MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE, INTERIOR DESIGN AND RESIDENTIAL DESIGN (NSBAIDRD)

April 16, 2021

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Friday, April 16, 2021

Chairman James Mickey called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Roll Call: James Mickey (Chairman), William Snyder (Secretary/Treasurer), Kimberly Ciesynski, Gregory Erny, Ann Fleming, John Morelli, and Tina Wichmann. George Garlock and Nathaniel Waugh were excused.

Also in attendance: Monica Harrison (Executive Director), Louis Ling (Legal Counsel), Jim Wadhams (Board Lobbyist), and Stacey Hatfield (Public Information Officer).

AGENDA ITEM 1 Public comment

No public comment.

AGENDA ITEM 2 Approval of agenda

Motion: Snyder moved to agenda. Motion seconded by Fleming.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM 3 Review and possible action regarding bills SB 335 and SB 402 to obtain the Board's position on each

Ling explained that Board cannot have an official position on a bill unless it meets to discuss the bills and votes to take a position.

Ling summarized SB 335. He explained that the bill abolishes six occupational licensing boards and the regulation of those occupations will be the responsibility of a proposed new agency, the Division of Licensing in the Department of Business and Industry (B&I). The new agency will be funded through the licensing fees of the six boards, as well as funds taken from select health care licensing boards. These select health care boards would be required to submit five percent of their fees to the new agency.

Ling went on to explain that according to a fiscal analysis and testimony presented by B&I during the bill hearing, the bill does not fund itself and would fall short by approximately \$750,000. Additionally, this bill is viewed as a first step, and eventually all licensing boards would be abolished and come under the new agency.

Ling stated he is drafting a white paper for the board and will forward it when it is complete. He recommended the Board oppose SB 335 because it will affect the board in the future.

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Ling summarized SB 402. He explained that the bill requires occupational licensing boards offer expedited licensure by endorsement to active military members, veterans and their spouses. The bill also reduces licensing fees for those applicants, but because of the low numbers of potential applicants he does not anticipate it would have a large effect on the Board's budget. He added that this would not affect the Board's current reciprocal licensure process for architects, but it would affect registered interior design (RID). Because there is no national standard for licensing interior designers, the Board does not currently offer reciprocal licensing for RIDs.

Ling recommended that Board take a neutral position on SB 402 and work with the sponsor to amend the legislation in regard to RIDs.

Wadhams discussed SB 335. He stated that the bill does not affect the Board as this time and is not an immediate concern. He recommended the Board not take a position on SB 335 at this time. He said the Board should continue to monitor the bill. He added that all bills must pass out of the house of origin by April 20. At this time, it is unclear if SB 335 will make that deadline.

Wadhams discussed SB 402. He recommended the Board authorize someone to approach the bill sponsor about a possible amendment for RIDs.

Board members discussed SB 335 and SB 402 and the issues surrounding the bills. Erny expressed concern with blanket granting of reciprocal licenses, especially in design and construction, because code and building requirements vary across the country.

AGENDA ITEM 4

Possible action regarding authorization from the Board to delegate a single board member to appear in front of the legislature and to assist the Board's staff for decisions related to legislation and legislative actions

Motion: Snyder moved that Chairman Mickey be the delegate from the Board to speak to the

legislature if needed. Motion seconded by Erny.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

Motion: Snyder moved that the Board take a neutral position, with concerns, on SB 335 and SB 402.

Motion seconded by Morelli.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM 5 Items for future agenda

Report on status of bills.

AGENDA ITEM 6 Public comment

No public comment.

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Chairman Mickey adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.
Monica Harrison, Executive Director
William Snyder, Secretary/Treasurer

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