Call to Order

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Board Members Present

Paul Davis, Chairman
Elizabeth Gillick, Vice Chair
Collene Walter
Elizabeth Marshall-Beasley
Phillip Graham

Others Present

Juanita Chastain, Executive Director
Barbara Edwards, Board Counsel
Linda Tinsley, Government Analyst
Charles Pellegrini, Prosecuting Attorney
Brian Higgins, Prosecuting Attorney
Tammy Cook
Jack Lieber
David Nam
Townsley Schwab
Sue Habershaw, Court Reporter (850-385-9426)

Recommended Order

Mannie F. Maestre: Case number 2001-07136

Mr. Maestre was not present at the meeting and was not represented by counsel.

Ms. Gillick and Ms. Marshall-Beasley were recused due to their participation on the probable cause panel.

Mr. Pellegrini presented the case as a Recommended Order. Mr. Pellegrini advised the board that the case was before them for consideration of the
Administrative Law Judge’s Recommended Order and the Petitioners Exception to the Recommended Order. He stated that in the Recommended Order the Administrative Law Judge found that the Respondent violated Section 481.325(1)(g)(j), Florida Statutes, and recommended the imposition of a one thousand dollar ($1000.00) fine for each of the violations. Mr. Pellegrini advised the board that the Administrative Law Judge also found that the Respondent did not violate Section 481.325 (1)(K), Florida Statutes, through a violation of Section 481.319, Florida Statutes, failing to obtain a certificate of authorization for Tropicare Landscape, Inc.

Mr. Pellegrini advised the board that the Department requests that the board accept the Administrative Law Judge’s Recommended Order except that the board should enhance the penalties applicable to the violations found based on aggravating circumstance and that the board reject the Recommended Orders conclusion of law that the Respondent did not violate Section 481.325(1)(k), Florida Statutes, and penalize Respondent accordingly.

Ms. Edwards addressed the board and recommended that the findings of fact of the Administrative Law Judge should be adopted as the findings of fact and conclusions of law in the Recommended Order should be adopted as the findings of fact and conclusions of law with the exception of 40. Ms. Edwards stated that the Administrative Law Judge spelled out the penalties in 40. Ms. Edwards stated that the penalties could be revocation, a two thousand dollar ($2,000.00) fine or two (2) years probation with conditions, and a two thousand dollar ($2000.00) fine. Ms. Edwards stated that Mr. Maestre aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of landscape architecture.

After discussion the board made the following motion.

**MOTION:** Ms. Walter made a motion to fine in concurrence with the Administrative Law Judge’s recommendations as outlined but due to the aggravating circumstances including harm done to the public that the board modify the fine from one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) to twenty five hundred dollars ($2,500.00) per violation and that we include the following conditions of approval: his landscape architect license be temporarily suspended until he completes a minimum four (4) hour continuing education course in the professional practice of landscape architecture and a minimum four (4) hour continuing education course in the practice of site planning above the normal continuing education requirements for renewal and either obtains a certificate of authorization for Tropicare, Inc or severs his relationship with said corporation. Respondent must appear before the board when he has completed all of the conditions before his license is re-instmted.
SECOND: Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of February 6, 2004 Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Gillick made a motion to approve the minutes as printed.

SECOND: Ms. Walter seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Application Review

J. Roland Lieber

Mr. Lieber was present at the meeting and was not represented by counsel.

Mr. Davis stated that Mr. Lieber had applied for a certificate of authorization and the application reflects practice prior to licensure.

Mr. Lieber advised the board that in January of 2003 the corporation was changed to J Roland Lieber PLLC. He stated that they sent an application in January of 2003 to obtain a new number or to change the PA number. In September of 2003 he received a letter from the Department stating additional information was needed and the application was not correctly downloaded. He stated that a new application was sent in September of 2003. Mr. Lieber advised the board that in February 17, 2004 his office spoke to Mary Dumas in regards to their application because they had heard nothing regarding their application. He stated that Ms. Dumas told them there was nothing on file for J. Roland Lieber PLLC Landscape Architect. He stated that Ms. Dumas advised them that the next board meeting was March 12, 2004 and to send to her attention copies of the application. He stated that the application and additional information was sent February 25, 2004 Federal Express to Ms. Dumas. Mr. Lieber stated that he received a letter on April 20, 2004 from Linda Tinsley requesting his presence at the May 7, 2004 board meeting which was cancelled.

Ms. Walter stated that Mr. Lieber was a corporation practicing in accordance with the laws and that he got caught in a debacle trying to change the name of the corporation.

After discussion the board made the following motion.

MOTION: Ms. Gillick made a motion to grant the certificate of authorization to Mr. Lieber as soon as possible without delay.
SECOND:  Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated that she wanted to re-visit the problem with Mary Dumas.

Mr. Davis stated in her defense Ms. Dumas had been re-structured into a different work group. He stated before re-engineering she was the sole person that received all of the applications and correspondence for the board. Mr. Davis stated that now there are a half of dozen people processing applications and the applications do not go directly to Mary any longer.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley asked if there was a way to put the people on notice that the board has zero tolerance for lost applications.

Ms. Chastain stated that she would speak to the Division Director and express the board’s concerns concerning lost or missing applications.

Review of Continuing Education Providers and Courses

American Society of Landscape Architecture/Florida Chapter
Case Studies in Sustainable Florida Land Design – 1 hour
Wetland Mitigation Banking – 1 hour
Non-Profit Institute – 1 hour
Landscape Irrigation Auditing – 1 hour
Florida Statutes and Constitutional Provisions Related to Landscape Practice – 2 hours

Ms. Walter advised the board that the first five course applications had been submitted by the Florida Chapter of the ASLA for the annual meeting in July. She stated that all of the applications were complete and four of the applications are for optional continuing education credit and one is for two credit hours for laws and rules. Ms. Walter stated that all of the information submitted is complete and she recommended approval of the five (5) courses.

MOTION:  Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the five (5) courses submitted by the Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architecture.

SECOND:  Ms. Gillick seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

University of Florida, Department of Landscape Architecture
Learning to LEED- 16 hours
(Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)
Ms. Walter stated that the University of Florida had submitted a course application entitled Learning to LEED and they are requesting sixteen (16) continuing education credits. She stated that they had provided a detailed outline for the course and it covers a lot of information related to green building, energy efficiency, and environmental design. She stated that they had provided all of the information requested including the resumes for the instructors and the course evaluation form as a resource material. She stated that she had reviewed the application and recommended approval.

MOTION: Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the course submitted by the University of Florida, Department of Landscape Architecture Learning to LEED.

SECOND: Ms. Marshall-Beasley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

University of Florida Cooperative Extension
Mangrove Maintenance Short Course – 5 hours

Ms. Walter advised the board that the next course was submitted by the University of Florida Cooperative Extension, Mangrove Maintenance Short Course. She stated they had offered the course in the past and they were requesting five (5) continuing education credits. She stated that the course would be offered on June 18, 2004. She stated that in reviewing the course outline they do cover the laws and rules as it relates to Mangrove Trimming and Preservation Act, therefore she recommended that the course be considered for one (1) continuing education credit for laws and rules and four (4) continuing education credits for optional credits for a total of five (5) continuing education credits. Ms. Walter stated that the application is complete.

Ms. Marshall–Beasley asked if there was another way to get one (1) credit for laws and rules. She stated she did not see the advantage to giving one (1) credit.

Ms. Walter stated that the licensee can always exceed the laws and rules credits. She stated that the minimum requirement is two (2) continuing education credits.

MOTION: Ms. Walter made a motion to approve the University of Florida Cooperative Extension course Mangrove Maintenance Short Course for four (4) optional credits and one (1) continuing education credit for laws and rules.

SECOND: Ms. Marshall-Beasley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
Ms. Walter stated that Cad Tech Seminars, LLC had submitted a provider application as well as two (2) course applications. She stated that she visited the web site for Cad Tech Seminars to find out some background information. She stated that they are a well known organization and they offer continuing education for many of the other disciplines including Landscape Architecture. She stated that they have submitted two (2) course applications. She stated that the workbook was submitted in the agenda material. She stated that they had submitted all the required material. She stated that she recommended approval of the provider application and the two (2) courses submitted by Cad Tech Seminars, LLC.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gillick made a motion to approve the provider application for Cad Tech Seminars, LLC.

**SECOND:** Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gillick made a motion to approve the two (2) course applications submitted by Cad Tech Seminars, LLC for seven (7) optional continuing education credits.

**SECOND:** Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Louis V. Mills – Responding to Notice of Intent to Deny**

Mr. Davis advised the board that Dr. Mills had submitted material certifying that he had been teaching a course in Landscape Architecture. He stated that Dr. Mills had the Department Chair confirm that he had been teaching the course. Mr. Davis stated that this fulfills the requirement.

Ms. Edwards stated that the Notice of Intent to Deny went out on November 7, 2003 and Dr. Mills had twenty one (21) days to respond. She stated that the letter was dated March 12, 2004 which was beyond the twenty one days. Ms. Edwards stated that the letter seemed to be sufficient to fulfill the requirement.

Mr. Davis stated that the order was sent January 22, 2004.

Ms. Walter asked Ms. Edwards if the board had the authority to act on the request from Dr. Mills.
Ms. Edwards stated that she would do a substitute order for denial or approval.

**MOTION:** Ms. Marshall –Beasley made a motion to direct board counsel to prepare an amended order and grant Dr. Mills request for continuing education credit.

**SECOND:** Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Rules**

**Rule 61G10-11.0035, F.A.C. – Letter from JAPC**

Ms. Edwards advised the board to review the addendum. She stated that she had provided language that took out the offending language. She stated that she needed the board to give final approval to move forward.

**MOTION:** Ms. Marshall-Beasley made a motion to direct Ms. Edwards to move forward with Rule 61G10-11.0035, F.A.C.

**SECOND:** Ms. Gillick seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Draft Language for Rule 61G10-18.003**

Mr. Davis asked the board if there were any comments on the language submitted by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Walter commented that she thought it was well written and to the point.

Ms. Edwards asked Ms. Chastain if the language had been approved.

Ms. Chastain stated that if the letter was to be sent out by the Continuing Education Department it would have to be approved by the communications office.

Ms. Walter stated that this was not draft language to change the rule but a letter to be sent out to explain the rule.

Ms. Edwards stated that it was.

Ms. Edwards asked that the board approve the letter so Ms. Chastain could submit the letter, after approval by the board, to the department for approval.

**MOTION:** Ms. Graham made a motion to approve the letter as presented.
SECOND: Ms. Marshall-Beasley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

Florida Building Code Commission Meeting, April 20, 2004 – Paul Davis

Mr. Davis stated that he attended the Florida Building Code Commission meeting held April 20, 2004. He stated that there was a presentation by Hilton Meadows that pretty much stated what the board’s view might be on the adoption of the new Florida Building Code. He stated that it will be reviewed every three years and basically Landscape Architecture is mentioned as a profession in the code.

Mr. Graham stated that he wanted to thank everyone involved in the process. He stated that there was an article in Landscape Architect Specifier News regarding this accomplishment in the State of Florida.

Mr. Nam thanked the board for their kind words.

Letter to CLARB from Barbara Edwards

Ms. Edwards advised the board that this was the letter the board had asked her to write to CLARB expressing the board’s concern about not being able to find certain things on CLARB’s web site. She stated that Florida is one of those jurisdictions that requires pre-approval to take the exam and CLARB stated that they would have a list on their web site and it could not be found. Ms. Edwards stated that the board was concerned and she wrote the letter and CLARB responded.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated that she did not understand the response.

Ms. Edwards stated that they did not like getting the letter from her and wanted the letter on board letterhead. She stated that the letter stated that the board had signed a contract with CLARB.

Mr. Davis stated that the board contracts with CLARB to prepare the licensing exam.

Ms. Edwards stated that the letter states that candidates can apply directly through the contractor or be processed through the Department and be sent to the contractor.

Ms. Chastain stated that a candidate can go directly to CLARB and take their sections and the candidate can still get licensed in Florida. She stated that the
board’s intent was not that everyone had to come to the board for approval. She stated that the board wanted applicants to know that if they test through CLARB that they will not necessarily get a Florida license.

Ms. Gillick stated that was correct and the board wanted to make that clear.

Mr. Davis stated that the board should request that Mr. Penrod post on the CLARB web site of the need to contact the Florida board in order to initiate the licensing process.

Ms. Gillick stated that the board had board counsel write a letter and maybe the board Chair should write a letter.

Ms. Edwards stated that she could draft a letter and put it on board letterhead and have the chair and board counsel sign the letter.

Mr. Davis stated that he would participate in the process.

Ms. Chastain stated that she and Ms. Edwards could meet with the Bureau of Education and Testing. She stated that she was concerned that the second paragraph may not be entirely correct.

Ms. Edwards stated that basically the board was asking to be on the list.

Ms. Chastain advised Ms. Edwards that the second paragraph of her letter states that Florida Statutes require that persons desiring initial licensure in Florida must be approved to take the examination by the state board, prior to taking the examination. She stated if that is the case the way their site would read would be different than if it is just the fact that we want people to know that if an individual takes the exam that does not automatically mean that individual will automatically be licensed in Florida.

Ms. Gillick stated that Ms. Chastain’s suggestion was excellent and CLARB misunderstood what the board wanted to clarify and Ms. Edwards sitting with Ms. Chastain and the Bureau of Testing is imperative to get it right.

Ms. Walter advised the board that she was signing off of the conference call.

**Correspondence from Barbara Edwards to Laura Gaffney**

Ms. Edwards advised the board that she had sent the letter to Ms. Gaffney outlining what the board had done to the applicants that were applying for a license and had been practicing without a license. She stated that the board had assessed certain penalties and the board wanted to assure that they were not double penalized.
Ms. Chastain advised the board that after the March 12, 2004 meeting she had e-mailed Ms. Gaffney asking for clarification and her response is included in the agenda. Ms. Chastain stated that Ms. Gaffney’s response addresses the board’s concerns.

Ms. Gillick asked Ms. Chastain if Ms. Gaffney felt the board was fair.

Ms. Chastain stated that Ms. Gaffney felt the board was fair in their decisions.

**Correspondence to Mr. Thorndyke from Barbara Edwards**

Ms. Edwards advised the board that Mr. Thorndyke had not responded to her letter.

**Ratification List**

Mr. Davis reviewed the ratification list with the board.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gillick made a motion to approve the following applicants on the ratification list.

**SECOND:** Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Certificate of Authorization**


**Business Name Change**

From: Powers & Merritt, Inc. (LC 299), to: Powers Design Powers Mackey Reidenbach & Lanehart

**Exam**


**Reports**

**Chair’s Report – Paul Davis**
Mr. Davis advised the board that he had been appointed to the continuing education committee at the CLARB spring meeting in Chicago. He stated that the knowledge and skill assessment is being reviewed and prepared again. Mr. Davis stated that the same undercurrents of discussion how CLARB is consolidating at the expense of the rights and privileges of individual States. He stated that this is particularly true in the southern region. He stated there is correspondence and e-mails going back and forth on requirements for licensure.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley asked if there was any discussion on the pass rates.

Ms. Chastain stated that she had asked for those statistics but she had not received a response.

Ms. Gillick asked Mr. Davis if there was a committee for the individual state regarding consolidation and how it would detract from their individual requirements.

Mr. Davis stated that it could go before the governance committee. He stated that the governance committee is looking at a complete restructuring. Mr. Davis stated that when he prepared his report he would include some of that information.

Ms. Gillick stated that there are quite a few states that are concerned with CLARB. Ms. Gillick stated that the board did not need to compromise their standards.

Mr. Davis suggested CLARB adopt Florida’s continuing education program.

Mr. Graham stated that CLARB wants to take a little bit more and be more powerful.

Ms. Gillick stated that Florida and Massachusetts are the only States with a separate Bureau of Testing.

Mr. Davis stated that the testing is a burden for a lot of States.

Mr. Davis stated that one objection that was raised was the idea of CLARB being involved in continuing education at all.

**Executive Director’s Report – Juanita Chastain**

Ms. Chastain advised the board that the Department was at the end of the fiscal year and the board members needed to send in their travel vouchers.
She stated that she had a list of the board members who needed to submit travel and she reviewed the list with the board.

Ms. Chastain advised the board that the next meeting was July 30, 2004 in Daytona Beach at the Adams Mark Resort.

**Prosecuting Attorney’s Report - Brian Higgins**

Mr. Higgins asked the probable cause panel members if they were available June 8, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

The members stated that they were available.

**Board Counsel’s Report – Barbara Edwards**

Ms. Edwards advised the board that she had no report.

**For the Board’s Information**

**Letter to Mr. James T. Penrod**

Ms. Chastain advised the board that this was the letter the board asked her to write to Mr. Penrod and she had not yet received a response.

**Letter to Mr. Bruce Howard**

Ms. Chastain advised the board that this letter was put on the agenda for their information.

**Complaint Report**

**Licensure Count**

Ms. Chastain advised the board that the complaint report and the licensure count was included in their agenda.

**Discussion - Addendum**

**Bill to Upgrade Unlicensed Practice of Law to a Felony – Elizabeth Marshall-Beasley**

Ms. Chastain stated that Ms. Marshall-Beasley requested that this item be put on the agenda as a discussion item and it coincides with her item under new business unlicensed activity.
Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated that she read an article in the bar journal that states that the bar is ready to upgrade their unlicensed activity to felony status.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated that she has been told by other Landscape Architects in Palm Beach County how much unlicensed activity is really going on. She stated that people are advertising on web sites and people are stamping and signing from other professions. She stated that individuals are holding themselves out as Landscape Architects and they are not licensed.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated that if the individual gets caught they are not punished enough and it is no big deal.

Ms. Edwards stated that if a Geologist is signing and sealing things that a Geologist cannot sign and seal that is practicing beyond the scope and they can be reported to the Geology board. She stated that the individual can also be reported for unlicensed activity.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated that if an individual signs and seals someone else’s plans for them what can the board do to be more effective than what the board does now.

Mr. Higgins advised the board that they could re-write the rule to raise the fine and add probation suspension and revocation.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated that unlicensed activity is not taken seriously.

Ms. Edwards stated that maybe the board wants to look at the disciplinary guidelines and consider some changes.

Mr. Davis stated that a one thousand ($1,000.00) dollar fine for someone who is making eighty thousand ($80,000.00) a year is not a significant amount.

Ms. Edwards stated that she would put together a matrix for them of the disciplinary guidelines for the next meeting and the board can decide after review if they want to change the penalties.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated she would like to have dialogue with the other boards to state the board takes this problem very seriously.

Ms. Chastain stated that she had approached this problem with the prosecuting attorney with Architecture. She stated that he encourages individuals to file complaints when they are aware of unlicensed activity.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated that she is not suggesting that the board make unlicensed activity a felony but she would like to see some tough action.
Mr. Nam stated that the ASLA asked the Department to check the yellow pages around the State.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley stated that the Department did respond and they conducted a sweep.

Mr. Nam stated that the Division Director takes things responsibly and the ASLA will continue to work with the Department in that regard.

Ms. Chastain stated that she had three (3) applications she wanted to bring to the board's attention. She stated that three (3) individuals applied to take the exam and did not specify which exam and they were scheduled for the June exam. These individuals have contacted the Department and they want to re-schedule for the next exam. Mr. Clark had sent a letter stating that his Mother is ill and he needs to re-schedule. Ms. Chastain stated that the other two (2) applicants had applied in time for the June exam but they would like to re-schedule for the next exam. She stated that one individual had a full work schedule and one applicant was not aware of the change to the exam.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gillick made a motion to grant the request for a continuance due to hardship.

**SECOND:** Ms. Marshall-Beasley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nam advised the board that he had a few items he wanted to discuss with the board.

Mr. Nam advised the board that the Florida Building Commission and the Department of Community Affairs have advised him that their position was that advanced courses for the building code have to be approved by the Florida Building Commission. He stated that the ASLA had some courses come before the board that were approved for advanced course credit. He stated the courses are to be offered at the annual conference and the ASLA is in a predicament in that the board has indicated its intent to grant credit but the Department of Community Affairs is indicating that there may be some statutory inability to do that without Commission approval. Mr. Nam advised the board that there was a Commission TAC meeting in Panama City. He stated that the board should do everything it can to get this issue addressed. Mr. Nam stated that the ASLA wants to see the issue resolved so the individuals who take these courses will get credit.

Mr. Davis stated that the board was operating on the assumption that the board would be delegated the authority to approve the courses. He stated apparently the legislation did not pass.
Ms. Chastain advised the board that the legislation did not pass and in conversation with Ila Jones at Department of Community Affairs she stated that advanced courses would be reviewed and approved by the Commission. Ms. Chastain stated that she spoke with the Bureau of Education and Testing and in the future when a provider submits an application for an advance course they will receive a deficiency letter that they have to first be approved by the Commission.

Mr. Nam asked the board if Ms. Walter had the authority to work with this issue from now until the next meeting of the board.

Mr. Davis stated that Ms. Walter did have standing authority with Department of Community Affairs and Florida Building Code issues.

Mr. Nam advised the board that ASLA finds the Building Commission language identifying Landscape Architects important enough to prepare an informational piece for distribution to licensees as well as other interested persons. Mr. Nam stated that the ASLA would like permission to use the board logo on the piece and would like some funding from the board for distribution to licensees.

Mr. Davis asked Ms. Edwards her opinion on Mr. Nam’s proposal.

Ms. Edwards stated that she would advise against it.

Mr. Davis stated that the board was getting close to the end of their allotted time and asked the board for a motion to adjourn when they were cut off.

**MOTION:** Mr. Graham made a motion to adjourn when the time runs out.

**SECOND:** Ms. Gillick seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Davis asked if Ms. Edwards had an opinion.

Ms. Edwards stated that the board should not give their permission to use the board’s logo without review and have the ability to make changes if they wish.

Ms. Chastain stated that the Department would also have to review and approve the material.

Ms. Gillick stated that the board would like to know what the cost of the project would be.

Mr. Nam stated that ASLA was only asking for the board to fund the distribution of the brochure to the licensees.
Mr. Nam stated that he would bring the brochure before the board at the next meeting for their review.

Ms. Gillick stated that she would like to know what the cost will be of the brochure at the next meeting.

Ms. Chastain asked Mr. Nam if the financial contribution of the board would be the mailing of the brochure.

Mr. Nam stated that is what the ASLA is thinking at this time. Mr. Nam stated that the brochure would be a glossy tri fold.

Mr. Davis advised the board and Mr. Nam that the issue of the brochure would be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Nam advised the board that he wanted to give a brief report on some legislative issues. He stated that the electronic sign and seal issue failed. He stated that there was an important piece of water policy legislation that passed. He stated that it requires standards be developed by the water management district which are now statutorily required to serve as a basis for all local ordinances dealing with landscape irrigation and xeriscape.

MOTION: Ms. Gillick made a motion to adjourn.

SECOND: Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.