

MINUTES
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGN

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

March 24, 2017

10:00 a.m. Eastern Time

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Call to Order

Mr. Toppe, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and a quorum was established.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Jonathan Toppe, Chair
Holly Dennis
John Ehrig
Hector Fernandez
Aida Bao-Garciga, Vice-Chair
Ivette O'Doski
Francisco Costoya
Miguel Rodriguez
Dylan Rivers

Others Present:

Mary Ellen Clark, Board Counsel
David Minacci, Prosecuting Attorney
Krista B. Woodard, Executive Director
Terri McEwen, Government Analyst
Christopher Skulley
Stuart Alderman
David Adelhardt
Douglas Feldman
Glen Landow
Vicki Long
Giovanni Giannini
Dave Roberts
Cynthia David
Becky Magdaleno

Court Reporter: Liz Schroder, For the Record Reporting, Inc., 1500 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32317

Petition for Variance from Rule 61G1-14.001, Florida Administrative Code Giovanni Giannini

Petition

Mr. Giannini was present and provided a brief synopsis of his petition.

The petition was filed on January 12, 2017. Mr. Giannini applied for licensure by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Endorsement route per Section 481.213(3) (c), Florida Statutes. Mr. Giannini did not take and pass the prescribed licensure examination as required by board rule; however, he took and passed the prescribed examination administered by NCARB with a dossier review for Broadly Experience Foreign Architects (BEFA) and the Architectural Professional Practice Examination in the Province of Gauteng, South Africa.

Mr. Giannini holds a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of the Witwatersrand from Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa, is licensed in South Africa and the United States; the state of Georgia, where they determined his credentials, including the examination, as substantially equivalent for licensure, and he has met the rigorous review for NCARB certification.

Mr. Giannini seeks a permanent variance from the requirement of Rule 61G1-14.001, F.A.C. based on the examinations he has passed, his education, his extensive experience, and his licensure in the United States and South Africa.

After reviewing Mr. Giannini's credentials the board determined that he met the minimum level of competency and standards which meets the Legislative intent to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare. After board review and discussion the following motion was made.

Motion: Mr. Ehrig moved that the board grant the waiver of the examination requirement outlined in Florida Administrative Code 61G1-14.001, that Mr. Giannini has met the intent of the underlying statute through the NCARB BEFA certification process and through his education and experience he met the examination requirement by other means, that requiring him to take any further examinations would be a substantial hardship as defined in Section 120.542(2), Florida Statutes.

Second: Mr. Fernandez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application Review

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved that the board approve the application for licensure based on the approved waiver of Rule 61G1-14.001, Florida Administrative Code.

Second: Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application Reviews

David Adelhardt – State Endorsement

Mr. Adelhardt was present. Mr. Adelhardt applied for licensure by State Endorsement per Subsection 481.213(3)(b), Florida Statutes. Mr. Adelhardt meets the licensure requirements and Mr. Hicks recommended approval of his application. The application is before the board based on an affirmative answer to a background question. Mr. Adelhardt provided a brief synopsis regarding the affirmative answer.

After review and discussion by the board, the following motion was made.

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved that the board approve the licensure application as presented.

Second: Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Stuart Alderman – State Endorsement

Mr. Alderman was present. Mr. Alderman applied for licensure by State Endorsement per Subsection 481.213(3)(b), Florida Statutes. Mr. Alderman meets the licensure requirements and Mr. Hicks recommended approval of his application. The application is before the board based on an affirmative answer to a background question. Mr. Alderman provided a brief synopsis regarding the affirmative answer.

After review and discussion by the board, the following motion was made.

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved that the board approve the licensure application as presented.

Second: Mr. Fernandez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Christopher Skulley – State Endorsement

Mr. Skulley was present. Mr. Skulley applied for licensure by State Endorsement per Subsection 481.213(3)(b), Florida Statutes. Mr. Skulley does not meet the licensure requirements as well as an affirmative answer to a background question and Mr. Hicks recommended denial of his application. Mr. Skulley provided a brief synopsis regarding his education, experience, and the affirmative answer the background question.

After discussion and review, the board allowed Mr. Skulley to withdraw his application and seek licensure in the future through the Broadly Experience Architect certification with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

Glen Landow – Continuing Education

Mr. Landow was present. The board reviewed and discussed the courses submitted for continuing education credit. The courses submitted were taught by Mr. Landow as a part time adjunct professor.

After reviewing the courses and handbook, the following motion was made.

- 1) ARC 272 Environmental Site Planning (approved for 39 hours of health, safety, and welfare continuing education credit)
 - 2) ARC 301 Design III (Mr. Landow withdrew this request)
 - 3) ARC 402 Design VI (Mr. Landow withdrew this request)
- Architecture Handbook and Rule 61G1-24, Florida Administrative Code

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved approval of ARC 272 Environmental Site Planning course for 39 hours of health, safety, and welfare continuing education credit.

Second: Mr. Fernandez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

The board discussed House Bill 7047 that proposes the deregulation of the interior design profession. The board supports interior design licensure. After discussion, the following motion was made.

Motion: Ms. Bao-Garciga moved that the board supports the continued licensure of registered commercial interior designers and advocate the amendment of House Bill 7047 to remove any effort to deregulate the interior design profession in the 2017 Legislative Session.

Second: Mr. Fernandez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Roberts will notify the board when House Bill 7047 will be heard. The board discussed the lack of media attention regarding

The board congratulated Mr. Rodriguez on his successful appointment as Secretary of NCARB Region 3.

The board discussed Senate Bill 582 and House Bill 1193 regarding indemnification insurance for board members.

Motion: Mr. Ehrig moved that the board chair write a letter of support Senate Bill 582 and House Bill 1193 and recommend adoption of the bills.

Second: Mr. Costoya seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

No old business.

Adjourn

Motion: Mr. Ehrig moved that the meeting adjourn.

Second: Mr. Costoya seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.