

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

**Meeting Type:** General Meeting, Hyatt Regency Miami

**Meeting Date:** October 29 – 30, 2009

**Board Members:** Joyce Shore, Chair  
John Ehrig, Vice Chair  
E. Wendell Hall  
Rossana Dolan  
Garrick Gustafson  
Mary Jane Grigsby  
Lourdes Solera  
Aida Bao-Garciga  
Eric Kuritzky

**Members Absent:** Wanda Gozdz (excused)

**Other Attendees:** Anthony B. Spivey, Executive Director  
Terri Estes, Government Analyst  
Mary Ellen Clark, Assistant Attorney General  
David Minacci, Prosecuting Attorney (Smith, Thompson, Shaw,  
Manausa, P.A.)

#### **Major Issues/Actions**

- The board reviewed the application of one interior designer who had mistakenly allowed her personal license to expire, but she was working with the Certificate of Authorization. She appeared in front of the board to request the reinstatement of her license. After deliberation of the matter the board granted the request.
- The board discussed the possibility of having architects participate in 100% continuing education (CE) monitoring. Staff explained to the board that this may not be practical because, as an automatic CE provider for the profession, courses presented by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Florida are not assigned numbers by the department for tracking within the department's reporting system as the department does with other providers. Currently there is a requirement for random auditing of Architects for CE compliance. Staff will verify with the Bureau of Education and Testing to determine the audit rate and report the information to the board at its next scheduled meeting on January 28-29, 2010.
- The board was advised by staff that the Architecture Continuing Education Handbook has been updated to remove references to the core building code course as a CE requirement. Additionally, the board voted to update the Interior Design Continuing Education Handbook to also remove references to the core building code course as a CE requirement.
- David Minacci introduced MH Allen as the new investigator for his law firm to investigate architect and interior design cases.

- Annual elections were held, and John Ehrig was voted in as Chair, and Wendall Hall was voted in as Vice-Chair.
- The Executive Director provided a quarterly financial report to the board for the operating and unlicensed activity account as of June 30, 2009. The operating account consisted of a balance of \$1,442,905, and the unlicensed activity account consisted of a balance of \$327,084.
- The board was advised of the October 1, 2009 requirement implemented by House Bill 425 that now requires licensees to report all criminal convictions. Based on the new self-reporting requirement, the board was advised to draft language for a rule containing penalty guidelines for failing to report criminal convictions. Board counsel advised the board that Rule 61G1-12.004(2)(g), Florida Administrative Code, currently provides for discipline of architects with criminal convictions, and the board will only require a rule for failing to report the information. Additionally, rule language will be required for a penalty guideline for Interior Designers.
- Vicki Long of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Florida provided a summary to the board that included a report of a 30% increase in fees to candidates sitting for the Architect Registration Examination. The increase is to recoup costs for rewriting the prior examination. Additionally, Ms. Long indicated that AIA National is waiving association fees for Florida architects who are currently out of work or under-employed.

Anthony B. Spivey, Executive Director  
November 13, 2009