

MINUTES

**Board of Architecture and Interior Design
Crowne Plaza Pensacola Grand
200 E. Gregory Street
Pensacola, Florida 32501
850.433.3336**

**October 8, 2015
9:00 a.m.**

General Business

Call to Order

Mr. Rodriguez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and a quorum was established.

Board Members Present:

Miguel Rodriguez, Chair
Jonathan Toppe, Vice-Chair
Hector Fernandez
Aida Bao-Garciga
Kenan Fishburne
James Blanz
Ivette O'Doski
Emory Johnson

Board Members Absent:

Francisco Costoya, excused
Dylan Rivers, excused
John Ehrig, excused

Others Present:

Mary Ellen Clark, Board Counsel
David Minacci, Prosecuting Attorney
Thomas Campbell, Executive Director
Terri McEwen, Government Analyst
Trent Manausa
Joshua Griffin
Holly Dennis
David Roberts
Other Interested Parties

Court Reporter: Christina M. Esposito, Anchor Court Reporting, P O Box 12444, Pensacola, Florida 32591. Telephone (850) 432-2511.

Disciplinary Cases

Mr. Minacci requested that the following cases be handled on consent because the settlement stipulation mirrored the Probable Cause Panel's recommendation or provided for voluntary relinquishment.

DBPR vs. Art Concepts, Inc and Dale A. Weisl
Case Number 2014-052393
PCP: Hall, Shore, Costoya, and Rivers

DBPR vs. Jack B. Gilliland
Case Number 2014-052400
PCP: Hall, Shore, Costoya, and Rivers

DBPR vs. Donna Cohen
Case Number 2014-051551
PCP: Hall, Shore, Costoya, and Rivers

DBPR vs. Dale A. Weisl
Case Number 2014-052392
PCP: Hall, Shore, Costoya, and Rivers

DBPR vs. Amr T. Gawad and True Engineering & Architecture, Inc.
Case Number 2013-048340
PCP: Hall, Shore, Costoya, and Rivers

Motion: Ms. Bao-Garicga moved that the board approve the settlement stipulations and voluntary relinquishment as presented.
Second: Mr. Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Rodriguez was recused from the following case review based on his participation on the Probable Cause Panel. Mr. Toppe, Vice-Chair, conducted the hearing.

DBPR vs. Keith Martin
Case Number 2014-046135
PCP: Hall, Shore, Rodriguez, and Rivers

Motion: Mr. Johnson moved that the board approve the settlement stipulation as presented.
Second: Ms. Fishburne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DBPR vs. Infinity Design Group and Joshua David Griffin, III
Case Number 2015-000502

PCP: Hall, Shore, Costoya, and Rivers

Mr. Griffin was present and sworn in by the court reporter. The case was before the board based on a three count administrative complaint for practicing architecture without a license per Section 481.223(1) (a), Florida Statutes, using the title architect per Section 481.223 (1) (c), Florida Statutes, and practicing architecture through a business entity without a certificate of authorization per Section 481.219 (2), Florida Statutes.

The Probable Cause Panel recommended a \$5,000.00 fine plus \$1250.94 costs. The settlement stipulation reflects a \$2,500.00 fine plus costs. The fine was reduced because this was a first time offense and they agreed to comply.

Motion: Mr. Toppe moved that the board approve the settlement stipulation as presented.

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

DBPR vs. Noreen Sachs

Case Number 2014-023954

PCP: Hall, Shore, Costoya, and Rivers

Mr. Minacci requested that this case be continued to the next meeting.

Motion: Ms. Bao-Garciga moved that the case be continued to the next meeting.

Second: Ms. Fishburne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DBPR vs. Mario J. Hernandez

Case Number 2013-041550

PCP: Hall, Shore, Toppe, and Rivers

Mr. Hernandez was not present or represented by counsel. Mr. Toppe was recused from review of the case based on his participation on the Probable Cause Panel. The case was before the board based on a two count administrative complaint for practicing architecture without a license per Section 481.223(1) (a), Florida Statutes, and using the title architect per Section 481.223 (1) (c), Florida Statutes. The respondent disputed the administrative complaint on February 19, 2015 and the case was sent to the Division of Administrative Hearings on May 22, 2015. The respondent failed to respond to the request for admissions. The Division of Administrative Hearings relinquished jurisdiction to the board on July 10, 2015.

The Probable Cause Panel recommended a \$10,000.00 fine plus \$622 costs. The board reviewed the Department's disciplinary guidelines per violation and after discussion the following motions were made.

Motion: Ms. Bao-Garciga moved that the board adopts the findings of fact and conclusions of law as set forth in the administrative complaint.
Second: Mr. Fernandez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Motion: Mr. Fernandez moved that the board impose a \$4,000 fine plus costs to be paid within 30 days of the filed final order.
Second: Ms. Bao-Garciga seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DBPR vs. Christopher Miller

Case Number 2014-030129

PCP: Hall, Shore, Toppe, and Rivers

Mr. Miller was not present and requested a continuance because he hired an attorney that needs time to review the case before appearing before the board.

Motion: Ms. O'Doski moved that the board continue the case to the February meeting with no additional continuances.
Second: Mr. Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DBPR vs. Lionel Dausa and Professional Drafting, Inc.

Case Number 2014-011106

PCP: Hall, Shore, Costoya, and Rivers

Mr. Dausa was not present or represented by counsel. The case was before the board based on a two count administrative complaint for practicing architecture without a license per Section 481.223(1) (a), Florida Statutes, and practicing architecture through a business entity without a certificate of authorization per Section 481.219 (2), Florida Statutes. An attempt to hand-serve the administrative complaint to the respondent's last known address failed. The administrative complaint was served by publication in the South Florida Business Journal. The respondent has failed to respond.

The Probable Cause Panel recommended a \$10,000.00 fine plus \$580.00 costs. The board reviewed the Department's disciplinary guidelines per violation and after discussion the following motions were made.

Motion: Mr. Fernandez moved that the board finds that the administrative complaint was properly served upon the respondent and the respondent waived the right to dispute the material facts by failure to timely respond thereto and moved that the board adopts the findings of fact and conclusions of law as set forth in the administrative complaint.
Second: Ms. Bao-Garciga seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Motion: Mr. Fernandez moved that the board impose a \$6000.00 fine plus \$580.00 costs due within 30 days of the filed final order.
Second: Mr. Blanz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DBPR vs. Stanley Hoelle

Case Numbers 2013-036577 and 2013-034325

PCP: Rodriguez, Shore, Costoya, and Rivers

Mr. Hoelle was not present or represented by counsel. Mr. Rodriguez was recused from the review of the case based on his participation on the Probable Cause Panel. Mr. Toppe, Vice Chair, conducted the hearing.

The case was before the board based on a five count administrative complaint for improperly certifying the work of another, aiding and abetting unlicensed activity, negligence, signing and sealing plans not sufficiently detailed, and a title block violation.

The Probable Cause Panel recommended a \$5,000.00 fine plus \$1,035.00 costs, two years' probation, and one year suspension. The settlement stipulation reflects a \$4,000.00 fine plus costs and three years' probation. The one year suspension was changed to an additional year of probation because the respondent did incorporate steps to exercise responsible supervisory control and the projects at issue were all his original house plans that he later sealed in mass but did not maintain proper documentation.

After reviewing the Board's disciplinary guidelines the following motion was made.

Motion: Mr. Fernandez moved that the board approve the settlement stipulation as presented.

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

DBPR vs. Fermin A. Martinez

Case Number 2014-052336

PCP: Hall, Shore, Costoya, and Rivers

Mr. Martinez was not present or represented by counsel. The case was before the board based on a one count administrative complaint for practicing architecture without a license per Section 481.223(1) (a), Florida Statutes.

The Probable Cause Panel recommended a \$3,000.00 fine plus \$1,675.58 costs. The settlement stipulation reflects the \$1,675.58 costs. The penalty was reduced because this was a first time offense and the respondent agreed to come into compliance and the respondent provided sworn affidavits from licensed architects indicating the violation did not occur.

The board reviewed the Department's disciplinary guidelines and after discussion the following motion was made.

Motion: Mr. Toppe moved that the board approve the settlement stipulation as presented.

Second: Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, it passed with Ms. Fishburne, Mr. Rodriguez, and Mr. Fernandez opposed.

DBPR vs. Mariela Martin-Fernandez and Remodel by Design, LLC

Case Number 2014-042066

PCP: Hall, Shore, Costoya, and Rivers

Mr. Minacci requested that the board continue this case review.

Motion: Ms. Bao-Garciga moved that the board continue the case review to the next meeting.

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

DBPR vs. MR Engineering Consultants, Inc. and Rahimuddin Rahimi

Case Number 2013-035654

PCP: Hall, Shore, Costoya, and Rivers

Mr. Rahimi was not present or represented by counsel. The case was before the board based on a two count administrative complaint for practicing architecture without a license per Section 481.223(1) (a), Florida Statutes and practicing architecture through a business entity without a certificate of authorization per Section 481.219 (2), Florida Statutes.

The Probable Cause Panel recommended a \$10,000.00 fine plus \$240.00 costs. The settlement stipulation reflects a \$5,000.00 fine plus costs. The fine was reduced because the respondent agreed to come into compliance with the Department's disciplinary guidelines for unlicensed activity.

The board reviewed the Department's disciplinary guidelines and after discussion the following motion was made.

Motion: Ms. Fishburne moved that the board approve the settlement stipulation as presented.

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

DBPR vs. Carlos Pereira and All Service Design, Inc.

Case Number 2014-052525

PCP: Hall, Shore, Costoya, and Rivers

Mr. Pereira was not present or represented by counsel. The case was before the board based on a three count administrative complaint for practicing architecture without a license per Section 481.223(1) (a), Florida Statutes, using the title architect per Section 481.223 (1) (c), Florida Statutes, and practicing architecture through a business entity without a certificate of authorization per Section 481.219 (2), Florida Statutes.

The Probable Cause Panel recommended a \$5,500.00 fine plus \$1,926.00 costs. The settlement stipulation reflects a \$3,500.00 fine plus costs. The fine was reduced because the respondent agreed to come into compliance and this was a first time offense.

The board reviewed the Department's disciplinary guidelines and after discussion the following motion was made.

Motion: Mr. Fernandez moved that the board approve the settlement stipulation as presented.
Second: Ms. Bao-Garciga seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

General Discussion/Information

NCARB IDP – Experience Portfolio Documentation Method (EPDM) Board's Response Letter
For information purposes only.

NCARB Pre-Graduation Access to ARE Integrated Path
Mr. Rodriguez briefly reviewed the program, advised that there were no Florida schools in the pilot program, and that the first graduates from this pilot program would be 2019.

Exemption from architect licensure for residential work
The board reviewed the exemptions regarding residential work and Mr. Fernandez would like the board to review the laws and how they pertain to today's built environment. The board discussed other state's exemptions for residential work and their threshold on the size of the residential structure that requires an architect be involved. The board discussed that in order to update the language it would require statutory change. The board discussed the need for public and consumer education.

Architecture Organizations
The board discussed organization names that mislead the public to believe they are utilizing a licensed design professional based on the certifications issued by the organizations.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2015 – Probable Cause Panel Meeting, Jacksonville, Florida

Motion: Mr. Fernandez moved that the board approve the minutes as presented.
Second: Ms. Bao-Garciga seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

July 28-29, 2015 – General Business Meeting, Jacksonville, Florida

Motion: Mr. Fernandez moved that the board approve the minutes as presented.

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

August 25, 2015 – General Business, Telephone Conference Call

Motion: Mr. Johnson moved that the board approve the minutes as presented.

Second: Ms. Fishburne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ratification List(s)

Licensure

Motion: Mr. Johnson moved that the board approve the licensure ratification list as presented on pages 1036 through 1040.

Second: Ms. Fishburne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Continuing Education

Motion: Mr. Johnson moved that the board approve the continuing education ratification list as presented on page 1041.

Second: Ms. Fishburne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Reports

Executive Director's Report – Thomas Campbell

Financial Statement

Operating Account ending June 30, 2015

Unlicensed Activity Account ending June 30, 2015

Mr. Campbell reviewed the financial reports and reported that the board is in good financial position. The board requested that the department continue to request funds be approved for future Public Services Announcements.

Prosecuting Attorney's Report – David K. Minacci

Prosecutor's Case List Licensed/Unlicensed Cases

Investigator's Case List Licensed/Unlicensed Cases

Fines Chart – Summary

Fines Chart – Licensed

Fines Chart – Unlicensed

Billable Hours - July 2015

Billable Hours - August 2015

Results of July 2015 Board Meeting

Press Releases

Mr. Minacci reported that he was a guest speaker at the NCARB Annual Meeting and he created a power point presentation for future speaking engagements.

Future Board Meetings

Meeting in conjunction with the Florida Board of Professional Engineers (FBPE)

Location: TBD (Orlando or Tampa)

February 10, 2016, 8:30 a.m. – Joint meeting with FBPE

February 10, 2016, 1:00 p.m. – General Business Meeting

February 11, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – General Business Meeting (including disciplinary cases)

February 12, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – Probable Cause Panel Meeting

Location: TBD

May 11, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – Probable Cause Panel Meeting

May 12-13, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – General Business Meeting

Meeting in conjunction with AIA

Location: The Breakers Palm Beach

One South County Road, Palm Beach Florida 33480

July 18, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – Probable Cause Panel Meeting

July 19-20, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – General Business Meeting

Location: TBD

October 26, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – Probable Cause Panel Meeting

October 27-28, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – General Business Meeting

New Business

Board members to be State of Florida Employees (Other Personnel Services)

Mr. Campbell reviewed the requirements to become a state employee in order to be reimbursed for board service.

Old Business

Preparation for FBPE and BOAID Task Force meeting

The following items were scheduled as discussion topics for the upcoming November 18, 2015 meeting agenda.

1. *What is the protocol or processes for disciplinary cases referred between the boards?*

2. *FBPE - Rule 61G15-35.004, F.A.C., Common Requirements to All Engineers Providing Threshold Building Inspection Services as Special Inspectors*
3. *FBPE – Rule 61G15-18.011, F.A.C., Definitions*
4. *A Building Officials Guide to the Professional Practice of Architects & Engineers in Florida: BOAF, AIA & FES*
5. *Incidental practice*
6. *How the FBPE prosecutes engineers for practicing outside of the scope of their area of expertise?*
7. *How the FBPE prosecutes for failing to exercise responsible supervisory control?*
8. *BOAID example cases of engineers being prosecuted for the unlicensed practice of architecture and aiding and assisting the unlicensed practice of architecture.*

Recess

The meeting recessed at 2:00 p.m.

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**October 9, 2015
9:00 a.m.**

General Business

Call to Order

Mr. Rodriguez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and a quorum was established.

Board Members Present:

Miguel Rodriguez, Chair
Jonathan Toppe, Vice-Chair
Hector Fernandez
Aida Bao-Garciga
Kenan Fishburne
James Blanz
Ivette O'Doski
Emory Johnson

Board Members Absent:

Francisco Costoya, excused
Dylan Rivers, excused
John Ehrig, excused

Others Present:

Mary Ellen Clark, Board Counsel
David Minacci, Prosecuting Attorney
Thomas Campbell, Executive Director
Terri McEwen, Government Analyst
Kellie Scott
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Petition for Variance or Waiver - Rule 61G1-14.001, Florida Administrative Code, Examination Designated, General Requirements

Kamal Paul - Application Review

Mr. Paul was not present but was represented by Kelli Scott. The petition was filed on September 17, 2015. Mr. Paul applied for licensure by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Endorsement route per Section 481.213(3) (c), Florida Statutes. Mr. Paul did not take and pass the prescribed licensure examination as required by Florida Statutes; however, he took and passed the syllabus examination of the Royal Architect Institute of Canada (RAIC) and was first licensed in Newfoundland on January 13, 1983.

Mr. Paul is licensed in nine Canadian jurisdictions, is licensed in more than thirty states 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 1983 with no disciplinary actions, has met the rigorous review for NCARB certification, holds a Bachelor of Architecture from Chandigarh College of Architecture.

Ms. Scott presented that Mr. Paul 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 2007 NCARB certification through their Certification Guidelines through an Alternative to Examination Requirement.

After reviewing Mr. Paul'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. The board determined that paragraph's eight, twelve, thirteen, fifteen, and thirty-four within the petition were not valid in granting this request.

Motion: Mr. Toppe moved that the board approve and grant the petition for waiver or variance of Rule 61G1-14.001, Florida Administrative Code, based on Mr. Paul's licensure in Newfoundland since 1983 in good standing, that he is licensed in nine Canadian jurisdictions, he is licensed in more than thirty states of the United States, Mr. Paul has not been disciplined, he met the NCARB examination equivalency requirement as documented, and the board determined that the rule applies to licensure by endorsement and examination.

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

Motion: Mr. Johnson moved that the board approve the application for licensure by endorsement as presented.
Second: Ms. Bao-Garciga seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application Review

Russell Willard – State Endorsement

Mr. Willard was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Mr. Willard applied for licensure under Section 481.213(3)(b), Florida Statutes. Mr. Willard was licensed in Pennsylvania in 1994, took and passed the Architecture Registration Examination, completed NCARB IDP, and graduated from Spring Garden College with a five year professional degree in architecture. In 1994, Florida Statutes allowed for review and approval of non-NAAB accredited schools of architecture as outlined in Rule 21B-13.003, Florida Administrative Code. The board's consultant reviewed the curriculum and determined that Spring Garden College met the education requirements. After review and discussion the board made the following motion.

Motion: Mr. Fernandez moved that the board approve Mr. Willard for licensure by state endorsement.
Second: Mr. Blanz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Rules Report and Discussion

Rules Report

Ms. Clark reported that Rule 61G1-12.007, Notice of Non-Compliance became effective August 19, 2015 and Rule 61G1-13.001, Experience Requirements was noticed August 31, 2015.

2015-2016 Annual Regulatory Plan Final (signed)

Ms. Clark reported that the Annual Regulatory Plan was completed and signed.

Rule Chapter 61G1-21, F.A.C., Continuing Education for Interior Designers Interior Design Continuing Education Handbook Review

Rule Chapter 61G1-24, F.A.C., Continuing Education for Architects Architect Continuing Education Handbook Review

Motion: Mr. Johnson moved that the board notice Rule 61G1-21.001, 21.003, 24.001, and 24.002, Florida Administrative Code, and the interior design continuing education handbook and the architecture continuing education handbook for rule development and approve the text as presented.
Second: Ms. Fishburne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- Motion: Mr. Toppe moved that the board find the proposed rules will not have an adverse impact on small business or be likely to directly or indirectly increase regulatory cost to any entity including government in excess of \$250,000 in the aggregate in Florida within one year of the implementation of this rule.
- Second: Mr. Fernandez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell presented the following rule language in an effort to clarify the examination requirements and address pathways to licensure for Canadian applicants.

Rule 61G1-13.001, F.A.C., Experience Requirements

61G1-13.001 Experience Requirements.

The requirements of Section 481.211, F.S. regarding the diversified program of architectural experience may be satisfied as follows:

(1) For applicants for initial licensure, pursuant to Section 481.209, F.S., or by endorsement, pursuant to Section 481.213(3)(a), F.S., completion of the Intern Development Program (IDP) through the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

(2) For applicants for licensure by endorsement, pursuant to Section 481.213(3)(b), F.S., completion of the Intern Development Program (IDP) through the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) or two (2) years of experience as a licensed architect in another NCARB jurisdiction.

(3) For applicants for licensure by endorsement, pursuant to Section 481.213(3)(c), F.S., who have taken and passed only the Examination for Architects in Canada (EXAC), X (X) years of experience as a licensed architect in a NCARB or Canadian jurisdiction.

(4) For applicants who have taken and passed a professional practice examination as outlined in paragraph 4.4 (D) of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards' (NCARB) July 2013 Certification Guidelines five (5) years of experience as a licensed architect in a NCARB or Canadian jurisdiction.

Rulemaking Authority 481.2055, 481.211, 481.213(6) FS. Law Implemented 481.211, 481.213 FS. History—New 12-23-79, Amended 5-18-83, Formerly 21B-13.01, Amended 12-10-86, 1-3-93, Formerly 21B-13.001, Amended 7-14-05, 10-28-12.

Rule 61G1-14.001, F.A.C., Examination Designated, General Requirements

61G1-14.001 Examination Designated, General Requirements.

~~Applicants for licensure by examination shall take and pass the examination prepared and administered by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB). The prescribed licensure examinations for purposes of licensure as a registered architect under Chapter 481, part I, Florida Statutes, are as follows:~~

(1) Applicants for initial licensure, pursuant to Section 481.209, F.S., or by endorsement, pursuant to Section 481.213(3)(a), F.S., shall take and pass the examination prepared and administered by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) or have taken and passed a predecessor exam to the examination prepared and administered by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

(2) Applicants for licensure by endorsement, pursuant to Section 481.213(3)(b), F.S., shall

have taken and passed the examination prepared and administered by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) or have taken and passed a predecessor exam to the examination prepared and administered by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

(3) Applicants for licensure by endorsement, pursuant to Section 481.213(3)(c), F.S., shall have taken and passed one of the following examinations:

(a) The examination prepared and administered by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB);

(b) A predecessor exam to the examination prepared and administered by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB);

(c) A Canadian licensure examination accepted by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) for certification as outlined in subsections 3.4 and 4.4 of the National Council of Architectural Registration Board's (NCARB) July 2013 Certification Guidelines;

(d) The Examination for Architects in Canada (EXAC).

Rulemaking Authority 455.217, 481.213(6) FS. Law Implemented 455.217(1)(b), (c), 481.209 FS. History—New 12-23-79, Amended 5-18-83, Formerly 21B-14.01, 21B-14.001, Amended 4-22-97, 3-8-04, 7-14-05.

The board reviewed and discussed implementing in Rule 61G1-13.001, with two-year's experience for paragraph three; however, no action was taken. This item will be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

Rule Chapter 61G1-23, F.A.C., Responsible Supervising Control

The board reviewed and discussed the proposed language that addressed current practice regarding supervisory control inside or outside an architect's office. The board discussed defining the term "office" based on the statute and the current rule language. The board discussed language regarding digital records and maintaining those records. The board's prosecuting attorney did not see a need to update or change the current rule. The board tabled this rule for further discussion.

General Discussion/Information

ASID Declaratory Statement – Final

This item was placed on the agenda for information. After discussion, the board requested that the Declaratory Statement be placed on the board's web page.

Chapter 481.209, F.S., Examinations – Draft Language

This item was placed on the agenda for information based on the board's discussion at its July meeting to address individuals that are seeking interior design licensure with an architecture degree. The board discussed in addition to the diversified experience the importance of passing the NCIDQ examination in determining an individual's qualifications. The board discussed that there was a need to address the issue but at this time did not support opening the statute to implement this language change.

481.209 Examinations.—

(1) A person desiring to be licensed as a registered architect by initial examination shall apply to the department, complete the application form, and remit a nonrefundable application fee. The department shall license any applicant who the board certifies:

- (a) Has passed the licensure examination prescribed by board rule; and
- (b) Is a graduate of a school or college of architecture with a program accredited by the National Architectural Accreditation Board.

(2) A person desiring to be licensed as a registered interior designer shall apply to the department for licensure. The department shall administer the licensure examination for interior designers to each applicant who has completed the application form and remitted the application and examination fees specified in s. 481.207 and who the board certifies:

- (a) Is a graduate from an interior design program of 5 years or more and has completed 1 year of diversified interior design experience;
- (b) Is a graduate from an interior design program of 4 years or more and has completed 2 years of diversified interior design experience;
- (c) Has completed at least 3 years in an interior design curriculum and has completed 3 years of diversified interior design experience; or
- (d) Is a graduate from an interior design program of at least 2 years and has completed 4 years of diversified interior design experience.

(e) Is a graduate of a school or college of architecture with a program accredited by the National Architectural Accreditation Board and has completed 4 years of diversified interior design experience.

Subsequent to October 1, 2000, for the purpose of having the educational qualification required under this subsection accepted by the board, the applicant must complete his or her education at a program, school, or college of interior design whose curriculum has been approved by the board as of the time of completion. Subsequent to October 1, 2003, all of the required amount of educational credits shall have been obtained in a program, school, or college of interior design whose curriculum has been approved by the board, as of the time each educational credit is gained. The board shall adopt rules providing for the review and approval of programs, schools, and colleges of interior design and courses of interior design study based on a review and inspection by the board of the curriculum of programs, schools, and colleges of interior design in the United States, including those programs, schools, and colleges accredited by the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research. The board shall adopt rules providing for the review and approval of diversified interior design experience required by this subsection.

Chapter 553.74, F.S., Florida Building Commission – Draft Language

This item was placed on the agenda for information only. The language provided

553.74 Florida Building Commission.—

(1) The Florida Building Commission is created and located within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation for administrative purposes. Members are appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate. The commission is composed of 28 ~~27~~ members, consisting of the following:

(a)-(x) no change.

(y) One interior designer registered to practice in this state and actively engaged in the profession. The (fill in the blank) is encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

(zy) One member who shall be the chair.

Mr. Roberts reported that he would monitor the language if it was submitted in the Department's Legislative package.

Motion: Ms. Bao-Garciga moved that the recognized associations be the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), the Interior Design Associations Foundation (IDAF), and the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) and that the board support the language as presented.

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

Proposed Change to Rule 61G15-35.004, F.A.C., Common Requirements to All Engineers Providing Threshold Building Inspection Services as Special Inspectors

The board discussed that the change implements specific and additional requirements such as testing, education or certifications for authorized represents. The changes do not affect the architecture profession at this time.

Mr. Jernigan with AIA Florida reported that building officials are taking a proactive approach regarding authorized representative and verifying their credentials.

Reports

Chair's Report – Miguel Rodriguez
No report.

AIA Report – Vicki Long

Ms. Long was unable to attend; however, Steve Jernigan was present to report on her behalf. They are monitoring the upcoming Session regarding a Bill on the Statute of Limitations and Repose, the board's contract for privatized investigations and prosecutions, and the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA).

IDAF –Cindy David
No report.

ASID – David Roberts

Mr. Roberts reported that they will monitor the Building Commission language regarding interior designers.

Election of Officers

Chair

Motion: Ms. Fishburne nominated Mr. Toppe for Chair.

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

Vice-Chair

Motion: Mr. Rodriguez nominated Mr. Fernandez for Vice-Chair.

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

Mr. Rodriguez thanked the board for allowing him to serve as Chair and for their service to the board.

New Business

No new business.

Old Business

No old business.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:42.