

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Architectural Examiners
Board Meeting/Hearings
9:30 a.m., January 15, 2013
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Stephen Russell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Other members present were Brad Smith, Anthony Lawrence, Tyson Nettles and Charles Muldrow. Member Kate Schwennsen notified the Administrator in advance that she would not be able to attend the meeting.

Staff members participating in this meeting included Jan Simpson, Administrator; Alice DeBorde, Administrative Assistant; and Sherrie Moorer, Program Assistant. Georgia Lewis, Advice Counsel, advised the Board.

Statement of Public Notice

Mr. Russell announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Architectural Examiners office, 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.

Approval of the November 13, 2012, Meeting Minutes

Motion To approve the minutes as submitted. Muldrow/Lawrence/Approved.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the Agenda as submitted. Lawrence/Muldrow/Approved.

Office of General Counsel - Hearings.

No hearings were scheduled for this meeting

Incidental Practice

Mr. Russell attended the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors meeting on November 14, 2012, to discuss issues related to incidental practice, specifically drafting a definition acceptable to both Boards. It was agreed that a joint committee with the Architectural Board be formed to work on this issue. Members Russell and Lawrence will serve as the Board representatives on the joint committee.

Per the Board's request, Administrator Simpson contacted Ron Blitch, of NCARB, to ask that he consider assigning this as a charge to an NCARB Committee. Simpson stated that after discussing this with Ron Blitch, NCARB will not pursue this issue.

Revisions to Regulations

The Regulations will continue through the legislative process as approved at the November 15, 2012 meeting.

Statement of Economic Interest

The Board members were mailed a summary of reimbursements for 2012. The Board was reminded to file their Statement of Economic Interest by the April 15, 2013, deadline.

Travel Approval for Board Members and Administrator

Motion: To authorize Board Members and Administrator Simpson to attend all meetings related to board duties, to include but not be limited to NCARB Annual and Regional Meetings, MBE Meetings, etc. Nettles/Lawrence/Approved.

Request for Continuing Education Credit for Teaching

The Board reviewed a request to grant continuing education credit for teaching courses. The board agreed that teaching is not related to health, safety and welfare and individuals wishing to get continuing education credit for teaching should pursue approval through the American Institute of Architects' Continuing Education System.

Panelists for Ethics Seminar

Administrator Simpson asked the Board for their availability to serve as panelists for Ethics in Architecture seminars co-sponsored by the Board and Clemson University's Rutland Institute of Ethics to be held in February, March and May. Member Lawrence will participate in the May 15 seminar in Columbia and recommended another individual to serve. Members Nettles and Muldrow will participate in the March 22 seminar in Charleston. Member Russell will assist as he is available. Administrator Simpson will identify other potential panelists from the database of licensees. Dr. Dan Wueste, Director of the Rutland Institute, is responsible for all administrative aspects of the seminars.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report

Chief Investigator Bond reported that OIE received ten cases in 2012. Seven were closed and three are under investigation (these three were received in December 2012). The IRC met on January 3, 2013, to discuss three cases.

IRC Recommendation Reports - Mr. Bond presented IRC Recommendations dated January 3, 2013, for three cases.

Motion: To approve the IRC recommendations as submitted. Lawrence/Muldrow/Approved.

Office of General Counsel –

Christa Bell, Office of General Counsel, reported that there are two open cases in OGC. One is pending action and one is pending a consent agreement. Ten cases have been closed since January 2012.

Application Hearing – J. Kelly Murphy

Mr. Murphy applied for reinstatement in South Carolina in October 2012. Mr. Murphy has not been actively licensed in South Carolina since June 30, 2006. The NCARB Annual Renewal indicates that Mr. Murphy let all of his licenses lapse during the timeframe of July 2006 through November 2012. Mr. Murphy recently reinstated his license in Pennsylvania.

Motion to go into Executive Session for legal advice. Nettles/Lawrence/Approved

Motion to come out of Executive Session. Smith/Lawrence/Approved

Motion: To grant reinstatement of Mr. Murphy's license upon obtaining 24 hours of continuing education units in health, safety and welfare issues of the 24 hours, 12 should be in code related health, safety and welfare. These hours may be applied to his next license renewal in 2013. Smith/Muldrow/Approved.

Limit of Board's Authority Regarding Design Issues

The Board discussed an inquiry regarding an architect that objected to the design of a public project. They determined that regulating design work does not fall under the Board's purview

Funding Requests

There were no funding requests for review.

Administrator's Report

LICENSE STATISTICS – Active licenses as of October 24, 2012

Credential	Description	Count
AR	Architect	3849
ARA	Partnership Firm	14
ARB	Business Corporation Firm	182
ARC	Professional Association Firm	87
ARD	Sole Proprietor Firm	24
ARF	Firms	1004
	subtotal	5160

AR = Architects

ARA, ARB, ARC, ARD and ARF = Architectural Firms

Administrator Simpson suggested inviting NCARB leadership to attend the May 14 Board meeting. She feels it would be beneficial for them to understand how our Board operates and the issues we face.

Administrator Simpson announced that she will be retiring effective June 30, 2013.

{end of Administrator's Report}

Board Member Reports –

Member Nettles reported that he found the MBE/MBC Meeting informative.

Member Russell reminded the Board that Member Schwensen will be speaking to the Clemson Club on January 17 as part of Clemson's 100 year anniversary for the School of Architecture.

Update on 2013 Regional Meeting in Charleston, SC

The registration deadline for the meeting was January 10, 2013. The meeting will be March 7-9, 2013. There will be an icebreaker event on Thursday, with meetings on Friday and Saturday. Administrator Simpson and Staff Member DeBorde will go to Charleston on March 5 to assist with arrangements and registration.

Member Smith informed the Board that Clemson University's new School of Architecture building won a National Honor Award. Administrator Simpson congratulated Member Smith and his firm on this award.

The next meeting of the SC Board of Architectural Examiners will be held May 14, 2013.

Motion - To adjourn the meeting. Muldrow/Lawrence/Approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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