

A meeting of the City of Orlando Chapter 57 Review Board was held on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at City Hall, 400 S. Orange Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Veterans Conference Room, Orlando, Florida 32802. The meeting was recalled to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chairman Michael Mendez to hear the appeal from the Certification Board meeting. The minutes from the December 19, 2013 Chapter 57 Review Board Certification Appeal was approved as written.

Members Present: Michael Mendez, Chairman, Ron Nesbitt, Vice-Chairman, Ginger Malcom, Alfreda Forshee and Louis Preston, Jr.

Members Absent: Ahmed Stephens and Bassem Chaaban

Others Present: Aida Gonzalez-Marquez, Member, Certification Board, Kevin Walsh, MBE Official, Gina E. Bernard, Certification Officer III and Mary Williams, Recording Secretary

### **HEARING**

Appellant: Foresight Design Group, Inc.

Stephanie Darden, President (WW-100%) and Susan Campos, Company Representative appeared before the Board. Stephanie Darden gave testimony as to why she felt the Certification Board erred in its decision to deny Foresight Design Group, Inc. WBE certification. Discussion ensued. Aida Gonzalez-Marquez, Member of the Certification Board, gave an overview and details of the reasons why the Certification Board denied the request for women owned business enterprise status submitted on behalf of Foresight Design Group, Inc. based on the following Certification Board Rules: 114.1 – subparagraph (b) and 119.1 – subparagraph (a) item 5. Discussion ensued. Stephanie Darden, appellant, was given 5 minutes for rebuttal. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Ginger Malcom, seconded by Ron Nesbitt, and vote carried unanimously to uphold the decision rendered by the Certification Board to deny WBE certification to Foresight Design Group, Inc.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on May 15, 2014.

*Mary Williams*

Mary Williams, Recording Secretary