

MINUTES OF THE COMPLAINT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS 9625 FENWAY AVENUE, SUITE B BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1592 MAY 20, 2022

At 8:30 a.m. on May 20, 2022, Kevin J. Singh called the meeting to order, with the following members present:

Kevin J. Singh, Chair David K. Brossett Kristine A. Kobila

Also present:

Tyson J. Ducote, Executive Director

Paul H. Spaht, Board Legal Counsel

Absent:

Justin G. Owens, Deputy Director

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Singh who welcomed Ms. Kobila to the committee, after which the agenda was reviewed.

The Complaint Review Committee unanimously approved the motion by Ms. Kobila, seconded by Mr. Brossett to enter Executive Session to discuss investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct, La. R.S. 42:17(A)(4).

Discussion of the following matters:

- Case 2019-15 (Update)
- Case 2021-07
- Case 2022-04
- Case 2022-09

The Complaint Review Committee unanimously approved the motion by Ms. Kobila, seconded by Mr. Brossett to leave Executive Session.

Judgment Enforcement of Consent Order/Judgment:

2019-15

Ducote and Spaht presented an update to the committee on the status of this matter. Following discussion, the committee directed Spaht to record the judgment in the mortgage records of East Baton Rouge Parish.

Open Investigations:

2021-07

Ducote presented an update to the committee on the status of this matter involving allegations against a licensed architect of negligence and incompetence. The Committee noted that Complainant and Respondent are currently involved in civil litigation.

The Complaint Review Committee unanimously approved the motion by Mr. Brossett, seconded by Ms. Kobila for staff to monitor the civil litigation and take no further action until it has concluded, or the five-year statute of limitations nears.

2022-04

Ducote presented a matter involving a possible violation of the Board's laws or rules concerning a licensed architect who failed to respond to the Board's 2021 audit of his continuing education hours ("CEH") for Calendar Year 2020 and who is also using the term "architect" in connection with his business activities in Louisiana with an expired architect license.

The Complaint Review Committee unanimously approved the motion by Mr. Brossett, seconded by Ms. Kobila to propose a consent order to the Respondent with the following sanctions: a fine of \$5,000 and actual administrative costs; providing proof to the Board of earning all delinquent CEH; agreeing to the audit of his Continuing Education records for five consecutive renewal cycles if his

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license is reinstated; publication of any adopted consent order on the Board's website, publishing a summary of the matter in the Board's newsletter, and reporting the matter to NCARB, all identifying Respondent by name.

2022-09

Ducote presented a matter involving a possible violation of the Board's laws or rules concerning a licensed architect who failed to meet the Board's requirement for continuing education hours ("CEH") for Calendar Year 2021 and who falsely claimed that he had met those requirements.

The Complaint Review Committee unanimously approved the motion by Ms. Kobila, seconded by Mr. Brossett to propose a consent order to the Respondent with the following sanctions: a fine of \$1,500 and actual administrative costs; providing proof to the Board of earning all delinquent CEH; agreeing to the audit of his Continuing Education records for five consecutive renewal cycles; publication of any adopted consent order on the Board's website, publishing a summary of the matter in the Board's newsletter, and reporting the matter to NCARB, all identifying Respondent by name.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

The Complaint Review Committee unanimously approved the motion by Mr. Brossett, seconded by Mr. Singh, with Ms. Kobila abstaining to approve the March 18, 2022, CRC meeting minutes.

Disciplinary Guidelines Review & Discussions

Ducote advised that going forward, former Executive Director Kathy Hillegas will be working on this item.

The Complaint Review Committee unanimously approved the motion by Mr. Brossett, seconded by Ms. Kobila to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Singh, Chair