

MINUTES
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGN

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

August 30, 2016
2:30 p.m. Eastern Time

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Call to Order

Mr. Toppe, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m. and a quorum was established.

Board Members Present:

John Ehrig
Miguel Rodriguez
Francisco Costoya, Jr.
Jonathan Toppe, Chair
Hector Fernandez, Vice-Chair
Kenan Fishburne
Aida Bao-Garciga
Dylan Rivers

Board Members Absent:

Holly Dennis, excused
James Blanz, excused
Ivette O'Doski, excused

Others Present:

Mary Ellen Clark, Board Counsel
David Minacci, Prosecuting Attorney
Thomas Campbell, Executive Director
Terri McEwen, Government Analyst
Becky Magdaleno, AIA Florida
Douglas Feldman, IDAF
David Smith
Other Interested Parties

Court Reporter: Tracy Brown, Accurate Stenotype Reporters Inc., 2894-A Remington Green Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32308, Telephone (850) 878-2221 annie@accuratestenotype.com

Petition for Variance or Waiver from Rule 61G1-14.001, Florida Administrative Code

David Smith – Petition and Application Review

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

The petition was filed on June 7, 2016. Mr. Smith applied for licensure by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Endorsement route per Section 481.213(3) (c), Florida Statutes. Mr. Smith did not take and pass the prescribed licensure examination as required by board rule; however, he took and passed the professional practice examination administered in the Province of Quebec, Canada.

Mr. Smith is licensed in Provinces of Quebec and Nova Scotia in Canada, is licensed in Georgia and Alabama in the United States where they determined his credentials, including the examination, as substantially equivalent for licensure, he has practiced as a licensed architect in Canada since 1985 with no disciplinary actions, has met the rigorous review for NCARB certification, holds a Bachelor of Architecture from Carleton University of Ottawa, Canada.

Mr. Smith seeks a permanent variance from the requirement of Rule 61G1-14.001, F.A.C. based on the examination he did pass, together with his extensive experience, his licensure in the United States as well as Canada, and his 2006 NCARB certification through their Certification Guidelines through an Alternative to Examination Requirement.

After reviewing Mr. Smith'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. Smith has met the intent of the underlying statute, that requiring him to take any further examinations would be a hardship as defined in Section 120.542(2), Florida Statutes, and that the board grant the license to practice in the state of Florida.

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

Rule Discussion

2016-2017 Annual Regulatory Plan

Ms. Clark presented the plan and advised that it must be signed by the Chair and submitted by October 1, 2016. After board discussion the following motion was made.

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved that the board approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 2016-17 Annual Regulatory Plan as presented.

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

Discussion

Smith, Thompson, Shaw, Minacci & Colon, P.A. contract amendment

After review and discussion the following motion was made.

Motion: Ms. Bao-Garciga moved that the board approve the contract amendment as presented.

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

New Business

No new business.

Old Business

No old business.

Adjourn

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez moved that the meeting adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.