

**Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners
Complaint Review Committee
September 28, 2018
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Knox H. Tumlin, Chair
J. David Brinson
Richard J. LeBlanc
Katherine E. Hillegas, Executive Director
Tyson J. Ducote, Deputy Director
Paul H. Spaht, Board Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Tumlin who reviewed the agenda.

Motion: LeBlanc/Brinson: To enter into executive session to discuss investigative and disciplinary matters regarding allegations of misconduct and/or the character and professional competence of persons. **Passed. 3-0.**

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

Motion: Brinson/LeBlanc: To approve the August 16, 2018, CRC minutes. **Passed. 3-0.**

Returned Consent Orders:

2018-02 – Michael G. Schmidt

Ducote presented an executed Consent Order to the committee for acceptance.

Motion: Brinson/LeBlanc: To accept the Consent Order and forward to the full Board for ratification. **Passed. 3-0.**

2018-07 – Ward Elmo Bryant, Jr.

Ducote presented an executed Consent Order to the committee for acceptance.

Motion: LeBlanc/Brinson: To accept the Consent Order and forward to the full Board for ratification. **Passed. 3-0.**

Existing Complaints - Updates:

2017-08 - Re:Design Architectural Studios

Spaht updated the committee on the suit against Aaron Robinson and Re:Design Architectural Studios. The lawsuit has been filed and the order has been signed by a judge in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court. A process server in California has been appointed and the citation and petition for preliminary and permanent injunction and civil penalty will be sent to her for service on Mr. Robinson.

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New Business:

2018-11 – William Sutton Miley & 2018-12 – MileyARCH, L.L.C.

Ducote provided the committee additional information about the cases regarding third parties referencing Mr. Miley and the firm as architects, that the Louisiana Secretary of State did not require the firm to notify LSBAE to request a waiver for the use of the word “ARCH” in its name and that Mr. Miley moved quickly to remedy the incorrect use of the firm name.

Ducote recommended that both cases be closed.

Motion: LeBlanc/Brinson: To close both cases. Passed. 3-0.

The committee then discussed individuals and firms using the terms “architect,” “architectural,” “architecture” or anything confusingly similar in ignorance of the law. It was agreed that in cases where there appears to be no real architectural work being offered or provided, Ducote would issue a cease and desist letter to the individual or firm. If the issues are resolved the matter is documented and closed, otherwise, then a case will be opened and a full investigation will be performed.

Motion: Brinson/LeBlanc: To leave Executive Session. Passed. 3-0.

There being no further business to address,

Respectfully submitted,

Knox H. Tumlin, Chair