

THE JOINT PRACTICE COMMITTEE

JPC Meeting Minutes

February 07, 2025

Santa Fe, NM

Hybrid

Members Present

Ray Vigil, RA, BEA Chair

Barbara Felix, RA, BEA, Treasurer

Martin Romero, Bureau Chief, CBO, CID

Members Present via Zoom

Robert Loftis, PLA, BLA Vice-Chair | Via Zoom

Michael Bodelson, RA, BEA | Via Zoom

Ben Aragon, PS, BLPEPS | Via Zoom

Emilie Dohleman, PE, BLPEPS | Via Zoom

George Radnovich, PLA, ASLA, BLA | Via Zoom

Others Present

Melarie Gonzales, Executive Director, NMBEA

Jolene Sanchez, Board Administrator, NMBEA

Perry Valdez, Executive Director, BLPEPS

Others Present via Zoom

Roxanne Romo, Board Administrator, BLA | Via Zoom

Christine Perea, Licensing Manager, RLD | Via Zoom

Kristina Benavidez, Professional Licensing & Support Specialist, RLD | Via Zoom

Cynthia Ortega, Business Operations Specialist, RLD | Via Zoom

1. Convene, Roll Call and Introduction of Audience

Chair Vigil called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. roll call was taken, and a quorum was determined to be present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the meeting agenda

By: Barbara Felix

Second: Emilie Dohleman,

Committee vote: Passed Unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve September 20, 2024, meeting minutes

By: Barbara Felix

Second: Robert Loftis

Committee vote: Passed Unanimously.

4. Public Comment/Correspondence

No public in attendance

5. Old Business

a. Final Review & Approval of the Handbook for New Mexico Building Officials (2016 Version) – Proposed Changes

Chair Vigil opened the review of proposed changes set forth by the Joint Practice Committee and its members, outlining the updated sections and color-coded edits that have already been finalized by the committee, as well as those still requiring approval. Each remaining section that was edited by each board and commission was reviewed and discussed, and consensus was reached on the final wording. Once the final draft is updated with the revisions agreed upon today, it will be sent to the committee for review. Following that, the committee will vote on final approval before proceeding to print. Once completed, the handbook will be distributed to all boards and commissions in both PDF and printed formats.

Committee Member Romero asked that the new Building Officials Handbook (BOH) be sent to each code official as well, and It was agreed that the new BOH would be blue.

b. Update on the General Services Department's Architect-Engineer-Land Surveyor Professional Services Selection Process –

Committee Member Bodelson reported that he has yet spoken with the General Services Department (GSD) regarding Article 1- Section 13-1-121 of the New Mexico State Statutes, which governs the competitive qualifications-based selection process for architects, engineers, landscape architects, and surveyors. This issue, previously discussed in the last JPC meeting, pertains to GSD deviating from the requirement of seeking the Committee's appointment of members to selection committees.

Chair Vigil strongly urged the separation of interests in serving on these committees to maintain a clear distinction between the topics.

Treasurer Felix mentioned that she and AIA New Mexico are working with GSD and Ms. Silva on architectural issues and offered their assistance if needed.

6. New Business

a. Board of Examiners for Architects

Chair Vigil mentioned an upcoming bill related to procurement Senate Bill 408, stating his only concern is some contradictions in terms of limits.

Vice Chair Loftis stated from a procurement standpoint, this is relevant to the New Mexico Board of Landscape Architects, given the nature and the types of projects they are involved in. The dollar amount of \$10,000 is not reflective of what it costs to complete the project. Following the advice of Senator Padilla he has contacted the Regulation and Licensing Board (RLD) Board Administrator Roxanne Romo, regarding this bill.

b. Board of Landscape Architects

Vice-Chair Loftis stated their board was asked to write an opinion on their standpoint relating to New Mexico State Bill 61, relating to changes in the pathway for licensure to align with the uniform standard which is being pursued by The Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) and The National Council of Architectural Boards (NCARB).

Vice-Chair Loftis stated that their main objective in their response was to clarify and revise some of the language relating to the education pathways.

c. Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Professional Surveyors

No new business was discussed

d. Construction Industries Division

Committee Member Romero made the committee aware of a few pertinent bills that he and Construction Industries Division (CID) are following, such as New

Mexico House Bill 168 relating to construction costs, New Mexico House Bill 210 relating to rural economic development; enacting the vacant rural building act, New Mexico House Bill 220 relating to property; ensuring fire mitigation by allowing ignition-resistant construction in property interests and limiting conditions that pose fire hazards; and New Mexico Senate Bill 240 relating to timber.

7. Next Scheduled Meeting Date

After a short discussion, the Committee agreed to meet again in the summer before the new fiscal year.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Submitted by:


Melarie Gonzales, Executive Director

Approved by:


Ray Vigil, Chair

9/12/2025 Approved Date