

Minutes of the Meeting of
Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners
June 12, 2015
10:00 AM

Attending

J. David Brinson, President presiding
Allen Bacqué
Ronald Blicht
John Cardone, Jr.,
Richard LeBlanc
Knox Tumlin
Teeny Simmons, Executive Director
Paul H. Spaht, Board Attorney

Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order by the President and Knox Tumlin was welcomed to the Board, replacing Creed Brierre.

Minutes Approved

2. The minutes from the meeting held March 06, 2015 were approved as written.

IDP Report

3. State Architectural Licensing Advisor (Jenny Pelc) was unable to attend but filed the following report.

1 – LA Licensure Forum 2016:

- a. Likely Date: Saturday, February 13, 2016 (with possible overflow, optional events Friday & Sunday)
- b. Venue: Tulane School of Architecture
- c. Hotel: Hampton Inn St. Charles (room block being coordinated)
- d. Budgeting: Louisiana AIA has offered to match LSBAE funding up to \$4000
 - a. Food: Coffee & Pastries; Box Lunch; Wine & Cheese Reception
 - b. Flyers: Save-the-Date Mailings & Posters for Schools of Architecture
 - c. Participant Packets
 - d. Stipends and/ or Travel Assistance for Speakers
- e. Incorporation of Board Member/ Educator Meeting: Working with Jenny Wilkinson and Mike Rodriguez
- f. Overlapping Themes: Streamlined IDP & Licensure upon Graduation
- g. Draft Agenda Attached (items I black indicated joint Forum/ ExComm)

2 – University Outreach: Beginning to schedule/ coordinate university visits

3 – IDP Update: Streamlined IDP goes into effect on July 1, 2015

- a. Model Law eliminates “elective hours”
- b. Total Hours: 3740 (previously 5600)
- c. Louisiana adopts this change without any modification to legislation (also the case for 32 additional jurisdictions)

- d. More information: http://www.ncarb.org/News-and-Events/News/2015/Streamline.aspx?utm_source=Website&utm_medium=RotatingBanner&utm_campaign=IDPStreamline
Jurisdictional Comparison: <http://www.ncarb.org/en/Experience-Through-Internships/IDP2-Experience-Categories-Areas/Experience-Requirement-by-State.aspx>

4 – Newsletter: includes information about the Streamlined IDP as well as preliminary announcement of the Louisiana Licensure Forums

Executive Director's
Report

4. The Executive Director gave the following report:
- A. Continuing firm renewals.
 - B. Preparation for June, 2015 Newsletter.
 - C. Discuss hiring process for part-time investigator.
 - D. Preparation for Selection Board Members (term beginning September, 2015).
 - E. Attendance:
 - 1. March 11-15, 2015 – NCARB Regional/Long Beach.
 - 2. April 9, 2015 – FMO/ New Computer update.
 - 3. April 28, 2015 – FMO Roundtable/Brinson.
 - 4. April 29, 2015 – Agriculture Engineer Committee (Spaht, Bacque, Brinson).
 - 5. May 4, 2015 – Agriculture Engineer/FM office (Spaht, Bacque, Brinson, Cardone).
 - 6. May 26, 2015 – Agriculture Engineer hearing (FMO/Spaht, Bacque, Brinson) along with members from AIALA, Civil Engineers.
 - 7. May 28, 2015 – Office of Debt Recovery representatives/Spaht, Simmons, Porche).

Legal

5. Mr. Spaht presented the following legal matters:
- A. *Merritt E. McDonald v. Louisiana State Fire Marshal*, Suit No. 614,502, Section 25, 19th JDC – The board reviewed the Motion for Leave to Intervene, Memorandum in Support of Motion to Intervene, and proposed Petition of Intervention filed on its behalf in the *McDonald* suit, and Ms. Simmons' letter dated May 8, 2015 to Justin Bello providing comments in opposition to the proposed OFM rule amendment of LAC 55:V.307 titled Buildings; Observation of Construction; Final Inspection. The motion to intervene was filed on June 1, 2015, and Mr. Spaht reported that no Order allowing the board to intervene has yet been signed by the trial judge. The motion recited that the parties to the suit (Mr. McDonald, the OFM, and LAPELS), through their attorneys, had no objection to the board intervening in the suit, and hence it was anticipated that the trial judge would allow the intervention by the board. If not, the

motion to intervene will be set for hearing. Mr. Spaht also reported that AIA-Louisiana has retained Dale Clary, an attorney in Baton Rouge, to file an intervention in the suit on its behalf.

- B. Office of Debt Recovery – The board reviewed an email from DeAnn Fife dated June 2, 2015, concerning a request that the board enter into an Agency Participation Agreement with the Office of Debt Recovery (“ODR”), and a draft of a proposed agreement attached. The board also reviewed a copy of La. R.S. 47:1676 which creates the ODR within the Department of Revenue and expresses the public policy of the state to aggressively pursue the collection of accounts or claims due and payable to the State of Louisiana through all reasonable means. Ms. Simmons and Mr. Spaht described their meeting in late May of 2015 with representatives of ODR, and Ms. Simmons explained that the ODR is in the process of reviewing the roster of Louisiana architects to determine how many might owe a tax debt to the State. The ODR has indicated that this is taking time because of the limited amount of information included in the roster. As soon as LDR’s IT group has any matches, it will provide a list to the board.
- C. Education Fund/Firm Practice – The finalization of a proposed bill to be submitted to the legislature re: firm practice is awaiting the drafting of language concerning the creation and operation of an education fund. The education fund committee will have a conference call before the board meeting in September of 2015, and Mr. Blich expressed his willingness to serve on this committee.
- D. Continuing Education/Request for CEH – The board reviewed and discussed emails dated May 14 and June 11, 2015, from Brooks Graham requesting that the board consider his service on the Central Business District Architectural Review Committee of the Historic District Landmarks Commission in New Orleans for continuing education credit. Mr. Graham explained that his responsibilities on this committee are regulatory, not administrative. He further explained that issues concerning zoning regulations, construction methods and materials, building design, and site design are researched and studied in advance before being discussed at each meeting. The board observed that the activities described by Mr. Graham were not structured educational activities as defined by Rule § 1315. On motion by Mr. Tumlin, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc, the board denied Mr. Graham’s request. Ms. Simmons will so advise Mr. Graham.
- E. AIA Louisiana – For informational purposes, the board reviewed and discussed (1) emails and a letter dated March 3, 2015 by Lynn B. Robertson on behalf of AIA Louisiana concerning language contained in an RFP issued by the Terrebonne Parish School District, and (2) emails and a letter dated March 5, 2015 by Ms. Robertson on behalf of AIA Louisiana concerning the issue of PE seal requirements on HVAC and plumbing repairs. This information was reviewed for informational purposes only, and no action by the board in connection therewith was deemed necessary.
- F. CRC Matter/Reztark Architecture – The board reviewed and discussed a proposed consent order concerning *In the matter of Reztark Architecture P.C., Inc.*, Case No. 2014-21. The proposed consent order was signed by Brett J.D. Kratzer on behalf of the respondent. On motion by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Tumlin, the board approved the proposed consent order and authorized its executive director to sign same on behalf of the board.

6. The following NCARB issues were discussed for informational purposes only and required no further action.

A. Dale McKinney email dated April 28, 2015 re: 2015 resolutions.

B. Intern Title Debate.

C. New IDP Requirements/Survey results. (Haese email dated April 06, 2015.

D. FARB (Supreme Court decision/N.C. State Board of Dental Examiners.

Budget Report

7. The May, 2015 budget report was reviewed.

8. After discussing the FY 15-16 budget, it was approved. Minor increases were noted to salaries, retirement, insurance and capital outlay for new computers. Annual standard four percent raises were approved as in the past.

9. Future Board meeting dates for 2015 are as follows:

September 18

December 11

9-18-2015
Date


J. David Brinson, President


Allen Bacqué, Secretary