

MINUTES
SC Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners Board Meeting
February 2, 2022 at 10 a.m.
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 Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Introduction of Board Members and Others

Board members participating included: Edward Kinney, PLA, Vice-Chairman; Laura Dukes, PLA; and Jean Catalano, Public Member.

Staff members participating included: Hardwick Stuart, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel; Prentiss Shealey, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Rodney Pigford, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Johnnie Rose, Program Coordinator; and Sherri Moorer, Program Assistant.

Others participating included: Deb Carter; CE Broker; Zachary Druga, Council of Landscape Architect Registration Boards (CLARB); and Courtney Glover (Creel Court Reporting).

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda of the February 2, 2022, Board meeting.
Catalano/Dukes/approved

Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION: To excuse Barret Anderson from the meeting, due to illness.
Kinney/Catalano/approved

Board Chairman Remarks

There were no Board Chairman remarks.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. McLeod asked for proposed changes to the minutes of the November 3, 2021, meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the November 3, 2021, meeting.
Catalano/Kinney/approved.

Staff Reports

Mrs. Moorer gave the Administrative Report on behalf of Pam Dunkin:

- The Board has 703 individual landscape architects and 214 firms actively licensed.
- The Board had a cash balance of \$193,454.25 as of December 31, 2021.
- The CLARB Regional Meeting webinar will be held on February 16, 2022. The mid-year meeting webinar will be held on April 20, 2022. Both webinars begin at 3 p.m.
- The CLARB Task Analysis is underway. A link to the survey is located on the CLARB website at www.clarb.org.
- The Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) will be offered March 28 – April 9, 2022. All four sections of the exam will be available through testing centers or on-demand for this administration.
- There is no update on Board appointments.
- Mrs. Moorer reminded the Board members to file their Statement of Economic Interest by noon on March 30, 2022.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report

Mr. Pigford said there have been 15 complaints received since January 1, 2021. There are no active investigations, and no closed cases.

Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Report

Mrs. Pigford said there is one case for unlicensed practice on the Investigative Review Committee Report.

MOTION: To accept the January 19, 2022, Investigative Review Committee Report.
Kinney/Dukes/approved

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report

Mrs. Shealey said there are no cases in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. Megan Flannery has moved to Advice Counsel. She will be covering this Board until a replacement is assigned.

Board Member Reports

There were no Board member reports.

New Business

1. **CE Broker.** Deb Carter made a presentation of the services offered by CE Broker. LLR contracted with CE Broker five years ago to create a CE tracker system, and that contract was recently renewed. The system offers licensees a variety of services for storing and tracking their continuing education activities. Ms. Carter is meeting with staff to tailor the system to work with each Board, and to integrate it with our licensure system. The goal is to reduce the amount of review and paperwork handled by staff and the Board for audits. The Board suggested developing pamphlet to define acceptable continuing education activities so CE Broker can be ready for the 2023 license renewals.

Old Business

- 1. CLARB Uniform Standards.** Zachary Druga made a presentation to the Board regarding Uniform Standards that the membership will vote on at the mid-year meeting webinar. 81% of states offer an alternative path to licensure beyond the standard accredited degree/experience/examination requirement, but these paths vary, which is a target for deregulation efforts. CLARB has consulted with Venable to do an analysis for each state to determine what changes will be necessary to implement these standards, should they pass the membership vote. CLARB will work with states on a timeline for implementation, should the Uniform Standard pass.

Mr. Stuart said the Board cannot lobby for legislation. This standard specifically targets requirements for licensure, which is statutory, and the Board can't petition for statute changes. The State Association must do that. The Board should abstain from voting on this issue.

Mr. McLeod requested that Mr. Druga speak with Venable and open a discussion with Mr. Stuart on this issue.

MOTION: To defer.
Kinney/Dukes/approved

- 2. Age Exemption for Continuing Education.** Mrs. Moorer gave the Board the follow up information they requested on exemptions from other Boards. The SC Board of Architectural Examiners does not have an exemption, and the SC Board of Registration for Engineers and Surveyors offers a continuing education exemption for individuals licensed continuously since January 1, 1969. Mr. Rose said the SC Board of Registration for Foresters offer an exemption for individuals who are sixty or older, have been continuously licensed for thirty years, and who request the exemption by submitting a waiver form. Mr. Stuart said the Foresters exemption is the same as the exemption offered by the SC Bar Association. The Board could consider this as part of their regulatory review.

MOTION: To continue the CE Age Exemption to include a full regulatory review.
Kinney/Dukes/approved

Mrs. Moorer will forward a copy of the SC Code of Regulations, Chapter 76, to the Board members. Comments on proposed changes is due on February 23, 2022.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Notice of Next Meeting

MOTION: To reschedule the next meeting for April 27, 2022, due to schedule conflicts with the May 4, 2022, meeting date.
Dukes/Kinney/approved

The next meeting of the SC Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners will be held on April 27, 2022, at the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 105, Columbia, SC, and will begin at 10 a.m.

Adjournment

MOTION: To Adjourn.
Catalano/Kinney/approved

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherri Moorer

Sherri Moorer, Program Assistant