

MINUTES
Joint Task Force Sub-Committee Meeting
South Carolina Board of Architectural Examiners
South Carolina Building Codes Council
South Carolina Board for Professional Engineers and Surveyors
10:00 a.m., April 6, 2015
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 202-03
Columbia, SC

Call To Order

Mr. Anthony Lawrence called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Statement of Public Notice

Mr. Lawrence stated the public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Introduction of Board Members and Other Persons Attending

Task Force sub-committee members present were Anthony Lawrence, Darbis Briggman, and James Justus, PE.

Staff members present included Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator and Britton Jenkins, Program Assistant. Mrs. Miles advised the sub-committee that Mr. Jennings is unable to attend the meeting, but will be available for executive session should one be needed.

Jill Vickers (Creel Court Reporting) was also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve minutes from the March 9, 2015 joint task force subcommittee meeting.
Briggman/Justus/approved.

New Business

- a. The sub-committee reviewed regulations on incidental practice from the states of Mississippi, Nevada, and Texas. Mrs. Miles noted that a member of the Architectural Examiners board recommended that she forward those materials to the sub-committee and that it can either be addressed, or taken as information. Mr. Lawrence said that he is familiar with the Mississippi laws, and that their brochure is straightforward. He added that Mississippi's example answers questions that have been asked in the past in a typical frequently asked questions format. He noted that what the joint task force is attempting to do is base their guidelines on the different building types similar to Florida's policy. Mr. Lawrence added that it would be more of a comprehensive way to address this matter as opposed to just answering a question. Mr. Lawrence noted that it is better to have something that is brief and can specifically address incidental practice. Mr. Briggman added that he reviewed South Carolina's Building Official Manual and that it does not need to be re-written, but key issues needs to be added to address

incidental practice. He noted that it should be reviewed from time to time to ensure compliance. Mrs. Miles added that she believes the last review was in 2010. Mr. Justus agreed the manual does not need to be rewritten, but certain sections need to be updated. Mr. Lawrence said that while reviewing the Texas and Nevada policies he concluded that it should be a clear focus on what is allowed, what is not allowed and professionals should be able to take that information and move forward. He noted that Nevada's policy is too detailed and lengthy.

- b. The sub-committee reviewed proposed changes to the South Carolina Building Official Manual. Mr. Lawrence noted that each sub-committee member had different sections of the manual to review. Mr. Lawrence presented his recommendations to address incidental practice policy. He noted that with new buildings and building additions, an architect must be responsible for comprehensive building design and planning including: life safety, floor plans, elevations, architectural detailing, architectural features, specifications and any aspect related to human habitation of building based on education, training, and technical expertise. An architect should not present themselves as engineers or the work of engineering. He added that professional engineers must be responsible for engineering design of multiple aspects of a building project. Engineers practice must be based upon their training, knowledge, and technical expertise and are not licensed by any specific discipline. Engineers should not represent themselves as architects or the work of architecture. Mr. Lawrence noted that he did not believe there were any modifications that needed to be done to the engineers' statutes regarding the scope of expertise. He added that the Architectural Board should note that their policy needs to be specifically related to overall structural load calculations and structural components. Mr. Lawrence further explained that for one and two Family Dwellings, it should be noted that an architect must be responsible for comprehensive building design of one and two family dwellings based on education, training, and technical expertise. A professional structural engineer must be responsible for the engineering design of one and two family dwellings and certify all structural load calculations based upon their training, knowledge, and technical expertise. Mr. Justus added what concerns him with Mr. Lawrence's recommendation, is that an architect is required to be involved in a building addition. Mr. Lawrence said that the requirement of an architect would be required by square footage or if it was a building of assembly. Mr. Justus noted that the International Building Codes does not define its regulations based on an "architect" or "engineer", and all references were changed to "design professional". He noted that he does not have a problem with architects being involved in new construction, but he struggles with architects being required to be involved in renovations and expansions because that can go either way. Mr. Justus noted that he agreed that the individual must perform within their area of competence. Mr. Lawrence added that the policy should be broken down into new buildings and building additions as one category. Mr. Justus suggested that instead of defining an overlap of practice, perhaps the policy should address how the building officials should determine if a professional is incapable. He added that the Building Officials Manual should be updated to reflect that essentially that either architects or engineers can submit drawings for approval and it is the up to the official to flag it if there are incompetent. Mr. Justus suggested that to move forward, the Florida policy provides a good model and the sub-committee needs to separate new buildings and building additions in their policy. Mrs. Miles asked what would happen if an engineer or architect disagrees with the decision of the building official. Mr. Lawrence said that the Building official will be given the option to take care of it him or herself, call ICC for an interpretation, or contact a third-party

reviewer. Mr. Lawrence asked the sub-committee how they should move forward. Mr. Briggman suggested they take what they have now and involve the full committee. Mr. Lawrence said that it was important to have something for the committee to review and give their opinion on. Mr. Justus suggested making modifications to Mr. Lawrence's draft and present it as a recommendation to the full committee as an addendum to the Building Officials Manual. Mr. Lawrence said that he would make modifications and email it to the sub-committee members for review by April 20, 2015. Mr. Justus said that he would review an electronic copy of the Building Officials Manual to edit things that specify engineers and architects. Mr. Briggman said that he would be able to review it as well and make edits that tie into incidental practice. Mr. Lawrence requested Mr. Jennings review the draft of the sub-committee's recommendations upon completion. Mrs. Miles said that she would ask him. Mr. Justus and Mr. Briggman agreed to have their portions completed by April 24, 2014. Mr. Briggman suggested that sub-committee have a conference call to review all the findings through research, and that the next full committee should be sometime in early May. The sub-committee agreed to have a conference call prior to the full task force meeting tentatively scheduled for the week of April 27, 2015.

MOTION: To adjourn. Briggman/Justus/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Britton S. Jenkins, Program Assistant