

MINUTES
SC Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners
Board Meeting
10a.m., February 1, 2012
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 204
Columbia, SC

NOTE: These minutes are a record of the motions and official actions taken by the Board and brief summary of the meeting. A transcript of this meeting providing more full detail will be available on the Board's website: www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/landscapearchitect.

Call to Order and Introduction of Board Members and All Other Persons Attending

Chairman J. Parks McLeod, LA, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Board members present included Barret D. Anderson, LA, Vice-Chairman; John A. Tarkany, LA; and Laura G. Dukes, LA.

Morgan D. Grimball was not present for the meeting.

Other persons attending included: Jan B. Simpson, Administrator; Sherri F. Moorer, Program Assistant; James Saxon, Legal; Sharon Wolfe, Investigator; Christine Cortright, Creel Court Reporting; Chris Thompson, LA; and Darcy Leslie.

Statement of Public Notice

Mr. McLeod stated that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. McLeod asked for proposed changes to the minutes of the October 19, 2011 meeting and the November 23, 2011 conference call. There were none.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the October 19, 2011 meeting and the November 23, 2011 conference call as read. Dukes/Anderson/approve.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. McLeod asked for proposed changes to the agenda. There were none.

Application Hearing

- a. Darcy Elizabeth Leslie

Ms. Leslie appeared for a hearing to have her experience approved by the Board to sit for the Landscape Architect Registration Examination in SC. The matter was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

Ms. Leslie answered all questions posed to her.

MOTION: To enter executive session. Dukes/Anderson/approve.

Return to Public Session

MOTION: To return to public session. Anderson/Tarkany/approve.

Mr. Saxon said no votes or actions were taken during executive session.

MOTION: To approve Ms. Leslie's experience and accept her application to sit for the Landscape Architect Registration Examination. Anderson/Tarkany/approve.

New Business

MOTION: To designate staff level approval of candidates applying to take the Landscape Architect Registration Examination that do not require Board review of education or experience. Tarkany/Anderson/approve.

Staff Reports

- a. Sharon Wolfe said one investigation was closed in 2011. There is one active investigation that is 74 days old.
- b. The Investigative Review Committee recommends that the Board approve Case #2011-2 for a formal complaint.

MOTION: To accept the Investigative Review Committee recommendation to proceed with a formal complaint on Case #2011-2. Anderson/Dukes/approve.

- c. There are no cases in the Office of General Counsel.
- d. Mrs. Moorer said the proposed regulations have an effective date of February 24, 2012.

Notice to repeal the old regulations was published in the State Register on December 23, 2011 and there were no requests for a hearing.

S. 955 regarding the addition of the reinstatement fee to 40-28-80(B) has been referred to the Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

The CLARB Regional Meeting will be held on February 24-25, 2012 in Coral Gables, Florida. John Tarkany is a funded delegate for this meeting. Barret Anderson and Sherri Moorer will also attend the meeting.

There are currently 50 active Landscape Architect Registration Examination candidates, 124 active Certificates of Authorization, and 627 active individual landscape architects in the State of South Carolina. Mrs. Moorer provided the Board with a report of all candidates approved for staff level licensure for the period of October 20, 2011 – January 31, 2011.

Mrs. Moorer gave each Board member a copy of their vendor files showing how much the Department reimbursed them for Board expenses during 2011.

Mrs. Moorer distributed financial reports for October 2011, November 2011, and December 2011. The Board had a cash balance of \$240,181.45 as of December 31, 2011.

Board Member Reports

- a. Mr. Tarkany said CLARB would like to make a formal request that all Board members become CLARB Record holders.

CLARB requested assistance from the State Boards to promote the concept of welfare in the profession.

CLARB is requesting that states allow college students to take Section A of the exam while they are in school. The Board would like to monitor how other states handle this issue before making a determination on the issue.

- b. Mrs. Dukes participated on the exam writing committee in January and said work is progressing on the computer examination. The examination will consist of some multiple choice questions, hotspot and drag and place items, and some multiple response questions. The committee will meet again in June.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Notice of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SC Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners will be held on May 2, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 108, Columbia, SC.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Tarkany/Dukes/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sherri F. Moorer, Program Assistant