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MINUTES

June 9, 2022

The Tennessee Board of Architectural & Engineer Examiners met June 9, 2022 and the following business was transacted:

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Richard Bursi called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and Director Michael Schulz called the roll.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Bursi, Frank Wagster, Robert Campbell, Rob Barrick, Alton Hethcoat, Stephen King, Brian Tibbs, Blair Parker

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Thompson, Ben Brychta

PART. TELEPHONICALLY: Melanie Doss

ACKNOWLEDGE GUEST(S): Kasey Anderson, Nathan Ridley

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Schulz, Caleb Darnell, Laura Martin, Stuart Huffman, Glenn Kopchak

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stuart Hoffman is attending today in a new role. He is the new legal representative for this board. Glenn Kopchak is also attending as the next director.

MINUTES

April minutes were approved by Blair Parker, seconded by Brian Tibbs. A voice vote was unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY REPORT

- ✚ Kasey Anderson, Director of ACEC Tennessee/TN Society of Professional Engineers spoke about the status of the profession in the state of Tennessee
- ✚ Nathan Ridley, from the TN chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA-TN), gave a rundown of the profession.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES FOR NEW LEGISLATION

Laura Martin, the new Chief Counsel for legal, spoke briefly about how we are planning to implement the new decoupling law that goes into effect 7/1/22.

LEGAL CASE REPORT

[See attached]

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Financial Data**
- **Newsletter submissions**
 - All articles were not ready at this meeting. After discussion, it was decided that the Outreach Committee would meet and further discuss at the next meeting.
- Brian Tibbs and Frank Wagster described their outreach experience from the recent NCARB meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Interior Design Committee

- Discussed definition of practice for Interior Designers
 - The committee discussed how they would like to incorporate the AIA feedback with the working version of the definitions so far.
 - Alton Hethcoat submitted a recommendation to submit the amended version of the definition to the board on the following day. Frank Wagster seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Landscape Architecture Committee

- Discussed definition of practice for Landscape Architecture
 - The committee discussed how they would like to incorporate the AIA feedback with the working version of the definitions so far.
 - The committee added a section about incidental practice.
 - Frank Wagster submitted a recommendation to submit the amended version of the definition to the board on the following day. Blair Parker seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Grants to Higher Education Committee

- The committee met to set the application deadline date for 2023. It was decided that the committee will propose a September 2, 2022, date as a grant application deadline. Frank Wagster made a motion to approve that date. Melanie Doss seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.
- The committee also briefly discussed allowing ETAC schools with Engineering Technology degrees to also be involved in the grant process.

Engineers Committee

- Discussed applications/audits for review:
 - Mr. Lamacchia's application was tabled until this meeting, as his application is linked with the July 1 decoupling matter (SB2479/HB2627). Alton Hethcoat made a motion to have the application sent back through the application process, as it has not been reviewed yet.
 - The committee deliberated over Mr. Edens's application for licensure. It was approved.
 - Mr. Stegner's application was touched on, as the decoupling legislation has since been approved. The application can be approved 7/1 when the law (SB2479/HB2627) goes into effect.
- Discussed definition of practice for Engineers
 - The committee discussed how they would like to incorporate the AIA feedback with the working version of the definitions so far.
- NCEES Meeting
 - The committee discussed who to send as delegates to the NCEES annual meeting around August.

Architect Committee

- Discussed definition of practice for Architects
 - The committee discussed how they would like to incorporate the AIA feedback with the working version of the definitions so far.
 - The conversation was specifically in regard to incidental practice.
 - Frank Wagster made a motion to accept amended changes. Brian Tibbs seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

Definitions

- Rob Barrick made a motion to approve all definitions as brought forward by the committees. Brian Tibbs seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

- Notice of next year's meetings
 - Glenn Kopchak brought forward a suggested 2023 schedule.
 - Feb 1 & 2
 - April 5 & 6
 - June 7 & 8
 - August 2 & 3
 - October 4 & 5
 - December 6 & 7
- Anonymity
 - The board discussed anonymous complaints and the overall complaint filing process.
- References with Application
 - Robert Campbell brought forward an issue about how the reference process could potentially be exploited.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Ricky Bursi and seconded by Alton Hethcoat.