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1. CALL TO ORDER-10:05 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

   Board Chairman, LeRoy Brady and Jason Foose, appeared in person. Alejandro Angel, Robert Stanley, Neal Jones, and Douglas Folk appeared telephonically. Stephen Noel joined the meeting in person at 10:20 a.m.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

   Robert Burgheimer, AIA, spoke and asked the board to reconsider its neutral status on HB2333. Dr. Angel asked staff to dialog with him to explain its position.

4. LEGISLATION MATTERS

   Review, Consideration, and Possible Action on the following:
   A. Discussion of House Bill 2613
Greg Harris, the Board’s lobbyist, explained the deregulatory bills being considered this session at the Legislature. HB2613 reflects the Governor's policy decision to reorganize the regulatory framework in Arizona.

Dr. Angel offered that the Board should express its concerns about the bill to the Governor’s office, and provide hard data regarding geologists and landscape architects to highlight how they protect the public.

Mr. Folk explained that he has concerns about the proposed deregulation. Mr. Foose stated that in order to receive public works money and federal highway money plans and projects need to be guided by registrants. LAs are important to highway projects and if deregulation occurs, it could result in more litigation to the State. Mr. Brady stated concerns about storm water designs and environmental issues that might occur if Landscape Architects are deregulated.

Mr. Harris explained the ideas he’s heard from the Governor’s office regarding how the Board might operate if it’s moved to ADOA. HB2613 does not include any details regarding the intended reorganization of regulatory boards. Other agencies have already been moved and consolidated: Appraisal, Gaming/Racing, Weights and Measures.

The Board heard comments from the following people: Galen Drake, PLA, on behalf of ASLA, Tina Litteral on behalf of AIA, and Barbara Murphy, RG.

The Board directed staff to send emails to all registrants explaining the facts regarding the bill, attach the bill for review, and the email addresses of the legislators and Governor’s Office representatives. The Board expressed serious concerns with provisions of the bill, and expressed desire to draft amendments to fix them.

Mr. Noel moved to oppose the bill, specifically the provisions that propose the deregulation of geologists and landscape architects and moving the Board under ADOA. Mr. Foose seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. Dr. Angel asked staff to provide the members with weekly updates.

5. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS – Tuesday, February 23, 2016

6. MEETING ADJOURNMENT - 11:05 a.m.