

1 **MINUTES**

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3 **Board of Architecture and Interior Design**  
4 **Embassy Suites by Hilton Jacksonville Baymeadows**  
5 **9300 Baymeadows Road**  
6 **Jacksonville, Florida 32256**  
7 **(904) 731-3555**

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9 **April 21, 2026**  
10 **General Business**  
11 **9:00 a.m.**

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13 **Call to Order**

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15 Ms. Frank, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and a quorum was  
16 established.

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18 **Members Present:**

19 Peter Jones  
20 Charles Clary, Vice-Chair  
21 Steven Jernigan  
22 Beverly Frank, Chair  
23 Aida Bao-Garciga  
24 Holly Dennis  
25 Timothy Nolen  
26 Ivette Arango

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28 **Members Absent:**

29 Gregory Burke, excused  
30 Dylan Rivers, excused

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32 **Others in Attendance:**

33 Melanie S. Griffin, Secretary, Department of Business and Professional Regulation  
34 Timothy Frizzell, Board Counsel  
35 David Minacci, Prosecuting Attorney  
36 Stacey Buccieri, Executive Director  
37 Terri McEwen, Government Analyst  
38 Melissa Minacci, Investigator  
39 Becky Magdaleno, CAE, Hon. AIA, Executive Vice President/CEO, AIA Florida  
40 David Roberts, ASID/IIDA Representative, Norelus Roberts Group  
41 Richard Donoghue  
42 Michelle Brown  
43 John Perez  
44 Andrew Formichella  
45 Kaitlin Turner  
46 Sera Collins

47 Greta Allen  
48 Callista Hays  
49 Grace Marchand  
50 Marjorie Davis  
51 Jeff Brown  
52 Jessica Grist  
53 Colleen Asfoura  
54 Jeff Proud  
55 Tyler Virtue  
56 Rebecca Davisson  
57 Cynthia David  
58 Other Interested Parties

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60 Court Reporter: Deposition Solutions, LLC dba Lexitas, 13101 NW Freeway, Suite 210,  
61 Houston, TX 77040. Contact Angela Moretto at [Angela.Moretto@lexitaslegal.com](mailto:Angela.Moretto@lexitaslegal.com) or  
62 telephone 888.811.3408

### 63 64 **Application Review**

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66 Andrew Formichella – NCARB Endorsement

67 Mr. Formichella was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Mr. Formichella meets  
68 the application requirements for licensure, however, has prior disciplinary action  
69 imposed by the New York Board of Architects, State of Education Department and  
70 noted in his NCARB record. Mr. Formichella provided a brief background regarding the  
71 disciplinary action and that he had resolved the matter.

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73 After board discussion, the following motion was made.

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75 Motion: Mr. Jernigan moved that the board approve Mr. Formichella's application  
76 for licensure based on the resolution of the New York Board of Architect  
77 disciplinary matter.

78 Second: Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.  
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### 80 **Disciplinary Cases**

#### 81 82 Settlement Stipulation

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84 Licensed

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86 DBPR vs. Richard Donoghue, AR10304

87 Case Numbers 2025-055144

88 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

89 *PCP Recommendation: \$1,000.00 fine plus \$330.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of*  
90 *the final order, 2-years probation*

91 *Stipulation Reflects: \$1,000 fine plus \$330.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final*  
92 *order, 1 year probation*

93 Mr. Donoghue was present and sworn in by the court reporter. The case was before the  
94 board based on a one-count administrative complaint for aiding and abetting unlicensed  
95 activity of the practice of architecture. Mr. Minacci requested that the board approve the  
96 settlement stipulation as presented.

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98 After board discussion, the following motion was made.

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100 Motion: Mr. Jernigan moved that the board approve the settlement stipulation as  
101 presented.

102 Second: Ms. Dennis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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104 Motion for Order Waiving Formal Hearing

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106 Licensed

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108 DBPR vs. James Bryan Barrett, AR93687 and PlanMark Design Studio, LLC

109 Case Number 2024-065637 and 2025-051164

110 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

111 *PCP Recommendation: Reprimand, \$3,000.00 fine plus \$922.84 costs, 2-years*  
112 *probation*

113 Mr. Barrett was not present but submitted a written request for continuance.

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115 Motion: Ms. Bao-Garciga made a motion that the board continue the review of this  
116 case to the next scheduled board meeting.

117 Second: Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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119 DBPR vs. David Langlais, ID 4141

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121 Case Number 2024-065075

122 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

123 *PCP Recommendation: \$1,000.00 fine plus \$1,070.85 costs to be paid within 30 days of*  
124 *the final order*

125 Mr. Langlais was not present or represented by counsel. The case was before the board  
126 based on a one-count administrative complaint for practicing beyond the scope of their  
127 registration. The respondent submitted an election of rights form, waving the right to be  
128 heard in the matter.

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130 After board discussion, the following motions were made.

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132 Motion: Mr. Nolen moved that the administrative complaint was properly served  
133 upon the respondent and that the respondent waived the right to dispute  
134 the material facts by failure to timely respond thereto, and that the board  
135 adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law as set forth in the  
136 administrative complaint.

137 Second: Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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139 Motion: Ms. Dennis moved that the board impose a \$1,000.00 fine plus \$1,070.85  
140 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final order.

141 Second: Ms. Bao-Garciga seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.  
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143 DBPR vs. Helen Liptak, AR95420

144 Case Number 2025-059372

145 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

146 *PCP Recommendation: Suspension of the license until compliance and \$161.80 costs*  
147 *to be paid within 30 days of the final order*

148 Ms. Liptak was not present or represented by counsel. The case was before the board  
149 based on a one-count administrative complaint for failing to comply with a lawful order  
150 of the board. The administrative complaint was hand delivered on December 3, 2025.  
151 The respondent has failed to respond to the administrative complaint.  
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153 After board discussion, the following motions were made.  
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155 Motion: Mr. Jernigan moved that the administrative complaint was properly served  
156 upon the respondent and that the respondent waived the right to dispute  
157 the material facts by failure to timely respond thereto, and that the board  
158 adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law as set forth in the  
159 administrative complaint.

160 Second: Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.  
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162 Motion: Mr. Jernigan moved that the board impose suspension of the license until  
163 compliance and \$161.80 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final order.

164 Second: Mr. Nolen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.  
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166 DBPR vs. Justin Smith, AR99387

167 Case Number 2024-048480

168 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, and Wirtz

169 *PCP Recommendation: \$1,000.00 fine plus \$1,472.10 costs to be paid within 30 days of*  
170 *the final order, 48 hours of continuing education, suspension of the license until*  
171 *compliance*

172 Mr. Smith was not present or represented by counsel. The case was before the board  
173 based on a one-count administrative complaint for failing to perform a statutory  
174 obligation. The administrative complaint was attempted service by hand delivery on  
175 multiple occasions but unsuccessful. The administrative complaint was served by  
176 publishing a notice of action in the Puget Sound Business Journal, Virginia. The  
177 respondent has failed to respond to the administrative complaint.  
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185 After board discussion, the following motions were made.  
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187 Motion: Mr. Jones moved that the administrative complaint was properly served  
188 upon the respondent and that the respondent waived the right to dispute  
189 the material facts by failure to timely respond thereto, and that the board  
190 adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law as set forth in the  
191 administrative complaint.

192 Second: Mr. Nolen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.  
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194 Motion: Mr. Jones moved that the board impose a \$1,000.00 fine plus \$1,472.10  
195 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final order, 48 hours of continuing  
196 education, and suspension of the license until compliance.

197 Second: Mr. Nolen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.  
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200 DBPR vs. James Katsarelis, AR98743

201 Case Number 2024-056812

202 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

203 *PCP Recommendation: \$1,000.00 fine plus \$1,291.59 costs to be paid within 30 days of*  
204 *the final order, 48 hours of continuing education, suspension of the license until*  
205 *compliance*

206 Mr. Katsarelis was not present or represented by counsel. The case was before the  
207 board based on a one-count administrative complaint for failing to perform a statutory  
208 obligation. The administrative complaint was attempted service by hand delivery on  
209 multiple occasions but unsuccessful. The administrative complaint was served by  
210 publishing a notice of action in the Bayside Times, New York. The respondent has failed  
211 to respond to the administrative complaint.  
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213 After board discussion, the following motions were made.  
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215 Motion: Mr. Nolen moved that the administrative complaint was properly served  
216 upon the respondent and that the respondent waived the right to dispute  
217 the material facts by failure to timely respond thereto, and that the board  
218 adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law as set forth in the  
219 administrative complaint.

220 Second: Mr. Clary seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.  
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222 Motion: Mr. Jones moved that the board impose a \$1,000.00 fine plus \$1,291.59  
223 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final order, 48 hours of continuing  
224 education, and suspension of the license until compliance.

225 Second: Mr. Nolen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.  
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231 Unlicensed  
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233 DBPR vs. Stephen Gaydosh  
234 Case Number 2025-058014  
235 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers  
236 *PCP Recommendation: \$8,000.00 fine plus \$734.20 costs to be paid within 30 days of*  
237 *the final order*  
238 Mr. Gaydosh was not present or represented by counsel. The case was before the  
239 board based on a two-count administrative complaint for practicing architecture without  
240 a license and using the license of another. The administrative complaint was hand  
241 delivered on December 17, 2025. The respondent has failed to respond to the  
242 administrative complaint.  
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244 After board discussion, the following motions were made.  
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246 Motion: Mr. Nolen moved that the administrative complaint was properly served  
247 upon the respondent and that the respondent waived the right to dispute  
248 the material facts by failure to timely respond thereto, and that the board  
249 adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law as set forth in the  
250 administrative complaint.  
251 Second: Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.  
252  
253 Motion: Mr. Nolen moved that the board impose an \$8,000.00 fine plus \$734.20  
254 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final order.  
255 Second: Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.  
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257 DBPR vs. Miguel Angel Gonzalez, Inmobiliare, LLC, and Stanczyk-Gonzalez Architect  
258 Case Numbers 2025-044751, 2025-044758, and 2025-044763  
259 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers  
260 *PCP Recommendation: \$4,000.00 fine plus \$694.50 costs to be paid within 30 days of*  
261 *the final order*  
262 Mr. Gonzalez was not present or represented by counsel. The case was before the  
263 board based on a two-count administrative complaint for practicing architecture without  
264 a license and using the title architect. The administrative complaint was hand delivered  
265 on January 14, 2026. The respondent has failed to respond to the administrative  
266 complaint.  
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268 After board discussion, the following motions were made.  
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270 Motion: Mr. Jones moved that the administrative complaint was properly served  
271 upon the respondent and that the respondent waived the right to dispute  
272 the material facts by failure to timely respond thereto, and that the board  
273 adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law as set forth in the  
274 administrative complaint.  
275 Second: Mr. Nolen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.  
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277 Motion: Mr. Jones moved that the board impose a \$4,000.00 fine plus \$694.50  
278 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final order.

279 Second: Mr. Nolen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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281 DBPR vs. Linda L. Levin and Argon Associates LTD

282 Case Numbers 2025-044719 and 2025-004545

283 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

284 *PCP Recommendation: \$18,000.00 fine plus \$1,649.54 costs to be paid within 30 days*  
285 *of the final order*

286 Ms. Levin was not present or represented by counsel. The case was before the board  
287 based on a six-count administrative complaint for practicing architecture without a  
288 license. The administrative complaint was attempted service by hand delivery on  
289 multiple occasions but unsuccessful. The administrative complaint was served by  
290 publishing a notice of action in the LocaliQ, Wisconsin. The respondent has failed to  
291 respond to the administrative complaint.

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293 The board discussed the concern of the egregiousness of the multiple plan stamping  
294 cases and the mitigating factors to impose the maximum fine of \$30,000.00. The board  
295 requested that the cases be referred to the Florida State Attorney's Office.

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297 The board discussed the need to educate the public and the building departments  
298 regarding unlicensed activity. The building departments are the gate keepers of  
299 verifying licensure or registration, and they have been helpful with reporting fraud and  
300 unlicensed activity.

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302 After board discussion, the following motions were made.

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304 Motion: Mr. Jernigan moved that the administrative complaint was properly served  
305 upon the respondent and that the respondent waived the right to dispute  
306 the material facts by failure to timely respond thereto, and that the board  
307 adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law as set forth in the  
308 administrative complaint.

309 Second: Mr. Clary seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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311 Motion: Mr. Jernigan moved that the board impose an \$30,000.00 fine plus  
312 \$1,649.54 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final order.

313 Second: Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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315 The board discussed the definition of plan stamping and how an owner pays an  
316 unlicensed individual or business (example; residential planners or designers) and then  
317 the unlicensed individual or business pays a licensed architect to sign and seal plans  
318 without direct supervision of the plans. The licensed architect is aiding and abetting the  
319 unlicensed activity of the unlicensed individual or business. The licensed architect must  
320 be in direct contact and contract with the owner not the unlicensed individual or  
321 business. The unlicensed individual or business cannot offer to broker the licensed  
322 services or signed and sealed plans or drawings to owners. This matter has been an

323 issue for commercial and residential plans. Residential plans are required to be signed  
324 and sealed by a licensed professional, architect or engineer, based on Florida Building  
325 Codes.

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327 The department has hot topics on the board's web page as well as unlicensed activity  
328 campaigns. The Division of Regulation publishes disciplinary actions and unlicensed  
329 television and media campaigns. The board requested that architecture and interior  
330 design be included in those campaigns.

331  
332 DBPR vs. Victor Lee Mabire and House Plans Unlimited  
333 Case Numbers 2025-015441 and 2025-015440  
334 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers  
335 *PCP Recommendation: \$4,000.00 fine plus \$969.95 costs to be paid within 30 days of*  
336 *the final order*

337 Mr. Mabire was not present or represented by counsel. The case was before the board  
338 based on a one-count administrative complaint for practicing architecture without a  
339 license. This is a second offense. The administrative complaint was hand delivered on  
340 December 3, 2025. The respondent has failed to respond.

341  
342 After board discussion, the following motions were made.

343  
344 Motion: Mr. Nolen moved that the administrative complaint was properly served  
345 upon the respondent and that the respondent waived the right to dispute  
346 the material facts by failure to timely respond thereto, and that the board  
347 adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law as set forth in the  
348 administrative complaint.

349 Second: Mr. Clary seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

350  
351 Motion: Mr. Nolen moved that the board impose a \$4,000.00 fine plus \$969.95  
352 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final order.

353 Second: Ms. Bao-Garciga seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

354  
355 DBPR vs. Paul Stonn and Victory Homes  
356 Case Numbers 2025-058755 and 2025-058765  
357 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers  
358 *PCP Recommendation: \$8,000.00 fine plus \$1,272.10 costs to be paid within 30 days of*  
359 *the final order*

360 Mr. Stonn was not present or represented by counsel. The case was before the board  
361 based on a two-count administrative complaint for practicing architecture without a  
362 license and using the license number of another. The administrative complaint was  
363 attempted service by hand delivery on multiple occasions but unsuccessful. The  
364 administrative complaint was served by publishing a notice of action in the San  
365 Francisco Business Times, California. The respondent has failed to respond to the  
366 administrative complaint.

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368 The board discussed that the individual and business may not be in the United States.  
369 Services are being offered through online applications and AI bots which has become  
370 more noticeable during the investigative process.

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372 After board discussion, the following motions were made.

373  
374 Motion: Mr. Jones moved that the administrative complaint was properly served  
375 upon the respondent and that the respondent waived the right to dispute  
376 the material facts by failure to timely respond thereto, and that the board  
377 adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law as set forth in the  
378 administrative complaint.

379 Second: Mr. Nolen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

380  
381 Motion: Mr. Jones moved that the board impose a \$8,000.00 fine plus \$1,272.10  
382 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final order.

383 Second: Mr. Clary seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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385 Settlement Stipulations -- Cases marked with an asterisk reflect the Probable Cause  
386 Panel's Recommendation.

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388 DBPR vs. Aubrey Dale Ayers, AR6527 \*  
389 Case Numbers 2024-081965  
390 PCP: Hall, Bao-Garciga, and Rivers  
391 *PCP Recommendation: \$750.00 fine plus \$540.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of the*  
392 *final order, accept 40 hours of continuing education hours already submitted*  
393 Mr. Ayers was not present or represented by counsel. Ms. Bao-Garciga was recused  
394 from the case review based on her participation with the Probable Cause Panel. The  
395 case was before the board based on a one-count administrative complaint for failing to  
396 perform a statutory obligation. The settlement stipulation reflects the Probable Cause  
397 Panel's recommendation. Mr. Minacci requested that the board approve the settlement  
398 stipulation.

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400 After board discussion, the following motion was made.

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402 Motion: Mr. Jernigan moved that the board approve the settlement stipulation as  
403 presented.

404 Second: Mr. Nolen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

405  
406 DBPR vs. Nicholas Marollo, ID6600 \*  
407 Case Numbers 2025-083497  
408 PCP: Hall, Bao-Garciga, and Rivers  
409 *PCP Recommendation: \$375.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final order and*  
410 *accept 29 hours of continuing education hours already submitted*  
411 Mr. Marollo was not present or represented by counsel. Ms. Bao-Garciga was recused  
412 from the case review based on her participation with the Probable Cause Panel. The  
413 case was before the board based on a one-count administrative complaint for failing to

414 perform a statutory obligation. The settlement stipulation reflects the Probable Cause  
415 Panel's recommendation. Mr. Minacci requested that the board approve the settlement  
416 stipulation.

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418 After board discussion, the following motion was made.

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420 Motion: Mr. Jernigan moved that the board approve the settlement stipulation as  
421 presented.

422 Second: Mr. Nolen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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424 *Unlicensed*

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426 DBPR vs. Isaiah Trujillo and Tru Drafting & Design, Inc.

427 Case Numbers 2025-004594 and 2025-004611

428 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

429 *PCP Recommendation: \$3,000.00 fine plus \$690.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of*  
430 *the final order*

431 *Stipulation Reflects: \$1,310.00 fine plus \$690.00 costs*

432 Mr. Trujillo was not present or represented by counsel. The case was before the board  
433 based on a one-count administrative complaint for practicing architecture without a  
434 license. The fine was reduced because this was a first-time offense, the respondent was  
435 counseled on Florida laws by their retained counsel, and the respondent agreed to  
436 come into compliance. Mr. Minacci requested that the board approve the settlement  
437 stipulation.

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439 The board discussed the differences between fraud and plan stamping. Mr. Minacci  
440 stated that penalties are mitigated when the respondent is counseled by an attorney  
441 during the negotiating process of settlement stipulations.

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443 After board discussion, the following motion was made.

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445 Motion: Mr. Jernigan moved that the board approve the settlement stipulation as  
446 presented.

447 Second: Mr. Nolen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

448

449 DBPR vs. Nick Spallone and CW Prodesign, LLC

450 Case Numbers 2025-061727 and 2025-061732

451 PCP: Hall, Bao-Garciga, and Rivers

452 *PCP Recommendation: \$3,000.00 fines plus \$660.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of*  
453 *the final order*

454 *Stipulation Reflects: \$1,500.00 fine plus \$660.00 costs*

455 Mr. Spallone was not present or represented by counsel. Ms. Bao-Garciga was recused  
456 from the case review based on her participation with the Probable Cause Panel. The  
457 case was before the board based on a one-count administrative complaint for practicing  
458 architecture without a license. The fine was reduced because this was a first-time  
459 offense, the respondent was counseled on Florida laws by their retained counsel, and

460 the respondent agreed to come into compliance. Mr. Minacci requested that the board  
461 accept the settlement stipulation.

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463 After board discussion, the following motion was made.

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465 Motion: Mr. Jones moved that the board approve the settlement stipulation as  
466 presented.

467 Second: Mr. Nolen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

468  
469 DBPR vs. Mohamed Mahmoud \*

470 Case Numbers 2025-077790

471 PCP: Hall, Bao-Garciga, and Rivers

472 *PCP Recommendation: \$3,000.00 fines plus \$735.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of*  
473 *the final order*

474 Mr. Mahmoud was not present or represented by counsel. Ms. Bao-Garciga was  
475 recused from the case review based on her participation with the Probable Cause  
476 Panel. The case was before the board based on a one-count administrative complaint  
477 as the respondent is a licensed engineer for aiding unlicensed architecture activity. The  
478 fine reflects the Probable Cause Panel's recommendation. Mr. Minacci requested that  
479 the board accept the settlement stipulation.

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481 After board discussion, the following motion was made.

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483 Motion: Mr. Jernigan moved that the board approve the settlement stipulation as  
484 presented.

485 Second: Mr. Nolen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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487 DBPR vs. Santiago Pinilla and SP Drafting, LLC

488 Case Numbers 2025-004446 and 2025-004449

489 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

490 *PCP Recommendation: \$3,000.00 fine plus \$780.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of*  
491 *the final order*

492 *Stipulation Reflects: \$1,000 fine plus \$780.00 costs*

493 Mr. Pinilla was not present or represented by counsel. The case was before the board  
494 based on a one-count administrative complaint for practicing architecture without a  
495 license. The fine was reduced because this was a first-time offense, the respondent was  
496 counseled on Florida laws by their retained counsel, and the respondent agreed to  
497 come into compliance. Mr. Minacci requested that the board accept the settlement  
498 stipulation.

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500 After board discussion, the following motion was made.

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502 Motion: Mr. Jernigan moved that the board approve the settlement stipulation as  
503 presented.

504 Second: Mr. Clary seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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506 DBPR vs. Octavio Sarmiento and Assa Designs, LLC  
507 Case Numbers 2025-004405 and 2025-004406  
508 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers  
509 *PCP Recommendation: \$425,000.00 fine plus \$3,435.00 costs to be paid within 30 days*  
510 *of the final order*  
511 *Stipulation Reflects: \$100,000.00 fine plus \$3,435.00 costs*  
512 Mr. Sarmiento was not present or represented by counsel. The case was before the  
513 board based on a 107-count administrative complaint with 53 counts for practicing  
514 architecture without a license, one-count for using the title architect, and 53 counts for  
515 using the license of another. The fine was reduced to avoid the cost of formal hearing,  
516 the respondent has made a first payment towards the stipulation, the respondent was  
517 counseled on Florida laws by their retained counsel, and the case was related to an  
518 open criminal case. Mr. Minacci requested that the board accept the settlement  
519 stipulation.

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521 After board discussion, the following motion was made.

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523 Motion: Mr. Jernigan moved that the board approve the settlement stipulation as  
524 presented.

525 Second: Mr. Nolen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.  
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527 The board thanked the prosecuting attorney and investigator for their work.  
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### 529 Voluntary Relinquishment of License/Registration

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531 DBPR vs. Laura Anderson, ID1433

532 Case Numbers 2026-010746  
533

534 Motion: Ms. Bao-Garciga moved to accept the voluntary relinquishment as  
535 presented.

536 Second: Mr. Nolen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.  
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538 DBPR vs. Molly Grup

539 Case Number 2025-059376  
540

541 Motion: Ms. Bao-Garciga moved to accept the voluntary relinquishment as  
542 presented.

543 Second: Mr. Nolen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.  
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### 545 **Discussion Items**

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547 Third Party Verifications – Electronic Signing and Sealing

548 Mr. Frizzell presented that the board previously reviewed and amended Rule 61G1-  
549 16.005, electronic signature and seal, removed the third-party verification requirement.

550 Mr. Burke submitted a request that the board revisit the rule language to require third-  
551 party verification due to fraud and plan stamping. The board discussed the unnecessary

552 burden of reopening the rule and the financial burden of third-party verification to the  
553 licensee. The board discussed that third-party verification does not prevent fraud or plan  
554 stamping especially with AI entering the field. The board discussed that Ident-Trust and  
555 other third-party verifications were acceptable methods but not required.

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557 The board discussed the need to build a better relationship with the Building Code  
558 Administrators and Inspectors Board and the building departments.

## 559 **Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

560  
561 January 22, 2025 – Probable Cause Panel, Gainesville, Florida

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563  
564 Motion: Mr. Nolen moved to accept the Probable Cause Panel meeting minutes as  
565 presented.

566 Second: Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

567  
568 January 23, 2025 – General Business, Gainesville, Florida

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570 Motion: Mr. Nolen moved to approve the General Business meeting minutes as  
571 presented.

572 Second: Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## 573 **Ratification List**

574  
575  
576 Licensure and Registration (January 6, 2026 through March 30, 2026)  
577 *Architect Licensed by NCARB Examination, Architect Licensed by NCARB Endorsement,*  
578 *Architect License by State Endorsement, Architect Licensed by Null/Void Hardship, Architect*  
579 *Licensed by Military Endorsement, Interior Designer Registered by Initial Registration, Interior*  
580 *Designer License by Dual Registration, and Qualifying a Business Organization Registration.*

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582 Motion: Mr. Nolen moved to approve the Licensure and Registration List as  
583 presented.

584 Second: Ms. Dennis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

585  
586 Continuing Education (January 5, 2026 through March 30, 2026)  
587 *Education Pathways, LLC, Florida Healthcare Engineering Association, and Titan Continuing*  
588 *Education, Inc.*

589  
590 Motion: Mr. Jernigan moved to approve the Continuing Education List as  
591 presented.

592 Second: Mr. Clary seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## 593 **Rules Report and Discussion**

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595 Rules Report

596 Mr. Frizzell reported there were no new rules.

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599 **Reports**

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601 Board Chair – Beverly Frank

602 Ms. Frank reported that she and Mr. Jernigan attended the NCARB Regional meeting in  
603 March, Oklahoma City, OK. She reported that NCARB has a relationship with the  
604 Interorganizational Council of on Regulation and they are developing a practice overlap  
605 guide for incidental signing and sealing of plans. She reported that NCARB was creating  
606 rules regarding the use of AI and maintaining responsible supervisory control. She  
607 reported that Kentucky removed license numbers from their web to prevent fraud.

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609 Ms. Frank plans to attend the NCARB Annual Business Meeting in Minneapolis, MN,  
610 June 24-26, 2026, along with Ms. Buccieri. The board office will contact board members  
611 to determine other members' availability to attend.

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- 613 • NCARB Appointments – Voting Delegate

614 Ms. Frank will serve as the voting delegate.

- 615 • Probable Cause Panel Appointments

616 Wendall Hall, Miguel Rodriguez, Dylan Rivers, and Michael Wirtz will serve as the  
617 Panel members. Ms. Bao-Garciga and Mr. Jernigan were appointed as alternate  
618 Panel members.

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620 Executive Director's Report – Stacey Buccieri

621 Ms. Buccieri reported that a Special Florida Legislative Session for budget is planned.

622 Ms. McEwen reported that the colored paper used for the board's wall certificates would  
623 be changing due to supplies. The board discussed discontinuing the wall certificates but  
624 chose to continue providing them to newly licensed and registered professionals.

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626 AIA Florida – Becky Magdaleno

627 Ms. Magdaleno reported that the 2026 Legislative Session was over and the bill that  
628 would eliminate the board did not pass. She reported that they were hesitant to support  
629 opening the practice act to implement NCARBs alternate paths to licensure due to the  
630 deregulation climate. She reported that there is not a barrier to licensure in Florida  
631 based on the data. She reported there is a Special Legislative Session beginning soon  
632 to address the state's budget. She provided a brief overview of the upcoming AIA  
633 Florida Convention.

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635 ASID/IIDA Florida – Dave Roberts

636 Mr. Roberts reported that they worked with Ms. Magdaleno during Legislative Session  
637 and he was grateful for their relationship, educating the public and the Legislature about  
638 the individual professions. He provided a brief overview of the Legislative Special  
639 Session items for consideration.

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645 Prosecuting Attorney’s Report – David K. Minacci  
646 Prosecutor’s Case List Licensed/Unlicensed Cases  
647 Investigator’s Case List Licensed/Unlicensed Cases  
648 Fines Chart – Summary  
649 Fines Chart – Unlicensed  
650 Fines Chart – Licensed  
651 Billable Hours – January 2026  
652 Billable Hours – February 2026  
653 Billable Hours – March 2026  
654 Results of January 23, 2026, Board Meeting  
655 Mr. Minacci reviewed the reports and explained the fines charts.  
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657 **Proposed Future Board Meeting Dates and Locations**  
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659 July 14, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Probable Cause Panel Meeting  
660 July 15, 2026, 9:00 a.m. - General Business Meeting  
661 Meet in conjunction with AIA Florida – Gaylord Palms, Orlando, Florida  
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663 October 29, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Probable Cause Panel Meeting  
664 October 30, 2026, 9:00 a.m. - General Business Meeting  
665 Location: TBD  
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667 **New Business**  
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669 Secretary Griffin reported that a Special Legislative Session would begin soon to  
670 address the state budget, however, the bill the addressing this board died in regular  
671 session. She reported that had the bill moved forward that the Legislature was open to a  
672 compromise regarding the continuing education requirements.  
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674 The board discussed the need to educate the public about fraud and plan stamping  
675 within the profession. The board wanted to educate the public about the importance of  
676 hiring a licensed architect or registered interior designer as opposed to a drafter or  
677 designer.  
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679 Secretary Griffin provided scenarios about other professions selling their licenses or  
680 registration for use during a natural disaster. She indicated that department’s  
681 Communications Office sends notifications to those licensees and registrants that  
682 selling the use of their license or registration is prohibited, was a violation of statute, and  
683 the department will act on those violations.  
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685 Secretary Griffin mentioned the department’s unlicensed activity tool kit and offered to  
686 have the Communications Office work with the board’s Executive Director to address  
687 the public’s education and unlicensed activity. She asked the board to provide best  
688 avenues or outlets to notify the public at large. She reported that the department has  
689 used social media to target areas of the state where the most harm has occurred to  
690 enhance unlicensed activity awareness.

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692 The board discussed fraud and the need to work together with other professions  
693 regulated by the department. Secretary Griffin reported that the Division of Alcoholic  
694 Beverages, and Tobacco (ABT), an award-winning division on enforcement, could  
695 possibly work with the board on enforcement in the future. The Department has  
696 proposed to the Legislature to expand the law enforcement team within ABT to match  
697 the needs of the department's other divisions so they could act on criminal or civil casts  
698 to arrest and immediate act against the violators.  
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700 The board discussed how criminal referrals are handled within the department and with  
701 the board's private Prosecuting Attorney. A discussion was held regarding the cases  
702 where the Federal Bureau of Investigations was involved with fraud.  
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704 The Secretary summarized the board's requests; increased education for licensees and  
705 the public regarding the bad actions or actors, develop a relationship for criminal  
706 referrals when disciplinary actions rise to that level, and build a relationship within the  
707 construction professions through outreach. The associations will assist with the  
708 outreach. Ms. Buccieri offered to bring the matter to the Building Code Administrators  
709 and Inspectors Board as she is their Executive Director and is meeting with them this  
710 week.

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712 **Old Business**

713 No old business.

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715 **Adjourn**

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717 Motion: Ms. Dennis moved to adjourn the meeting.  
718 Second: Ms. Bao-Garciga seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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720 The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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