

MINUTES
INTERIOR DESIGN EXAMINATION AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE
October 6, 2004
Public Session

I CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:10 am in the Union Conference Room on the third (3rd) floor at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

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PARTICIPANTS	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Chair Diane Goté	(X)	()	()
Committee Member Patricia Blaser	(X)	()	()
Committee Member Suzan Globus	(X)	()	()
Committee Member James R. Cline	(X)	()	()
Committee Member Vacant	()	()	()

OTHERS PRESENT: James S. Hsu, Executive Director, NJ Board of Architects; Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General; Margaret Hinkley, Secretary to the Executive Director, and staff Judith Nadal Board of Architects.

ALSO PRESENT: Anthony Miragliotta, Deputy Director, and Devon Graf, Regulatory Analyst, both from the Division of Consumer Affairs, Albert Zaccone and Paul DeMassi, both Architect Board members.

II OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The statement required by Chapter 231, public laws of 1975, the "Open Public Meetings Act," was read and it was announced that notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board of Architects and mailed to the Secretary of State, the Newark Star-Ledger, the Trenton Times, the Camden Courier-Post, the Record and the Atlantic City Press.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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ACTION: Ms. Globus motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Ms. Blaser seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Goté welcomed Architect Board member, Paul DeMassi, to his first meeting with the Committee.

Executive Director, Mr. Hsu, announced the following:

- Tony Miragliotta and Devon Graf will join the Committee for discussion of the regulations.
- As of today, the Board office has received approximately 1,000 requests for information on Interior Design certification.

Ms. Goté announced that she and Mr. Hsu will be attending the Annual NCIDQ meeting on November 11-13,

2004 in Washington, D.C.

Mr. DeMassi announced that he will be attending NCARB's Region II Conference and would like to report on the Interior Design Committee's progress.

V OLD BUSINESS

Regulations

The Committee reviewed draft regulations that encompassed the latest changes made by the Committee as well as the fee schedule which resembled the Board of Architects and the Landscape Architect Committee.

Advertising issues and various scenarios were discussed to give the Committee an example of different types of advertising as to what would and would not be acceptable under the regulations.

ACTION: Mr. Cline motioned to approve the regulations as discussed and amended with the provision that Ms. Goté review the new draft containing all changes discussed prior to presenting to the Architect Board for approval. Ms. Blaser seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

VI NEW BUSINESS

A Home Improvement Contractor

Some Committee members received the application packet for Home Improvement Contractor Registration and questioned why they received them.

When Devon Graf, Regulatory Analyst, arrived he responded to the members concern by advising that several reference lists for various businesses whose services may fall within the Home Improvement Contract regulations, were used to send applications and information packets.

Devon also stated that there is legislation pending, which would delay the implementation of the Home Improvement Contractor registration until 2005. Devon also advised that there is a provision in the legislation that states if a certification or licensure by a professional board whose scope of practice crosses over with the scope of Home Improvement Contractors the professional certification/licensure are exempt from registering as a Home Improvement Contractor.

The Committee members questioned further whether they would be required to register.

If the delay of implementation is not granted, all interior designer businesses may be required to register as a Home Improvement Contractor. However, once Interior Designers become certified registration as a Home Improvement Contractor is no longer necessary.

The following are some scenarios discussed by Committee members today and will require further discussion in the future:

- Individuals who are certified Interior Designers do not need to be registered as a Home Improvement Contractor.

- Businesses who are owned by Certified Interior Designers but employ individuals who are not yet Certified Interior Designers, the question was raised if employees would have to register as Home Improvement Contractors.

- Individuals, who applied for Certification as an Interior Designer and did not meet the requirements, but continue to practice in areas outlined in the scope of practice of Certified Interior Designers the issue was raised whether the Committee should refer the individual to the Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) to be registered as Home Improvement Contractor.

B Application form review

1 Attached is a copy of the grandfather clause application form to be used for Interior Designers.

ACTION: Table this matter until next meeting.

2 Sample reference form used by the Landscape Architects to be used as a guideline to create same for Interior Designers.

ACTION: Table this matter until next meeting.

3 Work verification form used by the Landscape Architects to be used as a guideline to create same for Interior Designers.

ACTION: Table this matter until next meeting.

C Correspondence

1 Letter dated September 7, 2004, from Jeffrey F. Kennedy, Executive Director, NCIDQ, regarding the examination for licensees who either allowed their certifications to lapse or put on inactive status for more than 5 years is attached for the Committee's information.

ACTION: Table this matter until next meeting.

2 Texas statement of jurisdiction, from Donna Vining, Vining Design Associates, Inc., is attached for Committee review.

ACTION: Table this matter until next meeting.

VII OTHERS

A Information

1 Memo dated August 23, 2004, from Peter James, Program Manager, NCIDQ, regarding a summary report of candidate activity for the most recent examination administration is attached for the Committee's information.

ACTION: Table this matter until next meeting

VIII PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seeing no from the public present, Ms. Goté proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

IX NEXT MEETINGS

December 1, 2004 Regular Meeting Union Room - 3rd Flr.

January 5, 2005 Regular Meeting To Be Announced

February 2, 2005 Regular Meeting To Be Announced

X ADJOURNMENT

At 3:00p.m., Mr. Cline motioned that the Committee adjourn the meeting. Ms. Blaser seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.