

Board of Review

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TO: ALSC MEMBERS & ALTERNATES & OTHER
INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: THOMAS D. SEARLES

DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2011

SUBJ: BOARD OF REVIEW MINUTES

Attached are the final minutes of the October 20, 2011 Board of Review meeting.

The next Board of Review meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2012.

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Attachment

cc: ALS Staff
Board of Review
Counsel

**MINUTES
BOARD OF REVIEW
October 20, 2011**

The Board of Review met on October 20, 2011, at the offices of Venable LLP, 575 7th St., NW, Washington, DC. The Board members present were Messrs. Parrish, Ethington and Hawks. Mr. Parrish chaired the meeting. Mr. Searles was present as Manager. Mr. Landry of Venable LLP was present as Counsel to the Board of Review. Messrs. McDaniel and Reck of the ALS staff were present.

I. SPIB DESIGN VALUE HEARING

At this meeting, the Board of Review held a hearing on the proposed SPIB changes to its design values based upon the sampling and testing plan which had been approved by the Board of Review.

Mr. Landry informed the group of their responsibilities under the antitrust laws.

SPIB submitted a proposal to substantially reduce design values for Southern Pine dimension lumber. Following its procedures, the Board submitted these proposed design values to the Forest Products Laboratory for technical review.

The Board received numerous inquiries regarding this submission. Taking into account the concerns raised, the Board scheduled a hearing so all concerned parties could be heard. Because the documentation was not available until just before the meeting, the Board indicated it would hold a second hearing on January 5, 2012 to afford affected parties the opportunity to review the materials and develop comments. An announcement to this effect, which is attached as Exhibit A to these minutes was published earlier in the week. Chairman Parrish announced that the hearing would be held on January 5, 2012 and clarified that no action would be taken until comments and submissions at the second hearing had been considered.

Approximately 50 people attended the Board hearing. A list of attendees is attached. During the hearing, the Board received comments and concerns from all that wished to speak or pose questions. A transcript was taken and will be available from Planet Depo, 1100 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20036, phone 888-433-3767.

After hearing all who wished to speak, the Board reiterated it welcomed written submissions or verbal presentations at the January 5, 2012 hearing. The Board had hoped to have this hearing somewhat earlier, but recognized that the holiday season might inhibit participation so it provided some extra time.

At the conclusion of this item, the Board went into Executive Session.

II. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Chairman Parrish noted the minutes of the last meetings had been previously approved and distributed.

III. REVIEW OF SAMPLING AND TESTING PLANS

A. Review of Sampling and Testing Plan for Douglas fir/larch and Hem-Fir for Western Lumber

The Board met with representatives of FPL, PLIB, TP, WCLIB and WWPA to discuss a sampling and testing plan for Douglas fir/larch and Hem-Fir designed to investigate a potential resource change for these species groups. Mr. DeVisser stated that the proposal had been submitted on behalf of PLIB, RIS, TP, WCLIB and WWPA. He referred to the FPL letter of October 4, 2011 that contained comments on the plan and stated that the submitting agencies were in agreement with the FPL comments.

The Board in Executive Session discussed the proposal and unanimously approved the sampling and testing plan as submitted in the WCLIB letters of September 14, 2011 and October 14, 2011 and the FPL review letter of October 4, 2011. The Board approval is contingent upon receiving a revised sampling and testing plan that incorporates the agreed upon changes from the submitting agencies.

B. Review of Sampling and Testing Plan for SPF(S)

The Board met with representatives of FPL, PLIB, TP, WCLIB and WWPA to discuss a sampling and testing plan for SPF(S) designed to investigate a potential resource change for the SPF(S) group. Mr. DeVisser stated the proposal had been submitted on behalf of MLB, NeLMA, NSLB, RIS, QFIC, PLIB, TP, WCLIB and WWPA in the WCLIB letter of September 14, 2011. He referred to the FPL letter of October 7, 2011 which suggested the need for testing the individual species that comprise the SPF(S) group and using the grouping procedures specified in ASTM D1990 section 10 when analyzing the test data. He referred to the WCLIB letter of October 17, 2011 which stated that the submitting group disagreed with the FPL approach and felt that the added testing and analysis requirements were not necessary. The group had an in depth discussion related to the different approaches.

The Board in Executive Session discussed the proposal and unanimously approved the sampling and testing plan as submitted in the WCLIB letter of September 9, 2011, contingent upon the proposal being revised to use approach detailed in the FPL letter of October 7, 2011. The Board requested that the revised sampling and testing plan be submitted to the Board for its records.

C. Review of Sampling and Testing Plan for In-Grade Test Program for Southern Pine

The Board met with representatives of FPL and SPIB to discuss the sampling and testing plan for a full matrix In-Grade testing program for southern pine. Mr. Browder stated the proposal had several objectives: 1) use data from the full In-Grade testing matrix to evaluate the appropriateness of the new Southern Pine design values for all sizes; 2) evaluate the effect of applying a density requirement; 3) evaluate the properties of residual material after applying a density requirement; and 4) evaluate whether Prime grades should have separate design values. He referred to the FPL letter of October 13, 2011 which stated that the proposal would collect data to evaluate the appropriateness of the newly proposed Southern Pine design values for all sizes; but which raised questions regarding the other objectives. He stated that the main objective was to evaluate the appropriateness of the newly proposed Southern Pine design values for all sizes and that the remaining points would be addressed provided sufficient information was collected.

The Board in Executive Session reviewed the proposal and unanimously approved the SPIB submission as submitted in its letter of September 15, 2011.

D. Review of Information Regarding the Sampling and Testing for Canadian Species

The Board met with representatives of FPL and NLGA to discuss the results from the Canadian lumber property monitoring studies performed during 1999 to 2010 for Douglas fir-larch (N), SPF and Hem-Fir(N). It was noted the information had been reviewed by FPL and appeared to be adequate, but concern was expressed that some of the data was several years old and that more current data would be beneficial. The NLGA representatives stated that it currently had a monitoring program for SPF underway and that the interim results would be forwarded to the Board once the analysis was completed. The Board requested the NLGA representatives to submit this data to it as soon as possible.

IV. SOUTHERN PINE INSPECTION BUREAU (SPIB) REQUEST

The Board noted that SPIB had submitted a testing and sampling plan for the evaluation of the effect of acetylation on the strength and stiffness properties of southern pine. It was noted that the proposal continue to be under review by the FPL. The Board tabled this item for consideration at a later date.

V. WESTERN WOOD PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION (WWPA) REQUEST

The Board noted that WWPA had submitted the PURBOND GT 20 (Resin) and PURBOND GT 205 (Catalyst) adhesive for approval as a heat resistant adhesive (HRA) under the ALSC Glued Lumber Policy. It was noted that the proposal was received only a few days ago and it continued to be under review by the FPL. The Board tabled this item for consideration at a later date.

VI. 2012 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING DATES

The Board announced the following meeting dates for 2012:

- January 5, 2012
- April 18, 2012
- July 19, 2012
- October 18, 2012

REVIEW OF LUMBER AGENCY PERFORMANCE

The Board reviewed the performance of each agency accredited for lumber and HT only instructing the staff to continue its monitoring of each agency.

REVIEW OF TREATED AGENCY PERFORMANCE

The Board reviewed the performance of each agency accredited for treated wood products and instructed the staff to continue its monitoring of each agency.

REVIEW OF WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL AGENCY PERFORMANCE

The Board reviewed each agency accredited for wood packaging material and instructed the staff to continue its monitoring of each agency.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas D. Searles
President

Exhibit A:

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TO: ALSC MEMBERS & ALTERNATES & INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: THOMAS D. SEARLES

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2011

SUBJ: ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THE
OCTOBER 20, 2011 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

A number of parties have requested additional time to review the technical proposal of SPIB to significantly lower design values for Southern Pine. This proposal is based upon a recent sampling and testing of Southern Pine lumber. This submittal has been under Forest Product Laboratory review and has only recently become available.

The Board has determined that in addition to the hearing to be held on Thursday, October 20, it will hold a second hearing approximately 60 days later to afford all interested parties an opportunity to comment in person on the technical aspects of the SPIB submission. Details will be provided at the hearing on Thursday. The Board encourages all affected parties to submit their comments in writing or in person.

Parties should be mindful that the proposed changes are significant and should take steps they deem appropriate in the interim.

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Counsel

Attendee	Representing
Browder, Bob	SPIB
Bryant, Terry	Travis Lumber Co.
Cabler, Steve	MiTek Industries, Inc.
Canada, Wayne	Builders FirstSource
Caron, Randy	NeLMA, ALS Chair
Cassidy, Mike	Truss Plate Institute
Cheung, Kevin	WWPA
Conlon, Brad	BR Horton
Coster, Rich	Lumbermens Merchandising Corp
Dentelbeck, Chuck	CLSAB
DeVisser, Don	WCLIB
Donohoue, Dan	California EPA
Douglas, Brad	AWC staff
Easterling, Jeff	NeLMA
Ehrlich, Gary	NAHB
Ethington, Robert	Board of Review
Fantozzi, Jeff	PLIB
Field, Matt	Venable, LLP
Frost, Tom	ICC, Building Code
Gacek, Tony	NAHB
Griffin, Helen	CWC
Grundahl, Kirk	Structural Bldg Components Assn
Hawks, Bill	Board of Review
Henry, Glenn	UFP Mid-Atlantic, LLC
Hikel, Dwight	Shelter Systems, Ltd.
Hikel, Joe	Immed Past Pres of SBCA
Hikel, Linda	Shelter Systems, Ltd.
Hordman, Mike	Builders FirstSource
Kaake, Cathy	SFPA
Kretschmann, David	FPL
Landry, Brock	Venable, LLP
Larkin, David	Toll Brothers
Layman, Matt	Layman's Lumber Guide
Lowe, Deeanne	CLW, Inc.
Lowe, Zachary	CLW, Inc.
McDaniel, John	ALSC
Moore, Frank	NLBMDA
Moore, Jay	TP
Myslivoiec, Steve	Ryland Homes
Nasserian, Amirali	Mill Creek Residential Trust
Pagel, Kent	Pagel, Davis and Hill (SBCA Counsel)
Parrish, Richard	Board of Review
Presley, John	UFP Mid-Atlantic, LLC
Raven, Gary	Builders FirstSource
Reck, Russell	ALSC
Rey, Mark	Travis Lumber Co.
Rozek, Al	NLGA
Schenkel, Fred	Builders FirstSource
Seale, Dan (Roy)	Mississippi State Univ.
Searles, Thomas	ALSC
Shmulsky, Ruben	Mississippi State Univ.
Smalley, Bryan	SLMA
Snyder, Dave	Builders FirstSource
Spradlin, Steve	Capital Structures, Inc.
Stroder, Steve	ProBuild, Pres of SBCA
Sutton, Ed	National Association of Home Builders
Travis, Gilbert	Travis Lumber Co.

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Travis, James	Travis Lumber Co.
Traylor, Clayton	Leading Builders of America
Vandenberg, Luke	Builders FirstSource
Watson, Felicia	NAHB
Williams, Lauren	Associated Builders & Contractors
Williams, Mark	Lend Lease Construction
Yeazel, Bryan	Stock Building Supplies
By conference call:	
Bender, Don	Washington State University
Evans, James	US Forest Products Laboratory
Fisher, Bill	Stringfellow Lumber
Rousseau, Denis	QFIC
Woeste, Frank	Wood Construction Consultant