

MINUTES
SC Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners
Board Meeting
10:00 a.m., July 17, 2013
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 204
Columbia, SC

Call to Order

Chairman McLeod called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

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 §30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Introduction of Lenora Addison-Miles

Lenora Addison-Miles was introduced as the new Administrator of the Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners, effective July 1, 2013. Jan Simpson, the previous Board Administrator, retired effective June 30, 2013.

Introduction of Board Members and Others

Board members present included: J. Parks McLeod, PLA, Chairman; John A. Tarkany, PLA, Vice-Chairman; Laura G. Dukes, PLA; Barret D. Anderson, PLA; and Christopher S. Thompson, PLA.

Staff members present included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Sherri F. Moorner, Program Assistant; Mary S. League, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel; Erin Baldwin, Esq., Office of General Counsel; Sharon Wolfe, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; and Sharon Cooke, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

Others present included: Nadine Garret, Creel Court Reporting

Approval of Minutes

Mr. McLeod asked for proposed changes to the minutes of the May 22, 2013, meeting. There were none.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the May 22, 2013, meeting. Tarkany/Thompson/approved.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. McLeod asked for proposed changes to the agenda for the July 17, 2013, meeting. There were none.

MOTION: To approve the agenda for the July 17, 2013, meeting. Dukes/Tarkany/approve.

Staff Reports

1. Ms. Wolfe reported three cases in the Office of Investigations and Enforcement. She presented the Investigative Review Committee Report from June 27, 2013, to the Board.

MOTION: To accept the June 27, 2013, IRC Report. Dukes/Anderson/approve.

2. Mrs. Baldwin reported one pending case in the Office of General Counsel. The case needs more detail work and should be ready for a hearing or an agreement within the next two Board meetings.
3. Mrs. Moorer reported that there are currently 21 active exam candidates, 151 active Certificates of Authorization, and 565 individuals licensed through the Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners. Continuing education audits are complete. Two individuals did not comply with the audit, so they have been issued Cease and Desist Orders and their cases have been forwarded to the Office of Investigations and Enforcement. A list of individuals licensed between May 23, 2013 – July 16, 2013, was distributed in the meeting packets. The Board had a cash balance of \$302,588.76 as of May 31, 2013.

Board Member Reports

1. Mr. Tarkany gave a CLARB update presentation to the Board. This presentation was originally given to the ASLA Trustees on April 26, 2013, in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the presentation was to give an update on computerized testing, present the seven major impacts of welfare as identified and reported by ERIN Research, Inc. for CLARB, and discuss ongoing efforts of creating globalized standards for landscape architecture.

MOTION: To include the seven major impacts of welfare in the July 17, 2013, meeting minutes and to post them on the Board website. Anderson/Dukes/approve.

2. Mrs. Dukes attended a meeting of the exam writing committee. The committee is working with Zoomorphix, a software company in Australia, for the computerized testing. The current version of the exam has multiple choice, multiple response, drag and place, and hotspots sections.

New Business

1. Mrs. Moorer told the Board they can transition to electing officers on a calendar year basis, since their terms are no longer tied to the fiscal year.

MOTION: To change the election of officers to a calendar year basis beginning January 1, 2014. Dukes/Tarkany/approve.

MOTION: To continue with presently elected officers until December 31, 2013. Thompson/Anderson/approve.

2. The CLARB Annual Meeting will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on September 26-28, 2013. John Tarkany will attend as CLARB Region 3 President. Mr. Tarkany's term ends at this meeting. He is running for CLARB Treasurer. Mrs. Moorer said the Department will fund two Board members to attend the meeting. She asked Board members to let her know if they'd like to attend by August 9, 2013. The hotel reservation deadline for the meeting is September 3, 2013; and the meeting registration deadline is September 11, 2013.

3. The Board discussed 2014 meeting dates. All meetings begin at 10 a.m. and are held at the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 204, Columbia, SC.

MOTION: To schedule 2014 meeting dates as follows:

- February 19, 2014
- May 21, 2014
- July 16, 2014
- October 15, 2014.

Anderson/Tarkany/approve.

Notice of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SC Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2013, at 10 a.m. at the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 204, Columbia, SC.

There being no further business:

MOTION: To adjourn. Dukes/Tarkany/approve.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sherri F. Moorer, Program Assistant

**Seven Major Impacts that Landscape Architecture Projects Have on Public Welfare
As Identified by ERIN Research, Inc. for CLARB at
<https://www.clarb.org/CLARBDocuments/CLARBWelfareExecutiveSummary.pdf>**

1. Enhances Environmental Sustainability

Landscape Architecture contributes to environmental sustainability by responding to development challenges with solutions that involve sensitivity towards natural systems. Landscape Architects at the site design level integrate sustainability measures into all designs. Landscape Architecture protects natural systems ensuring that all members of communities have access to common resources and are involved in active conservation of those resources.

2. Contributes to Economic Sustainability and Benefits

Landscape Architecture contributes significantly to economic sustainability. Through its services, landscape architects assist policy makers and others to improve the marketability and long-term value of residential and commercial housing/property. Economic benefits include reduction of crime, smart development and growth, improved air and water quality, efficient energy use, enhanced quality of life and health, and access to culture and recreation.

3. Promotes Public Health and Well-Being

Landscape Architecture is increasingly grounded in the growing body of research in public health. This research makes connections between human health and well-being and the conditions of the outdoor environment. Landscape architecture projects can directly affect the mental and physical health of individuals and communities and provide immediate and lasting therapeutic benefits.

4. Builds Community

Landscape architects work to help build communities: their work significantly affects quality of life. By creating attractive, functional places, Landscape Architecture encourages people to engage in their surroundings, strengthening social cohesion, which in turn results in healthier, more dynamic, more resilient communities at the local, national and global levels.

5. Encourages Landscape Awareness/Stewardship

Landscape Architecture stimulates our awareness of the landscape, and increases our understanding of the role that humans play in it. Landscape Architecture encourages citizens to appreciate landscape and to participate in the processes that shape it. Cultivating a symbiotic and iterative relationship between people and their environment, Landscape Architecture encourages protection, stewardship and understanding of the landscape. Landscape Architecture deepens the memory, meaning, sense of identity and culture inherent in the environment.

6. Offers Aesthetic and Creative Experiences

Landscape Architecture offers people that which artists offer: the opportunity to experience enjoyment, contentment, stimulation or pleasure by participating in the aesthetic experience of landscape. An important part of this dimension is the preservation and protection of significant historic properties, buildings, structures, districts, cultural landscapes, artistic objects and archeological elements.

7. Enables People and Communities to function More Efficiently

Landscape Architecture enables people to function more effectively in their environments. On a practical, day-to-day level, landscape architecture facilitates many human activities and functions such as efficient traffic flow, parking, waste collection/recycling, water use/drainage, air quality, and optimal use of space.