

**New Mexico Board of Examiners for Architects  
New Mexico Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and  
Professional Surveyors  
New Mexico Board of Landscape Architects**

**Minutes of Joint Practice Committee Meeting  
January 10, 2019  
Vigil & Associates Conference Room  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**Members Present**

Ray Vigil, Chair, NMBEA

Michael Bodelson, Vice-Chair, NMBEA

Glen Thurow, PS, BLPEPS

Elizabeth Reardon, BLA

George Radnovich, ASLA, BLA

Julie Samora, PE, BLPEPS

**Members Absent**

Robert Calvani, Architect Member, NMBEA

Martin Romero, Treasurer, RLD/CID

**Staff Present**

Melarie Gonzales, Executive Director/CFO, NMBEA

Alicia Galvan, Board Administrator, NMBEA

Perry Valdez, Executive Director, BLPEPS

**Guests Present**

Sarah Washburn, International Interior Design Association

Steve Alano, American Institute of Architects- New Mexico Chapter

Vicente Castillo, Young Architects Forum- New Mexico Chapter

Stephanie Hollingsworth, American Society of Interior Designers

## A. OPENING

1. Mr. Vigil called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. Roll call was taken. Members Robert Calvani and Martin Romero were absent. Guests were presents: Sara Washburn was representing International Interior Design Association (IIDA), Steve Alano was representing American Institute of Architects (AIA), Vicente Castillo was representing Young Architects Forum (YAF) and Stephanie Hollingsworth was representing American Society of Interior Designers (ASID).
2. Mr. Vigil asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

**Motion:** To approve the meeting agenda.

**By:** Michael Bodelson

**Second:** Julie Samora

**Committee vote:** Passed unanimously

3. Mr. Vigil asked for approval of the June 15, 2018 Joint Practice Committee (JPC) meeting minutes. A few changes were made.  
Ms. Reardon commented and suggested an edit to the minutes to Part 5 Subsection B, slight language change.

**Motion:** To revise Part 5 Subsection B and input language Mr. Radnovich mentioned that a Landscape Architects board meeting took place two weeks ago and it was discussed that Regulation and Licensing Division (RLD) made changes that affect the board.

**By:** Elizabeth Reardon

**Second:** George Radnovich

**Committee Vote:** Passed unanimously

Mr. Thurow stated a word change in Part 5 Subsection A. Ms. Rearden suggested language clean in Part 5 Subsection B in the fourth paragraph, in Part 5 Subsection D in the last paragraph and input a word change. Mr. Vigil mentioned language cleanup in Part 5 Subsection E.

**Motion:** To approve the June 15, 2018 JPC meeting minutes as corrected.

**By:** Michael Bodelson

**Second:** Julie Samora

**Board vote:** Passed unanimously

4. **Communications/ Public Comment**  
There was no public comment.

## 5. Chair Report

Mr. Vigil stated to the committee that he appreciated everyone's participation in the JPC, especially considering that these meetings are not frequently held. Mr. Vigil stated that he was informed by Mr. Valdez that the Interior Designers wanted to attend the next JPC meeting.

## **6. Boards and Committee Reports**

### **a. Board of Examiners for Architects**

Ms. Gonzales reported to the committee that board renewal cycle had recently ended and there are currently a total of 2,283 active architects licensed in New Mexico. Mr. Thurow questioned how many architects reside in New Mexico, Mr. Bodelson stated a third of the architects reside in New Mexico.

### **b. Board of Landscape Architects**

Mr. Radnovich reported to the committee that landscape architects held a special meeting regarding an executive order by the previous governor. The Board of Landscape Architects (BLA) had to justify the importance of their Board and why they exist. The BLA are currently waiting on a response from the new governor in office. BLA is confident that that they will remain as a board and will have support for when the legislative session begins. The BLA has hired their third board administrator and they have had two lawyers this year; however, their current administrator is an intern. Ms. Reardon mentioned that applicants that are not certified but were approved administratively, the application review committee has confirmed the applicants meet the requirements of the state.

### **c. Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors**

Mr. Valdez reported to the committee that the Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors (BLPEPS) are trying to establish a scholarship program for the Universities in New Mexico that are associated with engineering and surveying. BLPEPS will be making changes to their act. Ms. Samora commented the proposed change is an engineer or surveyor has been licensed for 10 continuous years, in any jurisdiction, and without any disciplinary issues, the applicant may obtain licensure in New Mexico. Mr. Valdez stated that BLPEPS is addressing their issue regarding electronic signatures. Ms. Samora stated the type of electronic signature system that BLPEPS has does not quite meet the requirements and are trying to find a version of electronic signatures that does. Mr. Thurow mentioned that some counties are resistant to specific types of electronic signatures.

## **7. Inquiries/ Complaints**

Mr. Vigil described an issue regarding an out of state architect whom is not licensed in New Mexico. The architect created plans for the owner of the building, the owner hired a structural engineer who was licensed in New Mexico to stamp all the plans, although the majority of the work was architectural. A notice of violation was given to the architect due to practicing architecture in New Mexico without a license and a notice of violation was provided to the engineer due to stamping plans that exceeded the price limit. Mr. Vigil would like to discuss this situation further with the engineering board.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Fire Protection Engineering Requirements (Fire Suppression)**

Mr. Vigil mentioned that the Engineers Board previously discussed about reviving a group. Mr. Valdez stated that the group was a fire protection committee, this

committee would oversee anything in fire protection for example: sprinkler and alarm systems. Mr. Bodelson requested removing the word “Engineering” from the title on agenda since this issue is related to both engineers and architects.

**b. Outreach Initiatives Regarding Licensure**

Mr. Radnovich questioned which board this subject matter pertained to? Mr. Vigil stated this pertains to all the boards. Mr. Bodelson mentioned this was created in recognition of deregulation. Mr. Thurow stated this was in response to deregulation that was occurring across the country.

Mr. Valdez mentioned an individual had conducted a traffic analysis in the state of Oregon, the individual was not licensed. The Oregon Engineering Board took the individual to court for practicing engineering without a license and the Oregon Board lost. Mr. Thurow mentioned the anti-licensure wave is continuing due to “free speech” and this is affecting the Surveying Board as well.

**c. NM State Statute 13-1-121 Selection Committee**

Ms. Reardon questioned what this subject is exactly? Mr. Bodelson stated that according to State Procurement they have the qualification based selection for architects, engineers, surveyors and landscape architects. When they obtain a contract of over \$50,000.00 they need to use qualification based selection. The selection committee membership is specified by statute as a designee from General Services Department (GSD), a member from their own committee and a member from the JPC. These members are paid per diem to be on the committees and participate for selection of design professional for the contracts.

**9. New Business**

**a. Election of Officers**

Mr. Vigil stated the Vice-Chair and Treasurer positions were both vacant and needed to be filled. Mr. Bodelson commented that he would like to be considered for the Vice-Chair position. Mr. Vigil and the committee agreed to have Mr. Bodelson as the Vice-Chair for the committee. Mr. Vigil stated that there was a request for Mr. Romero to be the Treasurer for the committee.

**Motion:** To nominate Mr. Bodelson as Vice-Chair and Mr. Romero as Treasurer.

**By:** Glen Thurow

**Second:** Julie Samora

**Board vote:** Passed unanimously

**b. Interior Design Board**

**1. Discussion on Interior Design and upcoming Legislation**

Mr. Vigil made an executive decision to rearrange the agenda and allow the Interior

Designers guests to speak under new business.

Ms. Hollingsworth stated to the committee that she wanted to address any concerns, questions, provide information about the Interior Designers Board and practice and to have open communication with other boards. Mr. Vigil requested that the Interior Designers provide an overview. Mr. Thurow questioned if the Interior Designers had a separate board under Regulation and Licensing Division (RLD) and if so how is it operated? Ms. Hollingsworth stated that Interior Designers do have a separate board under RLD, they have two different organizations that work together there is an International Interior Design Association (IIDA) and America Society of Interior Designers (ASID). Mr. Vigil questioned if the Interior Designers groups were working with their board to present language that is affecting their regulation. Ms. Hollingsworth stated their Groups and their Board was not working together, their groups are working to protect their own practice rights. Mr. Bodelson stated he understood from the received information at the last legislative session was that the Interior Designers Board wanted to expand their practice as far as renovations, remodels and full sealing capabilities.

Mr. Alano stated that the American Institute of Architects (AIA) has been working with the Interiors Designers on three major issues; the first is the expanded practice of interior architecture, AIA feels it is a practice violation and limitations need to be established; the second is the definition of Interior Design and how it relates to the practice of architecture, and both AIA and Interior Designers haven't come to an agreement yet; and the third is the permit authority, this particular language does not exist in acts for engineers, architects, landscape architects and this is concerning to AIA. Ms. Hollingsworth commented that Interior Designers do have a stamp and seal; however there isn't any meaning behind it they would like to enact that seal with a permit.

Mr. Thurow questioned if a bill has already been filed? Ms. Hollingsworth stated that a bill had been filed and it slightly modified from the previous bill, she further mentioned that Interior Designers want a collaborative working environment. Mr. Alano responded that AIA would like to continue to negotiate with the Interior Designers and develop a substitute bill that meets the needs of all parties.

### **c. Legislative Items**

Mr. Vigil stated that NMBEA will attend the legislative hearing regarding the Interior Designers bill. Mr. Bodelson questioned if Mr. Alano had seen what the Interior Designers had submitted? Mr. Alano commented that he has seen what had been submitted and that AIA has been working with the Interior Designers since November 2018 to come to an agreement in terms of the items being presented on the bill. The bill is not currently representing what is being said by the Interior Designers. He further stated that AIA will continue to cooperate with the Interior Designers to come to an agreement.

## **10. COMMITTEE COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Vigil mentioned another JPC minutes will be held after the legislature.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT:**

The JPC meeting was adjourned at 12:41 pm.

Submitted By:

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Ms. Alicia Galvan, Board Administrator

Approved By:

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Mr. Ray Vigil, JPC Chair

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Date Approved