

BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

March 28, 2003

9:00 A.M.

Minutes

(850) 488-5776 or Suncom 278-5776

Call to Order

Mr. Davis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Paul Davis, Chair

Elizabeth Marshall-Beasley

Elizabeth Ann Gillick, Vice Chair

Philip Graham

Board Member Absent:

Collene Walter

Others Present:

Rosanna Catalano, Board Counsel

Charles Pellegrini, Prosecuting Attorney

Juanita Chastain, Executive Director

Jeff Caster, Florida Department of Transportation

Trevor Harrelson, Omni Financial Services

Dennis Harrelson, Omni Financial Services

Albert Key, Deep Root

David Drylie

David Nam

Terri Estes, Government Analyst II

Informal Hearing

Omni Financial Services, The Financial Management Workshop (denied continuing education course)

Mr. Trevor Harrelson and Mr. Dennis Harrelson with Omni Financial Services were present at the meeting and not represented by counsel.

Ms. Catalano commented that this course was reviewed at the last meeting and was denied. She commented that the informal hearing was not disputing material fact. Mr. Harrelson advised the board that they had been teaching

continuing education for numerous years and provided services for 8 other associations. He continued by stating that teaching financial management is related to business and personal financial management, which helps the business, be more successful.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley commented that the reason the course was denied based on the fact that there was no health, safety, and welfare present in the course. She continued by saying the board felt the course would be helpful, however, it appeared that the company was promoting their product. Mr. Graham commented that he felt it would be helpful, however, licensees can find this information on their own. He continued by stating this may not have been germane to the profession.

Ms. Catalano commented the reason this application was before the board again was for reconsideration and to allow Omni Financial to address the boards concerns. She commented that it was a matter of the board to determine if the courses meet the requirements set for in Rule 61G10-18.006 and 15.001, Florida Administrative Code. She advised the board that they could vote to approve, uphold previous denial, or table to the next meeting.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley asked Ms. Catalano if the applicant could amend the application. Ms. Catalano replied in the positive. Mr. Graham commented that the information in the course is helpful, however, the concern is the marketing aspect of the course.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley asked Mr. Harrelson if the materials that come with the course product were specific or could they be more generalized. Mr. Harrelson commented that they use generic materials and do not discuss any company products and do not attempt to sell services. He continued by stating it is generic and broad based. They do not mention any particular companies to use or comparisons on companies.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley asked to see additional information. Mr. Harrelson offered to mail the recipient's books and the slide shows.

MOTION: Ms. Marshall-Beasley moved to table the informal hearing to the April meeting.

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

Review of Continuing Education Providers and Courses

Florida Department of Transportation - Provider 0001380 Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM)

Mr. Caster commented that this was a new course developed by the department to replace the current Project Development Process (PD&P) course. The original course was developed in 1970 and the process has changed. He commented that the Florida Board of Professional Engineers approved the course.

Ms. Estes commented that Ms. Walter recommended approval and referred the board to the second paragraph, last sentence of her memorandum. The only way for individuals to participate is to have this training.

MOTION: Mr. Graham moved to approve.

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

RedVector.com - Provider 0001771

- a. A Wetland Primer for Design Professionals
- b. A Wetland Primer: Advanced Field Evaluation & Permitting Considerations for Design Professionals
- c. Alternative Dispute Resolution - Arbitration & Mediation

Ms. Estes read Ms. Walter's comments regarding courses a through c. Ms. Walter recommended approval of courses a-c. Her comments were that the back-up information for the courses was adequate and justified the number of hours the provider was requesting.

MOTION: Mr. Graham moved to approve a-c.

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

- d. Basic Civil Engineering - Asphalt
- e. Basic Civil Engineering - Sewage Treatment
- f. Basic Civil Engineering - Sewers & Sewerage
- g. Basic Civil Engineering - Water Distribution
- h. Basic Civil Engineering - Water Supply

Ms. Estes read Ms. Walter's comments regarding the courses d through h. Ms. Walter recommended denial for courses d through h based on the fact that they were geared more towards engineers. However, she was looking for input from the board because the courses could be beneficial to landscape architects that specialize within the landscape field. Mr. Graham commented that he felt that the one-hour course was an overview and would be helpful. Ms. Gillick agreed.

MOTION: Mr. Graham moved to approve d-h.

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

- i. Coastal Engineering - Storm Surge
- j. Coastal Engineering - Tide
- k. Signage for Architects, Interior Designers & Landscape Architects
- l. Global Positioning System (GPS) - A Tutorial

Ms. Estes commented that Ms. Walter recommended approval of courses i-l.

MOTION: Mr. Graham moved to approve i-l.

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

- m. Basic Civil Engineering - Culvert Design
- n. Parking Lot Storm Drain Design
- o. Culvert Sizing Using HY-8, Basic
- p. Culvert Sizing Using Hy-8, Inlets
- q. PVC Pipe - Which Type Should I Use?
- r. Introduction to Mineral Soils
- s. Understanding Utility Cad Standards

Ms. Estes commented that Ms. Walter recommended approval of courses m-s.

MOTION: Ms. Gillick moved to approve m-s.

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

Florida Department of Community Affairs - Provider 0001042

- a. Florida Building Code - Administration Advanced Training
- b. Florida Building Code - Termites Advanced Training

Ms. Estes commented that Ms. Walter recommended approval of courses a and b. Mr. Graham commented that Ms. Walter's memorandum state that FDCA was not an approved provider through the typical process. Mr. Davis commented that they are approved statutorily.

MOTION: Mr. Graham moved to approve course a-b.

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

The Foundation c/o CLARB - Provider 0001502

- a. Collaboration in Urban Revitalization: Working with Distressed Communities
- b. In Pursuit of the Restorative Environment: A Framework for Tourism and Revitalization

Ms. Estes commented that Ms. Walter recommended approval of courses a and b.

MOTION: Ms. Gillick moved to approve courses a and b.

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

American Society of Landscape Architects, Florida Chapter - Provider Application

- a. Florida Landscape Architect Laws, Chapter 481
- b. 45 Native Plants for Florida Landscapes

Ms. Estes commented that Ms. Walter recommended approval of the provider and courses a and b.

MOTION: Mr. Graham moved to approve the provider application and course applications.

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

Mr. Drylie commented that the provider name should read American Society of Landscape Architects, Florida Chapter, and not ASLA, Florida Chapter. He requested that it be spelled out.

Deep Root Partners, LP - Provider Application

Managing Tree Root and Infrastructure Conflicts with Root Barrier

Ms. Estes commented that Ms. Walter recommended approval of both the provider and course applications.

MOTION: Mr. Graham moved to approve the provider and course application.

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

Mr. Key thanked the board for their consideration of his application.

Discussion

No discussion

Ratification List - (faxed)

Mr. Graham asked for clarification of what a six-year candidate was. Ms. Estes replied that is a category where applicants can apply for licensure with six-years of experience. Ms. Estes read the ratification list for the record.

MOTION: Ms. Gillick moved to approve the ratification list.

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

For the Board's Information

Alternatives for Demonstrating Competency of the Florida Building Code

Ms. Chastain commented that this information was for the board's review so they would be prepared to discuss at the upcoming April 25, 2003, board meeting.

Mr. Davis read the e-mail from Mr. Workman, with the Bureau of Education and Testing regarding the Alternative for Demonstrating Competency of the Florida Building Code. Ms. Chastain state the Mr. Workman will be attending the April 25, 2003, board meeting. Mr. Graham asked if the Bureau was looking for input from the board on how to comply with the Florida Building Code. Ms. Chastain replied in the positive.

Mr. Nam commented that legislation is being asked to look at how professionals will address continuing education in the future regarding the building code requirement. He stated that a coalition of people, example Building a Safer Florida, are interested in vesting more authority in the board's to approve the courses. He commented that the legislation is addressing this authority to allow the board's to satisfy this requirement by placing it in the examination. He commented that the coalition would like the professional boards to review and approve the advanced courses.

Ms. Chastain commented that the packet offers numerous options to address the core courses and this would be for discussion at the April 2003 meeting. Mr. Nam commented that he would like to have an idea of what position the board is taking regarding this issue.

Mr. Graham commented that it appears to make since to place this requirement in the licensure examination. He stated that the Bureau of Education and Testing would have to satisfy the Building Commission standards. Mr. Nam replied that he was not sure how that would work. Ms. Marshall-Beasley commented that the applicants would not know what items they would be tested on because the code is so broad. She stated that the information distributed to the candidates should be more specific regarding the sections of the code to assist them in preparation for the examination as opposed to distributing the entire code. Mr. Nam agrees with the board's position not to impose an additional burden on the candidate.

Mr. Davis commented that the board was looking at this material for the first time and they are not prepared to render an opinion. Mr. Nam asked the board if he summarized the opinion the that the board in that they are not opposed to the option of meeting the building code requirement through the examination process, however, would like to option to satisfy the requirement through a course. Ms. Catalano reiterated that the board is looking at this information for the first time and can not render an opinion.

Ms. Gillick asked if this was addressed in the Appendix F revision. Mr. Davis commented that the landscape interest would extend beyond Appendix F and is not satisfied that they are having adequate participation in that process. Mr. Nam commented that process is improving. He stated that ASLA was working on revisions to the Building Code review cycle. Mr. Nam's telephone cut off.

Ms. Gillick asked what items would be covered at the upcoming Florida Building Commission. Ms. Estes read the agenda to the board.

Mr. Graham mentioned a concern regarding the Deep Root course-promoting product. Ms. Gillick stated that there should be a letter sent to the provider requesting an objective overview and make them aware that this is not a product promotion. Ms. Catalano commented that the board has the ability to revoke a course based on reports received from attendees. She referred them to Rule 61G10-18.001 and 18.002, Florida Administrative Code; a vendor of landscape equipment is evidence that they have prerequisites that they can teach the course. Ms. Gillick commented that the board could perform random audits.

E-mail from Christopher Workman, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Education and Testing

Mr. Davis commented that the e-mail from Mr. Workman indicates that course credits for the Florida Building Code are being reflecting the computer system.

Reminder to submit outstanding travel reimbursement requests

Mr. Davis reminded the board to send in travel reimbursements.

New Business

Mr. Davis commented that he had a copy of the CLARB's budget and strategic plan for the board's review. Ms. Marshall-Beasley asked that this information be placed on the April 2003 agenda.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley commented that the board approved a lady at the last meeting to sit for the examination. She stated that she was concerned that the firm was engaged in unlicensed activity. Mr. Davis commented that architects could perform some landscape architecture services if it is in adjunct to the building they are working on. Ms. Marshall-Beasley commented that the plans the board reviewed were site plans and plantings. Mr. Davis commented that he considered that an investigation might be warranted.

Mr. Graham commented that he did not have as much concern because the licensee had appeared in front of the renewal group. Ms. Marshall-Beasley commented he was pursuing another avenue through legislation. The board determined that the matter should be referred to investigations.

Ms. Chastain informed the board that the newsletter had gone to the mailers.

Ms. Catalano commented that Rule 61G10-18.002, F.A.C., was adopted March 23, 2003 and will be affective 20 days from that day. She continued stating that Rule 61G10-18.001, F.A.C., will need to be re-addressed. She stated that in order to get the rule adopted she must receive a letter from the department.

The next meeting was confirmed for April 25, 2003.

Old Business

No old business.

Adjourn

MOTION: Ms. Gillick moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

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