

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, AND LAND SURVEYORS

CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 2, 2023.

Date:	May 2, 2023
Time:	10-11am
Location:	Zoom
Attending:	Board Members: Catherine Fritz, Jeff Garness, Ed Leonetti, Brent Cole, Elizabeth Johnston, Loren Lemman, Jake Maxwell, Randall Rozier, Sterling Strait, Fred Wallis Board Staff: Sara Neal and Kelly Johnson / Division: Director Sylvan Robb Legislature Members: Senator Matt Claman and Breanna Kakaruk (staff to Senator Claman) Public: Charles Bettisworth, Jessica Cederberg, Mary Knopf, Brian Meissner, Lauren Earley, Matt Barusch (NCIDQ), Tim Conrad, David Parish
Absent:	Excused: Bob Bell

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Virtual Notice – Brent Cole (joined at 10:02), Jeff Garness, Elizabeth Johnston, Loren Lemman, Ed Leonetti, Jake Maxwell, Randall Rozier, Sterling Strait, Fred Wallis, Catherine Fritz.	
2. Review / Amend / Approve Agenda	
Motion to approve agenda:	On a motion made by Elizabeth Johnston, seconded by Jeff Garness, and approved unanimously it was: <i>RESOLVED to approve the agenda as presented.</i>
3. Status of SB126	
A. Adding the Executive Administrator (EA) salary to bill:	Leman updated the board on SB126 stating that the bill had passed the Senate Labor and Commerce committee and is currently in Senate Rules waiting to be heard on the Senate floor. AELS’s EA is the lowest paid EA in the division yet the workload is high. With department support, it was recommended that the EA’s salary range be put into statute as an amendment to this bill once it moves to the house. Because of the fiscal note, once the bill passed the House it would have to go back to the Senate for approval. Director Robb spoke about the issue by saying the EA position is partially exempt which means they are only partially covered by the personnel rules. Their salaries are laid out by the classification division which has resulted in the disparity between the range assigned and the workload required. Because of that many boards have opted to put their EA’s salaries in statute. Robb explained what the cost to the board would be as follows: Range 18 step A pays a salary of \$63,000 whereas a Range 23 step A pays an annual salary of \$88,000 + benefits which would equal about a \$30,000 increase in costs to the board.
Motion to approve amendment to SB126:	On a motion made by Jeff Garness, seconded by Elizabeth Johnston, and approved unanimously via roll call vote it was: <i>RESOLVED to authorize Loren and Catherine to amend SB126 to incorporate the EA salary to a step in Range 23 on the salary schedule.</i>
4. AELS Concerns with SB73 CS U	

Brief Discussion:	<p>The ID working group met twice since the AELS special board meeting on March 16 and has been working together with Senator Claman and his staff. The Senate Labor and Commerce Committee sent the bill back for another committee substitute with regards to board make-up, but it has not yet been drafted by the legislative legal department. Fritz talked through the following issues with CS U:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sec 26 - 08.48.331- #15 is not needed. 2. Sec 27 - 08.48.331 – added section would have the Board develop regulations to define the practice of interior designers that relates to health, safety and welfare. 3. Sec 29 -08.48.341 - #24 – working group has asked that A align with other definitions for practice and that (v) as it pertains to “work of minor importance” and delete B. 4. Sec 36 - Transition: Current Interior Designers – Bill would go into effect immediately and this transition would allow a person to practice registered interior designing without a license until July 1, 2025. Senator Claman shared that the intent of that section was to allow interior designers to practice as they have been until the regulations have been written at which time, they can become registered. <p>Once the new CS is released, it will be reviewed to see if any of these changes have been incorporated into the bill. The board will review the new CS during its May 10-11th board meeting and propose changes as needed.</p>
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5. NCARB Voting Delegate

Motion:	<p>On a motion made by Loren Leman, seconded by Jeff Garness, and approved unanimously it was:</p> <p><i>RESOLVED to approve Catherine Fritz as the voting delegate and Randall Rozier as the alternate voting delegate for the NCARB annual business meeting.</i></p>
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Next Meeting:	May 10-11 th , 2023.
Adjournment:	11:15am

Respectfully submitted:

Sara J. Neal

 Sara Neal, Executive Administrator

Approved:

Catherine Fritz

 Catherine Fritz, Architect, Chair
 Alaska Board of Registration for Architects,
 Engineers, and Land Surveyors

Date: 11/15/2023
