

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE JOINT PRACTICE COMMITTEE
held 10:00a.m., Thursday, June 15, 2018,
The NCA Architects Building,
2410 Centre Ave SE, Albuquerque, NM 87104

Members Present- Glen Thurow, PS, BLPEPS
Bob Calvani, Architect, BEA
Michael Bodelson, Architect, BEA
Elizabeth Reardon, BLA
George Radnovich, ASLA, BLA
Martin Romeo, CBO, CID

Members Absent- Julie Samora, Chair, PE, BLPEPS

Others Present- Perry Valdez, Executive Director, BLPEPS
Angelica Urioste, Executive Assistant, BLPEPS
Melarie Gonzales, Executive Director, BEA
Samantha Lopez, Board Administrator, BLA
Joe Barela, PE, Investigator, BLPEPS (via phone)

1. **Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience**

Mr. Thurow convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m., roll call was taken and a quorum noted.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

MOTION by Mr. Calvani to approve the agenda, **SECOND** by Mr. Radnovich,
PASSED unanimously.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

a. **Minutes of October 12, 2017**

MOTION by Mr. Calvani to amend the minutes of October 12, 2017, to change item 5 (b) "Liz Reardon will be joining the Joint Practice Committee as a representative for the Board of Landscape Architects," **SECOND** by Mr. Bodelson, **PASSED** unanimously.

*** Mr. Romero entered the meeting at 10:05 a.m. ***

4. **Chair Report**

Mr. Thurow stated he was the acting chair for the meeting and that he sent out a chair report to amplify on items that needed to be discussed.

5. **Boards and Committee Reports**

a. **Board of Examiners for Architects**

Ms. Gonzales stated the Board finished their renewal statements for the year. She mentioned there are 2,193 Licensed Architects and the current fund balance

is about \$641,362.94 however it will decrease being that 1/3 of that will be taken out for the next operating budget.

Mr. Calvani stated he has received a list of emails from the AIA regarding a new move to have Interior Designers stamp plans. He mentioned this has been an issue in the past, however Interior Designers sunsetted and suddenly came back. He stated that he spoke with the President on the Board of Interior Design, she mentioned she is unaware of these changes and could possibly be coming from IIDA (International Group). Mr. Calvani stated this is an item that will be discussed with NCARB to get further clarification being that this is a huge issue at the moment. Mr. Thurow asked if Interior Designers in New Mexico have an exam to take and/or need to be licensed. Mr. Calvani responded with yes there is a National Exam for the individual to take through NCIDQ. The Committee wants to ensure that each individual is competent enough to perform the duties as an Interior Designer. Mr. Romero mentioned his concerns and how this is a safety concern. Ms. Reardon suggested to review their Act to help educate and clarify their rules on what enables them to do. Mr. Calvani stated that this will be an item that will be placed on the agenda for the next scheduled JPC meeting.

b. Board of Landscape Architects

Mr. Radnovich mentioned that a Landscape Architects Board meeting took place two weeks ago and it was discussed that the RLD made changes that affect the Board. He stated at the meeting they discussed them having a new administrator, new lawyer, as well as reviewing their budget and how many meetings they are allowed to have yearly.

Mr. Radnovich stated they had a guest speaker Baker Morrow present at the meeting. Mr. Morrow discussed a new program he would like to implement by updating the Act to include additional CEUs for professors at University of New Mexico. He felt the research and the work the professors do were not given their fair credit for the amount of hours that could be used towards their Continuing Education. Ms. Reardon stated that the Board thanked him for his presentation and informed Mr. Morrow that his request will be discussed further at a subsequent Board Meeting.

Mr. Radnovich explained a mishap which occurred with the Board Administrators involving them to have the ability to grant licensure to candidates who are CLARB certified. It was discovered that a number of people were being licensed as Landscape Architects without taking CLARB certification. As a result, it is not clear if the candidates meet the requirements for New Mexico licensure. Any applications from candidates who are not CLARB certified, but were administratively approved will be submitted to the Landscape Architect Board Applications Committee for review to ensure the applicant(s) meet the

requirements for licensure. Mrs. Lopez clarified the Board researched this issue and has only discovered 14 individuals were licensed, but only one so far didn't meet qualifications.

Mr. Thurow asked the Board what schools in New Mexico have a landscape architectural program. Ms. Reardon stated that the University of New Mexico is currently the only New Mexico school that offers a degree in Landscape Architecture. It is a Master's Program only. No undergraduate Landscape Architect degree is currently offered by UNM.

c. Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors

Mr. Thurow stated there is currently a challenge within the Surveying Committee pertaining to the number of Surveyors drastically declining. He mentioned some Surveyors are wanting to apply by Endorsement but having to meet the New Mexico requirements has been a task to meet. There is currently 500 Surveyors total in the state of New Mexico. Mr. Thurow suggested to reexamine the Administrative Code to see if there is any leniency to take an individual who has a BS or BA degree that has augmented that degree with courses in mathematics and specific courses in land surveying. This is to help increase the number of licensed Surveyors without lowering the standards. He concluded with stating there is about 8,000 licensed engineers in the state of New Mexico.

Mr. Radnovich asked Mr. Thurow if there are firms that do geospatial work, LIDAR, and use other technologies that don't require surveyors, do they need to be licensed? Mr. Thurow responded certainly for drones, the FAA requires you to be certified to operate any drone commercially. The BLPEPS doesn't license tools, the individual using the tool is licensed.

6. Communications

No items discussed.

Mr. Radnovich suggested to add "Public Comment" to the agenda for future meetings.

7. Inquires/Complaints

a. Case 7-PE-10-14-2016 CMR

Mr. Valdez stated this was placed on the agenda because it was a case that was presented to the Engineering Committee involving an Architect. The Engineering Investigator, Joe Barela presented his research regarding the case before the JPC Committee by phone.

8. Old Business

a. Update on Design Drawings being Subject to IPRA Requests

Mr. Romero stated that IPRA Requests are an ongoing matter concerning drawings that are being released to the public. He mentioned drawings that

architecturally sealed is a form of a copyright. These drawings contain confidential information that shouldn't be released. Mr. Romero stated this could affect privacy, security, public safety, and/or religious beliefs. He added he has done legal research and hopes to share the information with Mr. Valdez, Ms. Gonzales, and the Committee.

9. New Business

a. Fire Protection Engineering Requirements (Fire Suppression)

Mr. Romero stated this has been an ongoing issue since he has been employed with CID. The over-enforcement of what the fire code requirements are. The ICC building code decides what the fire protection requirements are needed, once it's been decided it's up to the fire enforcement inspectors to enforce what those requirements are. However, they come in and over-enforce what the requirements should be. Mr. Romero provided an example of this type of over-enforcement. Mr. Romero stated a meeting with the Fire Marshall is scheduled for the end of the month in Albuquerque.

Mr. Valdez mentioned the BLPEPS had a Fire Protection Committee which addressed various issues of Fire Protection. He further stated the Committee faded as time when on due to different reasons. Mr. Thurow requested this Committee be revived and placed on the BLPEPS Full Board August meeting agenda.

b. Architectural Fire Design Elements

Mr. Bodelson stated this item was discussed within the previous item under Fire Protection Engineering Requirements.

c. State Compacts

Mr. Thurow stated this item was placed on the agenda by Mrs. Samora. Mr. Calvani mentioned this is a big topic with NCARB at the moment. South Dakota created a State Compact with 5 other states within that region it was mainly focused on reciprocity and being licensed. Mr. Calvani stated this is a big discussion and a topic to be aware of; Compacts came about due to different legislative actions and/or Governors with the perception there was no mobility in licensure.

d. Outreach Initiatives Regarding Licensure

Mr. Thurow stated he wrote a Chair Report pertaining if the public is aware of the Joint Practice Committee and their importance. He mentioned the commonality between the professions and what could be done to have a greater outreach to the public. He suggested creating a statement on the importance of licensure and help provide knowledge to the public of the respective professions.

Mr. Calvani stated that NCARB, FARB, and CLARB are addressing the issue of de-regulation. He mentioned the importance of health, safety, welfare in the protection of the public. There is move to have more public members on Boards, having public members on each Board is a good idea and the value they have for the public. The reason for the adding additional public members to Board's is because others see the professional members as market participants, trying to hinder the profession, which is just the opposite since we are trying to protect the public.

Mr. Thurow suggested each Board possibly place some verbiage on each of their websites regarding the importance of licensure. Ms. Reardon suggested to contact NCARB and CLARB organizations as they are extremely active in this concern about de-regulation. Mr. Calvani mentioned that NCARB has a tool box for addressing the issue of de-regulation.

e. Future Legislative Action(s)

Mr. Thurow mentioned the Landscape Architect Board will be going through the process of Sunset in 2019 and the action that will take place.

f. Election of Officers

Mr. Thurow mentioned the Board of Examiners for Architects will be the next host of the meetings, effective July 1, 2018. Election of officers will take place at the following meeting.

10. Next Scheduled Meeting Date:

August 24, 2018 the Architect's Board will discuss when to schedule the next JPC meeting.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Submitted by:

s/ Angelica Urioste

Angelica Urioste, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

s/ Julie Samora, PE

Julie Samora, PE, JPC Chair

January 10, 2019 Approved Date