

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF THE JOINT PRACTICE COMMITTEE

held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 8, 2021,

Virtual/Telephonic Meeting

**Members Present** – Martin Romeo, CBO, CID, Treasurer  
Bob Calvani, Architect, BEA  
Chris Green, PLA, ASLA, BLA  
George Radnovich, ASLA, BLA  
Michael Bodelson, Architect, BEA

**Members Absent** – Ronald Bohannan, PE, BLPEPS, Chair  
Ray Vigil, Architect, BEA, Vice-Chair  
David Cooper, PS, 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. Romero convened the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was noted. There was no audience present.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** by Mr. Calvani to approve the agenda as presented, **SECONDED** by Mr. Bodelson,

**Roll call vote taken:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**a. Minutes of December 3, 2020**

**MOTION** by Mr. Calvani to approve the minutes of December 3, 2020 as presented, **SECONDED** by Mr. Radnovich,

**Roll call vote taken:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

**4. Boards and Committee Reports**

**a. Board of Examiners for Architects**

Mr. Bodelson reported the Board of Examiners for Architects worked with their online contractors to finish their first online license renewal. He said the process went well and was a beneficial process. Mr. Bodelson stated it was a learning process and it should get better going forward. He noted they may talk with Mr. Valdez to compare what has worked well and what the BLPEPS experience has been with online renewals. Mr. Calvani mentioned the Board completed their CE audit and the process was successful.

Mr. Calvani provided a report about NCARB and what is occurring nationally. He indicated that NCEES (National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying) would be speaking at the next NCARB meeting to discuss how each profession could work together. Mr. Calvani mentioned ICOR (Interprofessional Council on Registration) which is a group of architects, engineers, surveyors, landscape architects, and interior designers. He informed the Committee the ICOR group met to discuss deregulation and incidental practice.

**b. Board of Landscape Architects**

Mr. Greene reported the Board of Landscape Architects just had their quarterly meeting. He said the major topic of discussion was about the Board vacancies and requesting the Governor's office to appoint members to fill vacancies and replace those members who have been serving on expired terms.

Mr. Greene noted the other major topic of discussion was the Board's budget. He explained the Board doesn't know their budget, if they have a budget, or if there is money available to attend workshops, trainings, or out of state travel.

Mr. Radnovich pointed out the Board has not been informed of their budget and still have no idea about their current budget. He asked if any of the other Boards have had the same issue. Mr. Bodelson responded the BEA manages their own fund independently and know their budget.

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

Mr. Valdez informed the Committee that as of July 1, 2021 there will be two members on active terms, the remainder of the BLPEPS members would be serving on expired terms. He noted that he has reached out to the Governor's Office but has not heard back from someone as of yet.

Mr. Valdez reported on the licensure renewal number for BLPEPS. He indicated the study hours for professional surveyors was reduced to 15 hours, and the number of licenses renewed was not as many as previous years. Mr. Valdez stated they were unsure of the reason and presumed it may have had to do with COVID.

Mr. Valdez articulated that the Society of Plumbing Engineers sought the support of the Board to help develop a plumbing option on the national mechanical engineering exam. He said the Board discussed the request and issued a letter of support to NCEES for the plumbing exam option.

Mr. Valdez informed the members the BLPEPS is searching for a new licensing system.

Mr. Valdez said the BLPEPS is the same as the BEA with their budget.

## **5. Communications**

### **a. Landscape Architect Professional Services**

#### **1) NMDOT T/LPA Handbook**

#### **2) 13-1-125. Small Purchases (NMSA 1978)**

Mr. Greene reported the NMDOT does not recognize landscape architects in their T/LPA (Tribal/Local Public Agency) handbook. He indicated Mr. Valdez shared his email with the Committee members regarding this issue.

Mr. Radnovich provided his experience with the NMDOT and the I-25 landscape project. He explained the only way to work around the issue was to have the City of Albuquerque contact with landscape architects to design the landscape for the I-25 project, instead of NMDOT. Mr. Radnovich said it is a state regulation issue. Mr. Greene wanted to know if this was an issue for the JPC or just the Landscape Architect Board.

Mr. Radnovich added that the State of New Mexico's small purchase procedure, 13-1-125 NMSA. Small Purchases also does not include landscape architect services. He articulated that the dollar value was \$50,000 for architects and \$60,000 for engineers and these contract amounts are not to be exceeded for the contract to be considered small purchases. Mr. Radnovich reiterated that landscape architects are not included in the statute. He noted landscape architects have been hired for projects, under the small purchase agreement, for amounts up to \$75,000.

Mr. Bodelson commented that GSD seemed to have stepped away from following the requirements. He said the BEA has been trying to hold GSD responsible for following the statutes and rules for selections.

Mr. Calvani commented that the associations should lobby for increasing the small project amounts and for including the landscape architects as a professional service.

Mr. Radnovich referred to a meeting he had with other landscape architects, where the question came up about professional services. He said the question was asked why landscape architecture was viewed as an additional service to the base fee for engineers, while landscape architecture was included in the base fee for architects. Mr. Radnovich added this causes confusion as to the fees charged.

Mr. Valdez asked if this item should be included in future agendas. The consensus was that it should after some research was done to find answers.

## **6. New Business**

### **a. 2021 Building Codes Update**

Mr. Romero informed the Committee the 2018 Energy Conservation Code was recently adopted and are attempting to get trying to get current with the 2021 Building Codes. He indicated there was a bill in the 2021 legislative session, Senate Bill 217, requiring the CID codes to be adopted within 12 months of publication of the updated Building Codes, however the bill died in committee.

## **7. Old Business**

### **a. 2016 Handbook for Building Officials**

Mr. Valdez indicated he placed the item on the agenda to find out if the Committee Members felt the Handbook required updating.

Mr. Romero said he would review the handbook to see if there were any changes or any language that required updating. He requested this item be placed on a future agenda.

### **b. GSD Quality Based Selections for Professional Services**

Mr. Calvani reported, based on his experience and research, the QBS process was not being conducted, and applied, the way it was supposed to be. His thought was because of the change in personnel and not knowing how the process was supposed to be done. Mr. Calvani suggested this may have to be where the associations take an active role in pointing this out to GSD and local governments.

*\*\*Mr. Vigil joined the meeting at 1:43 p.m.\*\**

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

Mr. Romero informed the Committee he was still researching additional information regarding the term 'Master Engineer.' He requested this be placed on a future agenda after he was able to gather more information.

**8. Next Scheduled Meeting Date**

**a. Set date of next meeting**

Mr. Romero indicated the next meeting would be in July. He requested a poll be conducted to find out when everyone was able to meet. Ms. Gonzales informed the Committee the Board of Architects would be taking over the meetings beginning in July.

**9. Adjourn**

**MOTION** by Mr. Radnovich to adjourn the meeting, **SECONDED** by Mr. Greene,

**Roll call vote taken:**

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

The motion **PASSED unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

s/Perry Valdez

s/Bob Calvani

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Perry Valdez, Executive Director

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Bob Calvani

September 20, 2023 Approved Date