Panel Meeting

July 8, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – General Business Meeting

The Breakers Palm Beach, 1 S County Road, Palm Beach, Florida 33480

(561) 655-6611

October 22-23, 2020 – St. Petersburg

October 22, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – Probable Cause Panel Meeting

October 23, 2020, 9:00 a.m. - General Business Meeting

Hampton Inn & Suites St. Petersburg Downtown

(727) 892-9900

### **New Business**

No new business.

### **Old Business**

No old business.

### **Adjourn**

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Ms. Bao-Garciga seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.