

MINUTES
SC Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners
Board Meeting
10:00 a.m., July 16, 2014
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 204
Columbia, SC

Call to Order

Chairman McLeod called the meeting to order at 10:03 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 Board Members and Others

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

MOTION: To excuse Barret D. Anderson, PLA; due to a business conflict. Tarkany/Thompson/approved.

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

Others present included: Jennifer Nottle (Creel Court Reporting).

Approval of Minutes

Mr. McLeod asked for proposed changes to the minutes of the May 21, 2014, meeting. Ms. Dukes asked for clarification on the PLA designation after Board Member's names and the motion for Monica Ezell Floyd.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the May 21, 2014, meeting. Dukes/Tarkany/approved.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. McLeod asked for proposed changes to the agenda for the July 16, 2014, meeting. There were none.

MOTION: To approve the agenda of the July 16, 2014, meeting. Dukes/Anderson/approved.

Staff Reports

1. Mrs. Miles said there are no cases in the Office of Investigations and Enforcement.
2. Mrs. Miles said there is no report from the Investigative Review Committee.

3. Mrs. Moorer said one case has been closed in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.
4. Mrs. Addison-Miles said licensure statistics and financial information was provided in the meeting packets. There are currently 25 active exam candidates, 162 active Certificates of Authorization, and 604 individuals licensed through the Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners. A list of individuals licensed May 14, 2014 – July 11, 2014, were included in the meeting packets. The Board had a cash balance of \$222,999.78 as of May 31, 2014. Information on the LLR Board member website was forwarded to Board members by email on July 9, 2014. The proposed Chapter 10 regulation for fees passed and became effective on July 1, 2014. Landscape architect fees are in Chapter 10-19. The only change is that the initial Certificate of Authorization fee was reduced to \$200.

Unfinished Business

1. Mrs. Moorer said she received confirmation from Ron Leighton, Administrator of the Landscape Architect Accreditation Board, that the 2009 graduates of the MLA program at Clemson University are considered graduates of an accredited program. She has forwarded this information to CLARB for review of Council Records. Since the program is accredited, the Board agreed that Ms. Monica Ezell Floyd has sufficient experience to qualify for licensure upon completing all sections of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE).

Mrs. Moorer said the order for John Bradley Hill was issued on June 9, 2014, and has been posted on the website at

<http://www.llronline.com/POL/landscapearchitect/index.asp?file=finalorders.htm>

Mrs. Dukes asked about the continuing education submitted by Mark Schimmoeller. Mrs. Moorer said the continuing education counts only toward the issuance of his licensure and cannot be applied toward his 2015 license renewal.

New Business

1. Mrs. Dukes said she would like to see more Board involvement in continuing education reviews that don't clearly fall under the approved methods in Regulation 76-6(B)(1). The Board discussed continuing education and determined that they would like audit five percent of in-state and out-of-state licensees that renew in 2015. The Board will appoint one Board member to consult with Mrs. Moorer on continuing education audits at the October 15, 2014, meeting.

Mrs. Moorer asked the Board to consider consent agreements for individuals that don't comply with the continuing education audit. The Board discussed the current process for non-compliance with audits and options to include in a consent agreement. Mrs. Miles said she will work with Mrs. League on guidelines to present at the October 15, 2014, meeting.

2. Mr. Thompson said he was made aware of an article posted at <http://www.landscapeonline.com/research/article/19364> regarding a Kansas bill that redefines

Architecture, Engineering, and Landscape Architecture practices. He said the article generated a lot of feedback from people outside of Kansas that were concerned about a similar bill could be presented in their state; however, landscape architects in Kansas were involved in writing this bill. ASLA has taken no stance on this issue. He cautioned the Board members and staff to be alert to legislative matters in South Carolina that might affect the profession so SCASLA can be contacted for a timely response.

3. Mrs. Moorer said the CLARB Annual Meeting will be held in Reston, Virginia, on September 24-27, 2014. Mr. Tarkany is a nominee for Secretary of the 2015 Board of Directors. Information on the meeting was included in the meeting packets. The Board discussed the meeting and determined that Mr. Tarkany and Mr. Anderson will attend on behalf of the Board. Mrs. Moorer will attend on behalf of the staff.

MOTION: For the SC delegate to cast votes for Jerany Jackson as President; Randy Weatherly as President-Elect; Christopher Hoffman as Vice-President; and John Tarkany as Secretary. Dukes/Thompson/approved. Mr. Tarkany abstained from voting.

Notice of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SC Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, 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 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sherri F. Moorer, Program Assistant