

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING OF THE JOINT PRACTICE COMMITTEE**

**held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, December 3, 2020,**

**Virtual/Telephonic Meeting**

**Members Present –** Ronald Bohannon, PE, BLPEPS, Chair  
Ray Vigil, Architect, BEA, Vice-Chair  
Martin Romeo, CBO, CID, Treasurer  
Bob Calvani, Architect, BEA  
Chris Green, BLA  
George Radnovich, ASLA, BLA  
Glen Thurow, PS, BLPEPS

**Members Absent –** Julie Samora, PE, BLPEPS

**Others Present –** Perry Valdez, Executive Director, BLPEPS  
Melarie Gonzales, Executive Director, BEA  
Hector Barragan, Board Administrator, BLA

**1. Convene, Roll Call, and Guests**

Mr. Bohannon convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.; Mr. Valdez took roll call and announced there was a quorum present. There was no audience present. Mr. Barragan introduced himself to the Committee.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** by Mr. Thurow to approve the agenda as presented, **SECOND** by Mr. Bohannon,

**Roll call vote taken:**

**Voting ‘Aye’:** Mr. Thurow, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Green, Mr. Radnovich, Mr. Calvani, Mr. Vigil, and Mr. Romero

**PASSED** unanimously.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

- a. **Minutes of January 10, 2019**
- b. **Minutes of October 19, 2020**

**MOTION** by Mr. Thurow to approve the minutes of January 10, 2019 and October 19, 2020 as presented, **SECOND** by Mr. Bohannan,

**Roll call vote taken:**

**Voting 'Aye':** Mr. Thurow, Mr. Bohannan, Mr. Calvani, Mr. Vigil, and Mr. Romero

**Abstained:** Mr. Green and Mr. Radnovich, because they were not in attendance during those meetings.

**PASSED.**

4. **Election of Officers**

*\*\*Mr. Michael Bodelson and Ms. Gonzales joined the meeting at 1:05 p.m.\*\**

Mr. Radnovich asked who the current presiding officers were since the JPC had not meet in a long time. Mr. Vigil responded we were establishing the officers at this meeting since the Committee had not met. Mr. Valdez replied when the Committee met last Mr. Bodelson was the Vice-Chair and Mr. Romero was the Treasurer. Mr. Thurow added Mr. Vigil was the Chair.

Mr. Vigil noted the Chair was usually from the Board who was hosting the meetings. He continued saying since the Engineering and Surveying Board was hosting the meetings this year it would be one of those members. Mr. Vigil noted for the record Mr. Bodelson and Ms. Gonzales joined the meeting.

Mr. Bohannan announced Mr. Thurow's departure from the Engineering and Surveying Board and as such would be Mr. Thurow's last JPC meeting.

**MOTION** by Mr. Bohannan nominated himself for Chair, **SECOND** by Mr. Vigil,

**Roll call vote taken:**

**Voting 'Aye':** Mr. Thurow, Mr. Bohannan, Mr. Green, Mr. Radnovich, Mr. Calvani, Mr. Vigil, Mr. Romero, and Mr. Bodelson.

**PASSED** unanimously.

**MOTION** by Mr. Vigil nominated himself for Vice-Chair and nominated Mr. Romero as Treasurer, **SECOND** by Mr. Bodelson,

**Roll call vote taken:**

**Voting 'Aye':** Mr. Thurow, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Green, Mr. Radnovich, Mr. Calvani, Mr. Vigil, Mr. Romero, and Mr. Bodelson.

**PASSED** unanimously.

**5. Boards and Committee Reports**

**a. Board of Examiners for Architects**

Mr. Bodelson reported the Board has dealt with issues regarding COVID-19, such as earning continuing education, as well as converted to a new online licensing renewal process. He stated this is the first year for the online renewal and is successful so far. Mr. Bodelson briefly mentioned the GSD Quality Based selection process and would speak in more detail later on the agenda. He added one very important highlight; Mr. Calvani is now President of NCARB, on a national level. He asked Mr. Vigil if he had any other items to share.

Mr. Vigil mentioned the topic of interior designers, which was on the agenda. He noted there has not been any word regarding their addition.

**b. Board of Landscape Architects**

Mr. Radnovich introduced Mr. Green as the Chair of the Board of Landscape Architects. Mr. Green reported the Board of Landscape Architects had not met in over a year. He said they hope to meet in the middle of February to discuss some issues that have arisen, which do not need to be elevated to the JPC. Mr. Green is the newest member and the other members on the Landscape Architect Board are serving on expired appointment terms.

Mr. Radnovich said if the members on expired status were replaced, the institutional knowledge would be lost. He said he offered the Governor's Office to stay on the Board, so the knowledge was not lost.

**c. Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Professional Surveyors**

Mr. Bohannon extended an offer to the BEA for the BLPEPS Executive Director to assist with the online renewals, if necessary. He stated the BLPEPS has been processing online renewals for several years and could assist with any issues.

Mr. Bohannon reported the Board conducted several online virtual meetings throughout the year. He noted the Board would hold a virtual disciplinary hearing in January. Mr. Bohannon said the surveyor members granted a reduction in continuing education hours for licensed surveyors, but the engineer members did not do so for licensed engineers. He stated there was a split with that decision. Mr. Bohannon reported no issues have arisen, just the Fire Marshal's Office proposed rules.

Mr. Thurow reminded Mr. Bohannan of the NMBLPEPS Scholarship program. Mr. Bohannan provided a brief background on the program and the funding for the program. Mr. Thurow explained the creation of the scholarship fund was by statute and protected from the Legislature to sweep the funds.

## **6. Communications**

Mr. Valdez reported there were no items for discussion.

Mr. Vigil requested an update to the State Fire Marshal's Office proposed rule changes.

Mr. Bohannan noted he received an email from the Fire Marshal's Office about extending the public comments to the proposed rule changes.

Mr. Romero stated he listened to the latest meeting of the State Fire Marshal's Office. He reported the Fire Marshal's Office recognized some of the challenges and issues, so they extended the period for questions and comments. Mr. Romero's understanding was that the Fire Marshal's Office would submit questions for CID to respond to accordingly.

## **7. New Business**

### **a. GSD Quality Based Selections for Professional Services Procedure**

Mr. Valdez reported he contacted GSD to find out who could provide answers to the JPC questions. Mr. Bodelson asked who that person was. Mr. Valdez replied that he would look for it and provide the name.

Mr. Bodelson described the QBS process as written in the procurement code. He noted how the JPC designates a selection committee member, as outlined in the code. Mr. Bodelson commented there were no caveats, no exceptions, or no deviations allowed in the statute. He said to his knowledge GSD has not been following this for a number of years, they were in violation of their own statutes for these procurements. Mr. Bodelson noted there was turnover at GSD and thought it would be good to bring this to their attention, and that the JPC would be the body to address this.

Mr. Bohannan recalled discussing this issue about five or six years ago. He indicated the City of Albuquerque or other State agencies that do not follow this process. Mr. Bohannan recalled the discussion of designating someone from the JPC, a member to review the RFPs, which caused a logistics issue. He asked if someone else remembered the discussion.

Mr. Vigil said he remembered and provided the history. He informed the Committee that it was supposed to be a licensee and not a member of the JPC. Mr. Vigil recounted that each JPC member Board created a list of individuals willing to serve on the selection committees. He said it was a few years ago and

the lists were updated on a yearly basis. Mr. Vigil thought it was up to each individual agency to manage the process and was not sure if GSD was monitoring the process of each agency and entity.

Mr. Bodelson agreed with Mr. Vigil and said it worked reasonably well when it was in use.

Mr. Vigil remarked a request has not gone out in a while to find out who is interested and willing to participate on these committees. He commented he does not think it would be worth doing if we were not contacted for selection committee members.

Mr. Vigil mentioned there was an entity that was the watchdog for the QBS. He recalls participating with the group in the past when there were concerns. Mr. Vigil could not recall the name of the entity. Mr. Valdez responded it may have been PTAB, and Mr. Vigil replied that was it.

Mr. Bodelson suggested if the JPC were willing to open up a discussion with GSD about what they are doing and if they think they are using the statute correctly. He reiterated to have a conversation with them.

Mr. Calvani recommended finding out if PTAB is still reviewing the RFPs for the agencies and local entities as they were in the past.

Mr. Bohannon requested Mr. Bodelson to email Mr. Valdez the process, so that Mr. Valdez could disseminate the document to the others. He recommended for the JPC members to ask their individual Boards if they have experienced issues with the RFP process and to find out how bad it was. Mr. Bohannon recommended Mr. Bodelson ask GSD what their current process was. He said he would like to see this on the next agenda with charges to look at, what the process is, and if there are issues with the other members of our Boards.

Mr. Radnovich recounted the agencies in the past were not actually using quality-based selections, because they were using cost in their selections. He said it is still going on today.

Ms. Gonzales noted she has not received any requests for members to participate in a selection committee.

Mr. Calvani agreed with Mr. Radnovich. He remarked that was the purpose of PTAB to review the RFPs and catch any errors or if they included cost.

Mr. Valdez provided Mr. Bodelson with the name of the person from GSD whom he spoke with, Crystal Bowers.

Ms. Gonzales noted Crystal Bowers is one of the managers for the contracts review bureau.

**b. Interior Designers as a member of the JPC**

Mr. Calvani spoke of ICOR, which stands for the Inter-professional Council on Registration. He said NCEES, CIDQ, CLARB, and NCARB made up the members of ICOR. Mr. Calvani stated ICOR is similar to the JPC, where they have many commonalities, such as deregulation and incidental practice.

Mr. Calvani indicated architects and interior designers have issues with incidental practice, as well as architects having incidental practice issues with engineers, and the landscape architects also having incidental practice issues.

Mr. Calvani thought since the interior designers are associated with each Board in some way. He said it was just a thought to include them as a member.

Mr. Bohannon observed the issue with including the interior designers was the resolution does not designate them as a member. He added that each of the member Boards would have to vote to change the resolution. Mr. Bohannon asked if the interior designers had issues with the architects and engineers.

Mr. Valdez reminded the members the statutes of each Board would need amending to include the interior designers on the JPC. He added the amendment would require legislative action.

Mr. Calvani responded if it required legislative action then it was a bigger problem and it brought a halt to the discussion. He said the topic was just a matter of discussion.

Mr. Vigil recounted the history of the creation of the JPC. He said based on his research the request for the JPC came from the State Office of the Procurement Code. Mr. Vigil reported the Office was having issues and they were the ones requiring the JPC to exist. He added that if the Procurement Code changed, the JPC would no longer need to exist, except to deal with the incidental practice with each Board. Mr. Vigil said the State would have to recognize the interior designers and the Procurement Code identify them.

Mr. Bohannon directed to take this item off the agenda going forward until it was necessary to place it on the agenda again in the future.

**c. Use of the term Master Engineering Report**

Mr. Romero presented this item reporting that CID was dealing with cannabis and hemp facilities. He said there was an explosion in Santa Fe where some individuals were hurt. Mr. Romero stated there is a thought of regulating these facilities because of what happened.

Mr. Romero researched the 2018 and 2021 International Building Codes (IBC) and is considering adding one of the chapters from the Code to the State Administrative Code. He explained another idea was to mirror the Colorado code and found the term “master engineer”, so he was confused about the term and requested this item on the agenda. Mr. Romero said Chapter 39 of the 2018 and 2021 IBC refer to the term “design professional”. He was thinking if they used one of these terms, CID would need to reach out to each Board to find out what proper terminology should be used.

Mr. Bohannon sought clarification and asked Mr. Romero if he was asking the various Boards about helping with the definitions. Mr. Romero replied that was correct. Mr. Bohannon asked if he was asking for assistance with the legislation. Mr. Romero responded this would be done through the rules, the Administrative Code.

Mr. Bohannon responded the Boards would assist to help streamline the rules and work on the definitions, so they would match the respective Acts. He added this would ensure each Board could enforce the rules as individual Boards and as the JPC. Mr. Bohannon suggested keeping the item on future agendas, under “Old Business”.

Mr. Vigil said other agencies have used the term “design professional”, especially when referring to an architect or engineer. He asked if the term “master engineering report” was said or typically used in New Mexico. Mr. Bohannon answered no it was not. He explained the term did not mean anything.

**d. Mr. Thurow**

Mr. Thurow was surprised to see his name on the agenda. He gave some parting words. Mr. Thurow said he enjoyed working with everyone on the JPC, that it was a pleasure and thanked everyone.

*\*\*Mr. Thurow left the meeting at 2:05 p.m.\*\**

8. **Old Business**

a. **Review of the 2016 JPC Resolution**

Mr. Valdez informed the Committee the item was on the agenda to remind everyone of the resolution, and they were for review. He said if there were any changes, they could be incorporated during the meeting, or it could be added to the next meeting's agenda.

**MOTION** by Mr. Vigil to leave the resolution as is, **SECOND** by Mr. Bodelson,

**Discussion:**

Mr. Bohannon did not see a reason to make any changes. Mr. Radnovich agreed.

**Roll call vote taken:**

**Voting 'Aye':** Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Green, Mr. Radnovich, Mr. Calvani, Mr. Vigil, Mr. Romero, and Mr. Bodelson.

**PASSED** unanimously.

b. **Review of the JPC Rules and Regulations**

Mr. Bohannon informed the Committee this item should be the same as the previous agenda item.

**MOTION** by Mr. Bodelson to remain the same, **SECOND** by Mr. Vigil,

**Roll call vote taken:**

**Voting 'Aye':** Mr. Thurow, Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Green, Mr. Radnovich, Mr. Calvani, Mr. Vigil, Mr. Romero, and Mr. Bodelson.

**PASSED** unanimously.

9. **Next Scheduled Meeting Date**

a. **Set date of next meeting**

Mr. Bohannon suggested having a meeting every two months. He asked for input from the other members.

The next meeting date was tentatively set for February 11, 2021, virtually at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Bohannon directed Mr. Valdez to send a meeting reminder to everyone a few weeks before to ensure a quorum.

10. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Submitted by:

s/ Perry Valdez

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Perry Valdez, Executive Director

Approved by:

s/Martin Romero

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Martin Romero, JPC Treasurer

April 8, 2021 Approved Date