

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
**BOARD OF REGISTRATION ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS,
AND LAND SURVEYORS**

CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD APRIL 9, 2025

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They have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.**

Date:	April 9, 2025
Time:	12pm- 1pm
Location:	Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Attending:	Jeff Garness, Ed Leonetti, Sterling Strait, Paul Baril, John Barry, Elizabeth Beckett Johnston, Colin Maynard, Brad Rinckey Board Staff: Joseph Bonnell, Kelly Johnson Division Staff: Sara Chambers, Sylvan Rob, Sara Neal Public: Raymond Jess Duenas, Nathan Kaaihue, Samuel Horning, Chris Miller, Barbara Cash, Mary Knopf, David Parish, Amy Orange-Posma, Jessica Cederberg, Jon Order, Cixia Wang, Sarena Hackenmiller
Absent:	Jake Maxwell, Randall Rozier

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Virtual Meeting Notice

2. Review/Amend/ Approve Agenda

Motion:	<i>In a Motion made by Sterling Strait, seconded by Colin Maynard it was moved to approve the agenda:</i>
Approve Consent	
Agenda	<i>Approved unanimously it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda.</i>

3. Legislative Liaison Committee Report

The board chair delegated conducting the remainder of the meeting to the vice-chair, Ed Leonetti.

Maynard gave the report on the committee meeting held on March 24, 2025. SB54 was the main point of discussion, three amendments have been made to the bill: Executive Administrator salary and adding recommended verbiage to the natural gas pipeline and onsite wastewater exemptions. Additional amendments are to be addressed at future hearings, including one related to other statutes that also mention architecture and engineering, but not landscape architecture, the amendment will correct this. The memo from Department of Law in response to the board's inquiry from the February meeting was also discussed. Following the committee meeting, the memo was provided to Senator Claman's office and is being addressed in the proposed amendment that will modify the definition of interior design and registered interior design.

Leonetti opened up discussion for any concerns on the Department of Law memo and associated proposed amendment.

Maynard feels the amendment resolves the concerns of the memo.

Baril expressed no concerns and had comments.

Garness is concerned with the task of defining interior and registered interior design and the amendment doesn't address this. Garness further expressed concern that the bill does not prohibit the practice of those not registered vs registered. Maynard was asked to reply, where it was noted that this was discussed in the committee meeting and there is overlap in practice, and the board will define what interior design is while a registered interior designer will be able to sign and stamp documents. Leonetti asked Baril regarding the concerns raised by Garness. Baril believes that it will be dealt with discussions the board will have to establish regulations. In specifics to language in the bill, Baril felt that it adds clarity.

Rinckey had no concerns.

Barry had no concerns.

Shepherd had no comment or concerns.

Strait commented that the amendment explicitly allows the interior designer to stamp documents for permitting purposes, which language does not exist statute for any of the other professions the board administers, instead this is covered by the early chapters which the IBC (International Building Code) has adopted by life and safety regulations. Strait did not have any direction or thoughts on how to improve it, but it is something the board will have to be concerned about in the future when making regulations. Maynard replied that the difference is due to the registered interior designers being governed by a title act instead of a practice act as the other professions.

**Motion:
Endorse
Amendments G.1
and G.5 of SB54**

In a Motion made by Colin Maynard, seconded by Sterling Strait it was moved that the AELS board endorses amendments G.1 and G.5 for SB54.

In discussion Maynard noted G.1 cleans up language in various sections while G.5 provides a clearer definition that it is believed architects and interior designers are in favor of.

By roll call vote It was RESOLVED that the AELS board endorses amendments G.1 and G.5 for SB54.

YES: Barry, Shephard, Rinckey, Maynard, Strait, Baril, Leonetti

NO: Garness

Absent: Maxwell, Rozier

**Motion:
To Define Interior
Design in Statute**

In a Motion made by Jeff Garness it was moved that the board would support defining interior design in statute.

There was no second.

4. Adjourn

Next Meeting:

May 21-22, 2025, Anchorage, AK