

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE JOINT PRACTICE COMMITTEE
held 9:00a.m., Thursday, October 12, 2017,
New Mexico Workers' Compensation Administration Building,
2410 Centre Ave SE, Albuquerque, NM

Members Present- Julie Samora, Chair, PE, BLPEPS
Bob Calvani, Architect, BEA
Martin Romeo, CID
Glen Thurow, PS, BLPEPS
George Radnovich, ASLA, BLA

Members Absent- Michael Bodelson, Architect, BEA

Others Present- Perry Valdez, Executive Director, BLPEPS
Angelica Urioste, Executive Assistant, BLPEPS

1. Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience

Mrs. Samora convened the meeting at 9:04 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. Romero, **PASSED** unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Minutes of June 9, 2017

MOTION by Mr. Thurow to approve the minutes of June 9, 2017, **SECOND** by Mr. Romero, **PASSED** unanimously.

4. Chair Report

Mrs. Samora stated she did not have a report to present, since this is her first meeting. She informed the Committee she will work with Mr. Valdez to ensure the process of the meetings continue with the same momentum.

*** Mr. Radnovich entered at 9:05 a.m.***

5. Boards and Committee Reports

a. Board of Examiners for Architects

Mr. Calvani stated the Board is currently in renewals and reported 2,230 Architects are registered. He mentioned the Act has been updated as well as the website. He informed the Committee the biggest issue currently is de-regulation nationally, he also stated the FTC is included in this matter. Mr. Calvani stated the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) is building a tool box to deal with this issue and is creating new Model Laws as well as modifying current laws.

b. Board of Landscape Architects

Mr. Radnovich stated the Professional Society attends meetings, inviting the ASLA to be present at these meetings. This helps the Board keep up to date on what's happening nationally. Mr. Calvani mentioned the societies are a helpful tool to promote licensure and help regulate their professions.

Mr. Radnovich stated that there will be a new member; Liz Reardon will be joining the Joint Practice Committee as a representative of the Board of Landscape Architects. He concluded their Act will sunset in 2020 and reported they will start to campaign soon to ensure the Act does not Sunset.

c. Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors

Mrs. Samora stated the Act has been updated and the Board is always trying to find ways to update these items. The Board continues to strive for clarifications or amendments to the Act. She explained the Engineering Committee is dealing with an issue on requiring stamps on "As-built drawings" and expressed this issue is a challenge when it comes to these specific situations. Mrs. Samora stated that an Engineer of Record Affidavit is required by the Act and the Board is currently working on the language and the process. She also expressed there has been some confusion with the intent of the language on the affidavits. Mr. Thurow clarified the intent regarding the affidavit is to prevent unlicensed practice and rubber stamping drawings that are taking place during projects.

6. Communications

No items discussed.

7. Old Business

No items discussed.

8. New Business

a. Design drawings being Subject to IPRA Requests

Mr. Romero stated that IPRA requests are an ongoing matter and has asked for clarification if these drawings would be public records or have a copyright by the Architect or Engineer. Mr. Romero mentioned this could affect privacy, security, public safety, and/or religious beliefs but wanted the Architect's and the Engineer's Board feedback. He asked the Committee for their thoughts on the subject. It was suggested that research should be conducted on how other states handle similar situations.

b. Public Work Project less than \$100,000- Update

Mr. Valdez stated this was added to the Agenda to inform the Committee of the removal of this language from the Engineering and Surveying Practice Act.

c. Engineer or Architect Seals on Structural Lumber Grading Report

Mr. Romero discussed section 14.7.3.14 B on Wood Wall Framing and the issues that are arising. It was asked by Mr. Romero, if the text in section 14.7.3.14 B should be deleted and replaced with the following; Native Timber. He asked if the language should remain or have it changed or delete the last sentence. Mrs. Samora asked why this topic was brought up, Mr. Romero stated that this is a requirement that Native Timber include a grade mark on it. Mrs. Samora suggested that this should be reviewed before the Engineering Committee of the Engineering and Surveying Board and discussed at next scheduled meeting.

d. Clarification on Incidental Practice of Engineering and Architectural

Mr. Romero requested clarification on incidental practice between Engineers and Architects. Mr. Calvani stated that this matter is based on the cost which is 600,000 dollars, including occupancy. Mr. Romero mentioned that Architects are calling his office about inspectors requiring an Engineer seal where the Architect feels compliant with this issue. Mrs. Samora suggested that this issue be viewed by the Rules Committee of the Engineering and Surveying Board to get the proper feedback.

e. Legislative attempts to change the structural makeup of boards and commissions

Mr. Thurow stated his concerns on this issue based on the news of some states going through structural and licensure changes. He recommended a plan should be formulated on the importance of each of their existence and should be taken before the Legislature. Mrs. Samora suggested the Joint Practice Committee draft up a white paper addressing these concerns and explaining the importance of each profession, and share with the respective Board.

9. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: January 24, 2018 – Santa Fe, NM

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

s/ Angelica Urioste _____
Angelica Urioste, Executive Assistant

s/ Julie Samora _____
Julie Samora, PE, JPC Chair

_____June 15, 2018____ Approved Date