

**Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners
Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2020
Boston, MA**

Present: Knox Tumlin – Chair; Allen J. Bacque – Secretary, Ronald B. Blicht, J. David Brinson, John Cardone, Richard J. LeBlanc, Kevin Singh

Staff: Katherine E. Hillegas, Executive Director; Tyson J. Ducote, Deputy Director

Legal Counsel: Paul Spaht, Attorney

Tumlin welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

The Board reviewed a letter which had been distributed by the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners to SCNCARB which included a request that NCARB utilize the Member Board Executives Committee and the Professional Conduct Committee to study the issue related to appropriate disciplinary action against NCARB Certificate holders following jurisdictional discipline. It was agreed that no determination regarding position would be made until the Regional meeting was held where more information could be gleaned.

LAPELS Rule 105 – OLRC Meeting

Spaht provided an overview of the Board’s presentation opposing the proposed amendment to LAPELS Rule 105 defining the incidental practice of engineering by architects during the February 28, 2020 Occupational Licensing Review Commission meeting. He noted that the OLRC had postponed making any determination on the proposed rule until its next meeting.

He reminded the Board that the function of the OLRC is to review proposed rules for potential issues related to anti-trust. The Board believes that the proposed definition as currently written would in fact, decrease economic opportunities for architects and their clients by lessening competition and job growth and failing to protect consumers from harm that threatened public health, welfare, or safety.

Hillegas noted that following the OLRC meeting, there was “hallway” discussion with LAPELS representatives regarding “restarting” the Task Force so that it might complete the work of developing a definition that is mutually agreeable to both professions.

Motion #1: Cardone/Blicht: To enter Executive Session. Passed. 7-0.

Motion #2: Blicht/Bacque: To leave Executive Session. Passed. 7-0.

Motion #3: Cardone/Blicht: To direct staff to contact LAPELS to determine if it is willing to pause rulemaking on Rule 105 and commit to meeting with the Incidental Task Force, further, if there is no commitment, that staff and legal counsel should request that the Attorney General opine concerning its Opinion 11-0048 and the authorities therein on the issues surrounding proposed LAPELS Rule 105 and the opposition thereto stated by the Board in its letters. Passed. 7-0.

HSW Program Request

Blitch reviewed an appeal received from a program sponsor for HSW continuing education units. The appeal noted that the program had initially been approved by the Continuing Education Committee for 2 HSW. The appeal further noted that the program had been submitted in prior years and was modified only slightly from the past and had previously been approved for 5 HSW.

Motion #4: Blitch/Brinson: To approve the Tree School program for 5 HSW. Passed. 6-1.

The Board recommended that staff re-evaluate the Program Approval Form.

There being no further business,

Motion #5: Blitch/LeBlanc: To adjourn. Passed. 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Knox Tumlin, Chair



Allen Bacque, Secretary