

**Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners
Complaint Review Committee
February 8, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Richard J. LeBlanc, Chair
Knox H. Tumlin
Kevin J. Singh
Katherine E. Hillegas, Executive Director
Tyson J. Ducote, Deputy Director
Paul H. Spaht, Board Attorney

The meeting was called to order by LeBlanc who reviewed the agenda.

Motion #1: Tumlin/Singh: To enter into executive session to discuss investigative and disciplinary matters regarding allegations of misconduct and/or the character and professional competence of persons. **Passed. 3-0.**

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

Motion #2: Tumlin/Singh: To approve the December 6, 2018, CRC minutes. **Passed. 3-0.**

Returned Consent Orders:

2018-15 – M2 Studio, LLC

Ducote presented an executed Consent Order to the committee for acceptance.

Motion #3: Tumlin/LeBlanc: To accept the completed Consent Order regarding case 2018-15, M2 Studio, LLC, and forward it to the full Board for ratification. **Passed. 3-0.**

Existing Complaints - Updates:

2017-08 - Re:Design Architectural Studios

Spaht updated the committee on the suit against Aaron Robinson and Re:Design Architectural Studios. A letter and a copy of the default judgment was served upon Robinson in California on December 20, 2018. The committee agreed that once the appeal period expired the case would be sent to the full Board for its approval and authorization to publish notice of the suit and judgment on the LSBAE website and in the newsletter identifying Aaron Robinson d/b/a Re:Design Architectural Studios by name; reporting the matter to the NCARB Disciplinary Database, and contacting other jurisdictions where Robinson is or may be practicing or offering to practice architecture and providing them with copies of the default judgment.

New Business:

Patrick W. Tucker

Ducote presented a complaint alleging a violation of the Board's laws or rules for possible violations of fraud, deceit, gross incompetence, dishonesty, misrepresentation, misconduct, or

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gross negligence in the practice of architecture. After discussion of the evidence provided by the complainant and the respondent:

Motion #4: Tumlin/Singh: To dismiss the complaint for insufficient evidence of a violation of the Board's laws or rules. Passed. 3-0.

The committee then discussed a staff request for an operating guideline related to the fine structure listed in the Disciplinary Guidelines for expired practice. After discussion, the committee agreed with the staff recommendation that the fine for expired practice beyond 1 year would be determined in 6-month periods and raised \$500 per 6-month period that the individual or firm was expired. The committee accepted the recommendation and approved the operating guideline being sent to the full Board for approval.

Motion #5: Tumlin/Singh: To leave Executive Session. Passed. 3-0.

There being no further business to address,

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. LeBlanc, Chair