

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Board of Architecture and Interior Design

Meeting Type: General Board Meeting

Meeting Date: July 17-18, 2012 - The Breakers Palm Beach, Florida

Board Members: John Ehrig, Chair
Aida Bao-Garciga
Wanda Gozdz
John Toppe
Francisco Costoya, Jr.
Miguel Rodriguez

Members Absent: Warren Emo (un-excused absence)
Kenan Fishburne (excused absence)
J. Emory Johnson, Vice Chair (excused absence)

Other Attendees: Anthony B. Spivey, DBA, Executive Director
Mary Alford, Government Analyst
Mary Ellen Clark, Assistant Attorney General
David Minacci, Prosecuting Attorney (Smith, Thompson, Shaw, Minacci, Colon, P.A.)
Trent Manausa, Consultant
Vicki Long, Florida American Institute of Architects (AIA)
Doug Feldman, American Society of Interior Designers (ASID)

Major Issues/Actions

- Ms. Clark reviewed rules with the board that, because of recent statutory changes, required updating language and alignment with the standards modeled by the National Council of Architects Registration Boards (NCARB).
- Mr. Minacci presented eight disciplinary cases to the board. Details of the cases are located in the minutes of the meeting.
- One application for reinstatement of a null and void license was scheduled for presentation, and prior to the board making a decision, the applicant sent an e-mail to the department requesting to withdraw the application in order to review other options for licensure as an architect.
- The board received an updated Public Service Announcement (PSA) presentation that provided more detail on the proposed

contest to be coordinated with college students in the architecture and interior design schools. The project will produce advertisements to help bring awareness to unlicensed activity in the two professions.

- The board was advised of NCARB's agreement to take all new applicants for direct registration into the architect application licensing process effective July 1, 2012. All applicants in the process prior to July 1, 2012 will continue to be managed by the department through their licensure process.
- The board reviewed the special financial reports they requested during the May 2012 meeting. The board was interested in a possible licensure fee holiday or a licensure fee reduction. Upon reviewing the financial analysis presented the board voted to make no changes and leave the current licensure fee structure in place.
- The board discussed the legislative changes in HB 517 regarding the architect Intern Development Program (IDP). Effective July 1, 2012, the board will no longer accept an internship period of three years for applicants holding the Bachelor of Architecture degree or two years for applicants holding the Master of Architecture degree. The internship period required will be that, as established by NCARB. The board will review at its scheduled meeting on October 23, 2012, any impact this change may have on applicants in the IDP prior to the July 1, 2012 effective date.
- The board reviewed and approved a list of continuing education courses that can be used as a substitute to fill the requirement of the core course that is no longer available for individuals who, because of disciplinary actions imposed by the board, require completion of the core course.

Anthony B. Spivey, DBA
Executive Director
July 30, 2012