

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Board of Architecture and Interior Design**

**Meeting Type:** General Board Meeting  
**Meeting Date:** May 2-3, 2012, Hilton University of Florida Conference Center, Gainesville, Florida

**Board Members:** John Ehrig, Chair  
J. Emory Johnson, Vice Chair  
Aida Bao-Garciga  
Wanda Gozdz  
John Toppe  
Francisco Costoya, Jr.  
Miguel Rodriguez  
Kenan Fishburne

**Members Absent:** Warren Emo (excused absence)

**Other Attendees:** GW Harrell, Division Director  
Anthony B. Spivey, Executive Director  
Terri McEwen, Government Analyst  
Sandi Poreda, Director of Communications  
Mary Ellen Clark, Assistant Attorney General  
David Minacci, Prosecuting Attorney (Smith, Thompson, Shaw, Minacci, Colon, P.A.)  
Trent Manausa, Consultant  
Michael Wertz, Consultant  
Vicki Long, Florida American Institute of Architects (AIA)

### **Major Issues/Actions**

- The board held disciplinary proceedings on two unlicensed cases and three settlement stipulations; details of the hearings are located in the minutes of the meeting.
- The board approved the contract language from the Invitation to Negotiate accepting the law firm of Smith, Thompson, Minacci, & Colon, P.A. as the vendor that will provide the prosecutorial and investigation services to the board.
- The Board of Architecture and Interior Design approved a proposal to work with the department in sponsoring a contest with students in the state's university architectural programs to develop an unlicensed activity campaign video to be distributed via the social media network.

- The board reviewed the current financial statements and discussed reducing the renewal fees. Before any action will be taken, an illustration of the board's financial position depicting reduced renewal fees will be provided at the July 18, 2012 meeting in West Palm Beach for review and discussion. Currently, the financial statements for March 31, 2012, shows a balance of \$690,235 in the operating account, and \$484,020 in the unlicensed activity account.
- The board reviewed the upcoming changes from House Bills 517 and 887 from the 2012 Legislative Session.
- The board approved a change in language to Section 481.207, Florida Statute to be presented to the department for consideration of inclusion in the upcoming legislative bill proposals. The proposed change will eliminate the requirement for applicants to apply directly with the department to take the architect examination and apply directly through NCARB.
- Mr. Minacci provided his report to the board.

Anthony B. Spivey, DBA  
Executive Director  
May 4, 2012