

MINUTES
JOINT COMMITTEE OF ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS
April 5, 2005
Public Session

I CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Joint Committee of Architects & Engineers was called to order at 10:05 am in the Union Conference Room on the third (3rd) floor at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

| Roll Call | Present | Absent | Excused |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Committee Chair Albert Zaccone, RA | (X) | () | () |
| Committee Vice Chair James Valenti, PE | (X) | () | () |
| Committee Member Thomas DiChiara, PP | (X) | () | () |
| Public Member | | | |
| Committee Member Paul DeMassi, RA | () | () | (X) |
| Committee Member Pravin Patel, PE | (X) | () | () |
| Alternate Member Louis Raimondi, PE, LS | () | () | (X) |
| Alternate Member Alex Garcia, RA | () | () | (X) |

OTHERS PRESENT: James S. Hsu, Executive Director, NJ Board of Architects, Arthur Russo, Executive Director, Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, Olga E. Bradford, Deputy Attorney General, Division of Law, and Margaret Hinkley, Secretary to the Executive Director, NJ Board of Architects.

ALSO PRESENT: Devon Graf, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs

II OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

The statement required by Chapter 231, 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 of Bergen County and the Atlantic City Press .

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 1, 2005

ACTION: Mr. Valenti motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. DiChiara seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

IV PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seeing no one present from the public present, Mr. Zaccone proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

V OLD BUSINESS

A Regulations

At the September 9, 2004 meeting, the Committee members discussed developing regulations pursuant to its statute. Some issues are not well defined. The committee determined that the issue of "incidental use" is one of the issues of concern. On October 5, 2004, Robert Campanelli provided the following background information on the

formation of the Joint Committee: In the 1980s there was a major rift between the Architect and Professional Engineer professions due to the Board of Architects disciplining professional engineers for the practice of architecture. As a result, legislation was presented to allow professional engineers to design any building. The Bill was vetoed by the Governor until an agreement could be reached as to the scope of practice. The agreement outlined that the committee would consist of two members from each profession (Architect and Professional Engineer) with a public member, appointed by the Governor, to address joint concerns. This agreement took three years to develop. From this statute, the provision for Certificates of Authorization was created for both professions. After subsequent discussion, it was suggested that the Committee send a memo to Tony Miragliotta, deputy Director, Division of Consumer Affairs pertaining to promulgating regulations for the Joint Committee. The Committee also requested staff to research the minutes for various issues discussed by the Committee, specifically fire sprinklers, bulkheads etc. DAG Bradford requested that committee members formulate concepts to be developed into regulations by the DAG and the Regulatory Analyst. The Committee also requested that the Regulatory Analyst be present at the next meeting. On February 1st, Devon Graf, Regulatory Analyst, was present for discussion. Committee members reviewed the statutes and copies of past correspondence on issues of 'engineering systems'; bulkheads; fire sprinkler design drawings; and 'incidental use'. After some discussion on promulgating regulations and issues discussed by the Committee, however, the Committee tabled this matter until Mr. Patel could be present.

4/5/05 Attached for information are the statutes and copies of past correspondence on issues of 'engineering systems'; bulkheads; fire sprinkler design drawings; and 'incidental use'.

ACTION: Devon Graf, Regulatory Analyst, was present for discussion with the Committee on the issues for possible regulations. Mr. Patel raised the issue of Professional Engineers being able to contract directly with the owner to do the "engineering systems" instead of being a subcontractor to the Architect on the project. Committee requested Devon to review N.J.S.A. 45:4B and prepare language, if applicable, to outline that "engineering systems" can be designed by Professional Engineers directly as prime professional. Also review "incidental use" based on discussion by the Committee and formulate proposed regulations for review at the next meeting. Committee requested that minutes from the Joint Committee be provided at the next meeting for those dates when "bulkheads" and "fire sprinklers" were discussed.

VI NEW BUSINESS

A Meeting Schedule

DAG Bradford advised the Committee that due to her working the election primary scheduled for June 7th, she would not be available for the Committee. The Committee determined that if there are few items on the agenda that could be postponed until the August meeting, the committee will cancel the June meeting.

VII EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:10 am Mr. Patel motioned to go into executive session for the purposes of reviewing the minutes. Mr. DiChiara seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

VIII NEXT MEETINGS

August 2, 2005 Regular Meeting
Union Room - 3rd Floor

October 4, 2005 Regular Meeting
Union Room - 3rd Floor

IX ADJOURNMENT

At 12 noon, Mr. Patel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. DiChiara seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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