

MINUTES
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGN

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

September 2, 2008
2:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Toll Free 888.808.6959 conference code 9218690

Call to Order

Mr. Kuritzky, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

John Ehrig
E. Wendell Hall
Eric Kuritzky, Chair
Lourdes Solera
Mary Jane Grigsby
Joyce Shore
Garrick Gustafson
Roymi Membiela
Wanda Gozdz

Board Members Absent:

Rossana Dolan, excused

Others Present:

Juanita Chastain, Executive Director
Terri Estes, Government Analyst
Mary Ellen Clark, Board Counsel
David Minacci, Prosecuting Attorney
Emory Johnson
Gregory Washington
Vicente Vanegas
Michael Perry
Ames Bennett
Catherine Carbone
Brian Cote
Nicholas Renard
Elissa Webb

Application Review

Kathryn J. Carbone – interior design licensure

Ms. Carbone was present. Mr. Minacci commented that the application was before the board based on prior discipline for the unlicensed practice of interior design. He commented that the board approved a settlement stipulation and Ms. Carbone complied with the terms in the stipulation.

Motion: Mr. Gustafson moved to approve the application as presented.

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

Cote Renard Architecture, Inc. – certificate of authorization

Mr. Cote and Mr. Renard were present. Mr. Minacci commented that the application was before the board based on prior discipline against Mr. Cote for the unlicensed practice of architecture. He commented that the board approved a final order and Mr. Cote was making timely payments as required by the order.

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

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

MP Design & Architecture, Inc. – certificate of authorization

Mr. Perry and Mr. Bennett were present. Mr. Minacci commented that the application was before the board based on prior discipline against Mr. Bennett and Mr. Perry. He commented that the board approved both final orders and both respondents were in compliance with the exception of Mr. Bennett's probation.

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

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

Application for Reinstatement of a Void License

Gregory Washington – architect

Mr. Washington was present. Ms. Chastain presented the application and stated that Mr. Washington applied for reinstatement of a void license based on a financial hardship. She commented that his license lapsed null and void in March 2007 for failure to renew. Mr. Washington commented that he was building a business in Georgia and did not realize the license lapsed in Florida. The board discussed the number of continuing education hours needed for reinstatement.

Ms. Clark commented that the board must determine if Mr. Washington made a good faith effort to comply with renewal but failed to comply due to illness or unusual hardship. After discussion the board did not feel Mr. Washington's circumstances met the reinstatement criteria. Ms. Clark suggested that Mr. Washington apply for a new license.

Mr. Washington commented that he was building a business in Georgia and his Florida license lapsed. He applied for reinstatement because he would like to maintain his original license number.

Motion: Ms. Grigsby moved that the board deny the reinstatement of his null and void license.

Second: Mr. Hall seconded the motion.

Ms. Chastain commented that she researched Mr. Washington's original application and it appeared that he met the requirements to regain licensure in Florida. She commented that he would not maintain the same license number but would receive a new license number.

Mr. Washington requested to withdraw his application and apply for a new license.

Ms. Grigsby withdrew her motion to deny and Mr. Hall withdrew his second.

Mr. Washington asked if he obtained a new license would he be required to retake the Florida Building Code core course again. Ms. Clark and Mr. Minacci replied in the negative.

Elissa C. Webb – interior design

Ms. Webb was present. Ms. Chastain presented the application and stated that Ms. Webb applied for reinstatement of a void license based on illness and unusual hardship. The license lapsed delinquent March 1, 2001 and null and void March 1, 2003. An unlicensed activity case was filed against Ms. Webb which was closed by the probable cause panel on June 27, 2008.

Mr. Minacci commented that Ms. Webb was cooperative during the investigation and provided evidence of her illness and completion of continuing education. He commented that she was active in the interior design community and the panel thought non-renewal of the license was an oversight due to her illness.

Ms. Webb commented that she continued to maintain her continuing education credits and thought she had a valid license. She commented that she provided an address change to the department in 2000 that was not received or was not process. She commented that she did not receive the renewal notice so she did not renew the license.

Ms. Webb reviewed the timeline of her illnesses. The board discussed the fact that Ms. Webb continued to obtain continuing education throughout her illness. Mr. Minacci commented that she operated under the assumption that she was licensed.

Ms. Clark commented that the board must determine if Ms. Webb made a good faith effort to comply with renewal but failed to comply due to illness or unusual hardship. She commented that Ms. Webb continued to complete continuing education requirements but failed to renew because she did not receive a renewal.

Motion: Mr. Hall moved that the board approve the reinstatement of Ms. Webb's license due to illness and unusual hardship.

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

Application Review

Vicente Vanegas – architect examination

Mr. Vanegas was present. Ms. Chastain presented the application and stated that Mr. Vanegas was issued a citation against his contractor's license which he complied.

Motion: Ms. Grigsby moved that the board approve the application as presented.

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

Discussion/For information

NCARB Fast Facts – August 2008
NCARB – Letter from Cindy McKim

Ms. Grigsby commented that the letter from Ms. McKim mentioned a survey about interior architecture versus interior design and asked Ms. Chastain if she had received the survey. Ms. Chastain replied that only the executive directors received the survey and the survey would be sent to the members soon.

Future Board Meeting dates

Ms. Chastain commented that the department requested that the board schedule a meeting in Tallahassee for paperless agenda training.

The board set the following meeting dates.

January 7, 2009 – Probable Cause Panel Meeting (Tallahassee)
January 8-9, 2009 – General Business (Tallahassee)
May 6, 2009 – Probable Cause Panel (St. Augustine)
May 7-8, 2009 – General Business (St. Augustine)
July 27, 2009 – Probable Cause Panel (Tampa in conjunction with AIA)
July 28-29, 2009 – General Business (Tampa in conjunction with AIA)
October 21, 2009 – Probable Cause Panel (Ft. Lauderdale)
October 22-23, 2009 – General Business (Ft. Lauderdale)

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

May 6-7, 2008 – St. Petersburg

Motion: Mr. Ehrig moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

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

New Business

Mr. Kuritzky requested that a discussion item for the October meeting be the creation of company names prior to board approval.

Old Business

No old business.

Adjourn

Motion: Mr. Kuritzky moved that the meeting be adjourned.

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.