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**Board of Architecture and Interior Design
Marriott Orlando Airport Lakeside
7499 Augusta National Drive
Orlando, Florida 32822
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**October 17, 2025
General Business
9:00 a.m.**

Call to Order

Mr. Jernigan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and a quorum established.

Members Present:

Charles "Charlie" Clary
Peter W. Jones
Beverly Frank
Gregory Burke, Vice-Chair
Steven Jernigan, Chair
Dylan Rivers
Timothy Nolen
Holly Dennis
Ivette Arango

Member Absent:

Aida Bao-Garciga, excused

Others Present:

Timothy Frizzell, Board Counsel
David Minacci, Prosecuting Attorney
Stacey Buccieri, Executive Director
Terri McEwen, Government Analyst
Melissa Minacci, Investigator
Becky Magdaleno, CAE, Hon. AIA, Executive Vice President/CEO, AIA Florida
Dave Roberts, ASID/IIDA Representative
Elizabeth Camargo, 2025 President, AIA Florida
Michael Wirtz
Frank Stetson
Jorge Benavides
James Arthur
Itzel Lozada

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Disciplinary Cases

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

Mr. Rivers was recused from the settlement stipulation case reviews based on his participation
on the Probable Cause Panel.

Licensed

DBPR vs. Brian Bullock *

Case Number 2024-062895

PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, and Rivers

*PCP Recommendation: \$1,000.00 fine plus \$375.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final
order and 41.75 hours of continuing education within 180 days of the final order*

DBPR vs. Daniel Jacobeen *

Case Number 2024-062853

PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

*PCP Recommendation: \$1,000.00 fine plus \$555.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of the
final order, 48 hours of continuing education, and suspension until compliance*

DBPR vs. Dean B. Lewis *

Case Number 2024-051488

PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

*PCP Recommendation: \$1,050.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final order, 47 hours
of continuing education (21.25 hours already provided)*

DBPR vs. Adolfo Lopez *

Case Number 2025-000040

PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

*PCP Recommendation: Reprimand, \$1,000.00 fine (paid already) plus \$840.00 costs to be
paid within 30 days of the final order*

DBPR vs. Orestes Lopez-Recio *

Case Number 2024-047708

PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

*PCP Recommendation: Reprimand, \$1,000.00 fine plus \$720.00 costs to be paid within 30
days of the final order*

91 DBPR vs. Frank Stetson *

92 Case Number 2024-047660

93 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

94 *PCP Recommendation: 28 hours of continuing education within 150 days of the final order (24*

95 *hours already provided)*

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97 DBPR vs. Gregory Waga *

98 Case Number 2024-062762

99 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

100 *PCP Recommendation: \$250.00 fine plus \$555.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final*

101 *order, 21 hours of continuing education due within 120 days of the final order*

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103 Unlicensed

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105 DBPR vs. James D. Allen and J.D. Allen & Associates, Inc. *

106 Case Numbers 2025-004582 and 2025-004585

107 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

108 *PCP Recommendation: \$9,000.00 fine plus \$1,140.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of the*

109 *final order*

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111 DBPR vs. Nestor Garcia and Nestor Garcia Design *

112 Case Numbers 2025-004616 and 2025-004619

113 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

114 *PCP Recommendation: \$3,000.00 fine plus \$795.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final*

115 *order*

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117 DBPR vs. Luis Sanchez and A1 Services Construction & Renovation, Inc.*

118 Case Numbers 2025-004537 and 2025-004539

119 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

120 *PCP Recommendation: \$1,500.00 fines plus \$1,335.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of the*

121 *final order*

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123 Motion: Mr. Nolen moved that the board approve the settlement stipulations that reflects

124 the Probable Cause Panel's recommendations as presented.

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

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127 Motion for Order Waiving Formal Hearing

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129 Licensed

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131 DBPR vs. Jorge Benavides

132 Case Number 2024-062890

133 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, and Rivers

134 *PCP Recommendation: \$1,000.00 fine plus \$405.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final*

135 *order, 48 hours of continuing education, suspension until compliance*

Mr. Benavides was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Mr. Rivers was recused from the review of the case based on his participation with the Probable Cause Panel. The case was before the board based on a one-count administrative complaint for affirming compliance with the continuing education requirements at the time of renewal, although the licensee had not completed the statutory requirement. The administrative complaint was served by certified mail on May 23, 2025.

Mr. Benavides presented 48 hours of continuing education for consideration and requested leniency regarding the imposition of fines.

After board discussion, the following motions were made.

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

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

Motion: Mr. Nolen moved that the board impose \$405.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final order filing.

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

Petition for Waiver/Variance of Rule 61G1-13.003, F.A.C.

James Ross Arthur was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Mr. Arthur petitioned the board to grant a waiver/variance from Florida education requirements as outlined in Chapter 481.209, Florida Statutes and Rule 61G1-13.003, Florida Administrative Code. Mr. Arthur has a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design.

After board discussion, the following motions were made.

Petition Review

Motion: Mr. Jones moved to deny the petition as the Florida Statute supersedes the rule and requires a 5-year professional degree in architecture.

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

Application review

Motion: Mr. Burke moved to deny the application based on Missouri's licensure requirements in 2006 were not substantially equivalent to Florida's at the time of initial licensure.

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

Mr. Rivers requested to be excused from the meeting during the disciplinary case reviews at 9:12 a.m.

181 **Disciplinary Cases**

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183 Motion for Order Waiving Formal Hearing

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185 Licensed

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187 DBPR vs. Richard Barrette

188 Case Number 2024-044349

189 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

190 *PCP Recommendation: \$1,000.00 fine plus \$788.30 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final*
191 *order, 48 hours of continuing education, and suspension until compliance*

192 The respondent was not present or represented by counsel. Mr. Rivers was recused from the
193 review of the case based on his participation with the Probable Cause Panel. The case was
194 before the board based on a one-count administrative complaint for affirming compliance with
195 the continuing education requirements at the time of renewal, although the licensee had not
196 completed the statutory requirement. The administrative complaint was served by hand
197 delivery but unsuccessful; service was achieved by publishing a notice of action in the
198 Transylvania Times. The respondent has failed to respond.

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200 After board discussion, the following motions were made.

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

206 Second: Ms. Frank seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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208 Motion: Mr. Nolen moved that the board impose a \$1,000.00 fine plus \$788.30 costs to
209 be paid within 30 days of the final order, 48 hours of continuing education, and
210 suspension until compliance.

211 Second: Ms. Frank seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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213 DBPR vs. Charles Beauduy

214 Case Number 2024-062896

215 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, and Rivers

216 *PCP Recommendation: \$1,000.00 fine plus \$195.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final*
217 *order, 48 hours of continuing education, and suspension until compliance*

218 The respondent was not present or represented by counsel. Mr. Rivers was recused from the
219 review of the case based on his participation with the Probable Cause Panel. The case was
220 before the board based on a one-count administrative complaint for affirming compliance with
221 the continuing education requirements at the time of renewal, although the licensee had not
222 completed the statutory requirement. The administrative complaint was served by certified mail
223 on June 24, 2025. The respondent has failed to respond.

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225 After board discussion, the following motions were made.

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227 Motion: Mr. Burke moved that the administrative complaint was properly served upon the
228 respondent and that the respondent waived the right to dispute the material facts
229 by failure to timely respond thereto, and that the board adopt the findings of fact
230 and conclusions of law as set forth in the administrative complaint.
231 Second: Mr. Nolen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
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233 Motion: Mr. Burke moved that the board impose a \$1,000.00 fine plus \$195.00 costs to
234 be paid within 30 days of the final order, 48 hours of continuing education, and
235 suspension until compliance.
236 Second: Ms. Frank seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
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238 DBPR vs. Israel Bigelman
239 Case Number 2024-043159
240 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers
241 *PCP Recommendation: \$1,000.00 fine plus \$995.10 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final*
242 *order, 48 hours of continuing education, and suspension until compliance*
243 The respondent was not present or represented by counsel. Mr. Rivers was recused from the
244 review of the case based on his participation with the Probable Cause Panel. The case was
245 before the board based on a one-count administrative complaint for affirming compliance with
246 the continuing education requirements at the time of renewal, although the licensee had not
247 completed the statutory requirement. The administrative complaint was served by hand
248 delivery but unsuccessful; service was achieved by publishing a notice of action in the South
249 Florida Business Journal. The respondent has failed to respond.
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251 After board discussion, the following motions were made.
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253 Motion: Ms. Frank moved that the administrative complaint was properly served upon the
254 respondent and that the respondent waived the right to dispute the material facts
255 by failure to timely respond thereto, and that the board adopt the findings of fact
256 and conclusions of law as set forth in the administrative complaint.
257 Second: Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
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259 Motion: Ms. Frank moved that the board impose a \$1,000.00 fine plus \$995.10 costs to
260 be paid within 30 days of the final order, 48 hours of continuing education, and
261 suspension until compliance.
262 Second: Mr. Nolen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
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264 DBPR vs. Kelly Gonzalez
265 Case Number 2024-059919
266 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, and Rivers
267 *PCP Recommendation: \$500.00 fine plus \$365.10 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final*
268 *order, 40 hours of continuing education within 180 days of the final order*
269 The respondent was not present or represented by counsel. Mr. Rivers was recused from the
270 review of the case based on his participation with the Probable Cause Panel. The case was

before the board based on a one-count administrative complaint for affirming compliance with the continuing education requirements at the time of renewal, although the licensee had not completed the statutory requirement. The administrative complaint was served by hand delivery on July 24, 2025. The respondent has failed to respond.

After board discussion, the following motions were made.

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

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

Motion: Mr. Nolen moved that the board impose a \$500.00 fine plus \$365.10 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final order, 40 hours of continuing education within 180 days of the filing of the final order.

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

DBPR vs. Charles Pereira

Case Number 2024-057072

PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, and Rivers

PCP Recommendation: \$500.00 fine plus \$375.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final order, 40 hours of continuing education within 180 days of the final order

The respondent was not present or represented by counsel. Mr. Rivers was recused from the review of the case based on his participation with the Probable Cause Panel. The case was before the board based on a one-count administrative complaint for affirming compliance with the continuing education requirements at the time of renewal, although the licensee had not completed the statutory requirement. The administrative complaint was served by certified mail on May 23, 2025. The respondent has failed to respond.

After board discussion, the following motions were made.

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

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

Motion: Mr. Nolen moved that the board impose a \$500.00 fine plus \$375.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final order, 40 hours of continuing education within 180 days of the filing of the final order.

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

Unlicensed

DBPR vs. Albert Weatherby and TOPK Engineering, Inc.

Case Numbers 2024-009782 and 2024-009783

PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, and Rivers

PCP Recommendation: \$1,500.00 fine plus \$335.10 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final order

The respondent was not present or represented by counsel. The Probable Cause Panel initially issued an affidavit to cease and desist offering architectural services, however, the licensed engineer refused. The case was taken back to the panel and they recommended a one count administrative complaint for practicing architecture without a license. The administrative complaint was served by hand delivery on July 8, 2025. The respondent has failed to respond.

After board discussion, the following motions were made.

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

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

Motion: Mr. Burke moved that the board impose a \$1,500.00 fine plus \$335.10 costs to be paid within 30 days of the filing of the final order.

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

Settlement Stipulations

Unlicensed

DBPR vs. Samir Kafruni and Arquetipo Group

Case Numbers 2025-000038 and 2025-000039

PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

PCP Recommendation: \$3,000 fine plus \$720.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final order

Settlement Stipulations Reflects: \$2,000 fine plus \$720.00 costs to be paid within 30 days of the final order

The respondent was not present but was represented by counsel through correspondence. Counsel representing the respondent assured Mr. Minacci that they had explained Chapter 481, Florida Statute to their client and the respondent understands the disciplinary matter, this was the respondents' first offense and the respondent agreed to comply.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

361 Motion: Mr. Nolen moved that the board approve the settlement stipulation as presented.
362 Second: Ms. Dennis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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364 DBPR vs. Benjamin McCoy

365 Case Numbers 2024-053629 and 2024-053627

366 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

367 *PCP Recommendation: \$3,000.00 fine plus \$1,485.00 costs*

368 *Settlement Stipulation Reflects: \$1,000.00 fines plus \$1,485.00 costs*

369 The respondent was not present but was represented by counsel through correspondence.

370 Counsel representing the respondent assured Mr. Minacci that they had explained Chapter

371 481, Florida Statute to their client and the respondent understands the disciplinary matter, this

372 was the respondents' first offense and the respondent agreed to comply.

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374 After discussion, the following motion was made.

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

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

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379 DBPR vs. Ralph Moralejo

380 Case Number 2024-047707

381 PCP: Hall, Rodriguez, Wirtz, and Rivers

382 *PCP Recommendation: \$3,000.00 fine plus \$600.00 costs*

383 *Settlement Stipulation Reflects: \$1,500.00 fine plus \$600.00 costs*

384 The respondent was not present but was represented by counsel through correspondence.

385 Counsel representing the respondent assured Mr. Minacci that they had explained Chapter

386 481, Florida Statute to their client and the respondent understands the disciplinary matter, this

387 was the respondents' first offense and the respondent agreed to comply.

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389 After discussion, the following motion was made.

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

392 Second: Ms. Frank seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

393 394 **Discussion Items**

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396 NCARB Competency Standards

397 No discussion was held.

398 399 **Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

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401 July 29, 2025 – Probable Cause Panel, Tampa, Florida

402 Motion: Mr. Jones moved to accept the Probable Cause Panel minutes as presented.

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

July 30, 2025 – General Business, Tampa, Florida

Motion: Mr. Jones moved to approve the General Business meeting minutes as presented.

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

Ratification List

Licensure and Registration - Architect Licensed by NCARB Examination, architect Licensed by NCARB Endorsement, Architect License by State Endorsement, Architect License by Null and Void/Hardship, Interior Designer Licensed by Endorsement, Interior Designer Licensed by Dual Licensure Registration, and Architecture Business Registration

Motion: Mr. Nolen moved that the board approve the licensure and ratification list as presented.

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

Continuing Education

Provider and Course approval list from June 30, 2025, through September 30, 2025

Motion: Mr. Nolen moved that the board approved the continuing education ratification list as presented.

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

Rules Report and Discussion

Rules Report and Annual Regulatory Plan

Mr. Frizzell reviewed the rules report and annual regulatory plan.

Reports

Board Chair – Steve Jernigan

Mr. Jernigan reported that he was serving on the NCARB Experience Committee to review the competency standards.

Executive Director’s Report – Stacey Buccieri

Financial Reports ending June 30, 2025

Operating Account and Unlicensed Activity Account

Ms. Buccieri reviewed the financial reports for information purposes.

AIA Florida – Becky Magdaleno and Elizabeth Camargo

Ms. Camargo provided an update on the AIA Florida Annual Conference success and their continuing education offerings. Ms. Magdaleno thanked Mr. Burke for his service presenting continuing education course content.

450 Ms. Magdaleno reported that they anticipate legislative language that will impact the board.
451 AIA Florida's Legislative Day is scheduled for January 27, 2026.
452 ASID/IIDA Florida – Dave Roberts
453 Mr. Roberts reported that they anticipate legislative language from a committee that will impact
454 the board.

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456 Prosecuting Attorney's Report – David K. Minacci
457 1. Prosecutor's Case List Licensed/Unlicensed Cases
458 2. Investigator's Case List Licensed/Unlicensed Cases
459 3. Fines Chart – Summary
460 4. Fines Chart – Licensed
461 5. Fines Chart – Unlicensed
462 6. Billable Hours – July 2025
463 7. Billable Hours – August 2025
464 8. Billable Hours – September 2025
465 9. Results of July 30, 2025, Board Meeting
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467 **Elections**

468 *Chair*

469 Motion: Mr. Jones nominated Beverly Frank as Chair.
470 Second: Ms. Dennis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
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472 *Vice-Chair*

473 Motion: Ms. Dennis nominated Charles Clary as Vice-Chair.
474 Second: Mr. Jones seconded the motion and is passed unanimously.
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477 **Proposed Future Board Meeting Dates and Locations**

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479 January 22, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Probable Cause Panel Meeting
480 January 23, 2026, 9:00 a.m. - General Business Meeting
481 Location TBD
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483 April 20, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Probable Cause Panel Meeting
484 April 21, 2026, 9:00 a.m. - General Business Meeting
485 Location TBD
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487 July 14, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Probable Cause Panel Meeting
488 July 15, 2026, 9:00 a.m. - General Business Meeting
489 Meet in conjunction with AIA Florida – Gaylord Palms, Orlando, Florida
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491 October 29, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Probable Cause Panel Meeting
492 October 30, 2026, 9:00 a.m. - General Business Meeting
493 Location TBD
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New Business

Ms. McEwen reported that the 2025 continuing education audit notifications would be sent by email soon.

Old Business

No new business.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

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