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**Board Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2020  
Telephonic Meeting**

Tennessee Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners met on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Telephonic Meeting. Director Michael Schulz called the meeting to order at 8:00am and the following business was transacted:

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ricky Bursi, Stephen King, Alton Hethcoat, Robert Campbell, Blair Parker, Frank Wagster, Brian Tibbs, Rick Thompson, Melanie Doss, Ben Brychta

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael Schulz, Maria Bush, Wanda Phillips, Morgan Calles, Kara Evans, Stuart Huffman

**ROLL CALL / AGENDA**

Brian Tibbs called the meeting to order. Mr. Schulz called roll.

Guests were acknowledged.

**STATEMENT OF NECESSITY**

Read by Maria Bush

**Agenda**

Frank Wagster made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Robert Campbell second this motion. The motion was carried by roll call vote.

## **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY REPORTS**

Don Baltimore from Tennessee Interior Design through Education and Advocacy (TN IDEA) reported that we have legislators that have been newly elected, we are happy to work with them in the future.

Kasey Anderson, Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers/American Council of Engineering Companies of Tennessee (TSPE/ACEC-TN) reported that we have over 200 individuals going to risk management seminars today. TSP Chapter in Memphis is conducting an ethics seminar next week and we will conduct different ethics seminars across the state that will happen in February.

Ashley Cates Executive director of the American Institute of Architects (AIA TN) reported that we are still able to provide continuing education through the whole year. We now have on demand library where they can still pull courses from to earn the continuing education. Next year for our legislative committee we are going to focus on something called "speak up". We will put together some information and have this ready for the next board meeting.

Robert Campbell would like to make sure we announced that Kathy Ware has resigned from the Board. We need to get this on the agenda for the next board meeting.

**LEGAL REPORT** (attached)

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Financial Information**

Reviewed by board members separately

### **Clarification of CLARB Records Requirements**

Are there alternative forms for CLARB for reapplication due to the fact that there is no CLARB record to be sent?

Blair Parker suggested that this needs to go to the full Landscape Architect Board. This would need to be scheduled before the Next board meeting.

### **UPDATE: PDH Rule Making Hearing**

Rulemaking hearing coming up next week for the PDH rule revisions that have been discussed previously. We will go before the Government Operations Committee Meeting to provide them information on why these rule changes have been proposed. This will be on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 that afternoon.

### **Certificates**

Director Michael Schulz is wanting to see if we can make the wall certificates a different size than the 11 ½ x 17 and make them 8 x10 to make them more cost effective. This would allow them to be printed and mailed through our printing service. This would save postage through the board and the associations.

Robert Campbell suggested we possibly send a PDF to the registrant and they would be able to print it themselves at the regular size.

Rick Thompson wants to make sure that we make it the quality of the certificate we currently issue.

Blair Parker does not really want to reduce the size and does not really want to do the PDF version and needing to know what the cost be.

Director Michael Schulz advised we have to special order the certificates and the certificates are not fitting in mailboxes and are damaged in the process even with the cardboard envelopes.

Director Michael Schulz will investigate the cost of the changes.

Wanda Phillips advised the board office mails most of the wall certificate. If they pass the April and October PE exams, they are picked up by TSPE and handed out twice a year at the chapter meetings.

Robert Campbell suggests that maybe we put all the certificates for TSPE in something to just hand deliver instead of the cardboard folders.

Kasey Anderson (TSPE) wanting to comment about the certificates. She advised she ends up mailing 3 quarters of the new certificates. She would like to have them still in the cardboard envelopes that way they do not get ruined.

Ashely Cates (AIA) reported they do not send out the certificates. We are willing to help anyway that we can for the certificates.

Blair Parker made a comment that he would like to have the information to see at the next meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Alton Hethcoat advised they have met twice since the last meeting, November 13<sup>th</sup> and yesterday. We are looking at alternative paths to licensure, mostly technology degrees. Tennessee is one of nine states that do not offer alternative paths that do not graduate from universities with EAC/ABET accredited programs. There is concern from the board that we are trying to block/restrict applicants from becoming licensed. Missouri is the most recent state that restrictions were revoked for an alternative path to licensure. This was not decided by the Missouri board but by their legislature and we do not want to be in this position. We have reviewed Dr. Smith's information and there is a big difference from the ETAC and the EAC curriculum. Rickey Bursi is going to reach out to someone who is a board member from Mississippi and try to figure out the major difference. We want to make sure our focus is on the public's health, safety and welfare. Director Michael Schulz is checking with NCEES and figuring out what they look for when evaluate to determine the difference between the EAC and ETAC. There are 9 universities that currently offer Engineer Technology Degrees, and of those 3 of them (University of Memphis, University of Tennessee Chattanooga, and Tennessee Tech) offer both Engineer Degrees and Engineer Technology Degrees. They both would need to sit and pass the PE exam regardless of whether they went through an EAC or ETAC curriculum. We are not opposed to decoupling, but the wording of this might be the hardest part.

Reviewed 6 applications and solved these.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Nathan Ridley from the TN chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA-TN) reported that we have two new senators, and 10 new House members. Legislative sessions will start on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We have a new Executive Director Erin Tharp and wished well for Kate Horton.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Frank Wagster has advised that since Kathy Ware was the chair for the definitions committee she will need to be replaced.

Director Michael Schulz will schedule a definitions committee meeting before the next meeting to complete this.

Robert Campbell advised he might want to add that the Engineer Committee would like to be added to that meeting because they would like to have a say in this.

Alton Heathcoat wanted to let everyone know that Stephen King will be the new chairman for the Engineer Committee.

Ricky Bursi wanted to check on the status of their 2 openings for the Engineer Committee.

Director Michael Schulz had 6 nominees for these spots and is hoping to have this completed by the end of the year or at least by the next meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, Robert Campbell moved for adjournment the meeting at 9:40am. Rick Thompson second this motion. The motion was carried by roll call vote.