

MINUTES
Landscape Architect Regulatory Review Committee Meeting
May 18, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 202-02
Columbia, SC

Call to Order

Chairman McLeod called the meeting to order at 9:31 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 Parks McLeod, PLA, Chairman; Andrew Cheatham, PLA; and Frank E. Barron III, Public Member.

Committee members participating included Thomas Mark Cotterill, PLA; and Kenneth B. Simmons, Jr., PLA

Staff members participating included Hardwick Stuart, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel; Joseph Epting, Esq., Office of Advice Council; Mary League, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel; Emma Higgins, Office of Advice Council; Pam Dunkin, Administrator; and Sherri Mooror, Program Assistant.

Others participating included: Nadine Garrett (Creel Court Reporting).

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda of the May 18, 2022, committee meeting.
Cheatham/Simmons/approved

Approval of Excused Absences

There were no absences.

Board Chairman Remarks

Mr. McLeod said it is time for the Board to perform a regulatory review. The purpose of this committee is to review and propose changes for Board review and approval to submit to the legislature for review in the 2023 Legislative Session.

New Business

The committee proposed the following changes to the SC Code of Regulations, Chapter 76:

- Chapter 76-1: No changes.
- Chapter 76-2: Strike “current mailing address: and replace it with “current contact information” in Item C.

- Chapter 76-3: No changes proposed.
- Chapter 76-4: Add “Seals shall be signed by the responsible landscape architect” in Item A.
- Chapter 76-5: Change “licenses shall be invalid unless renewed” to “licenses shall lapse unless renewed” in Item A and Item B. Modify text to read “must demonstrate continuing education for the time that the license is lapsed” to item C.
- Chapter 76-6: Change limits to a minimum of 10 hours in (A)(2)(a) and a maximum of 10 hours in (A)(2)(b). Add “Continuing education hours approved by national or state chapter ASLA, or approved by other Landscape Architect State Regulatory Authority shall be accepted by this Board” and strike “A minimum of fifteen (15) hours of the required twenty (20) hours shall be earned by completing structured educational activities in (B)(1). Add “Licensee is allocated two (2) hours of course preparation for each one (1) hour of instruction” and strike “per reporting period” in (B)(2). Strike “A maximum of five (5) of the twenty (20) hours may be earned in self-directed activities in (B)(2)(e). Change (D)(4) to read “Individuals who are at least sixty (60) years old and have thirty (30) years or more of licensed experience may request a waiver of the continuing education requirement by submitting a waiver form to the Board.” Add Item (D)(5) to read “Licensees who are Board approved for Emeritus Status shall be exempt from requirements for Continuing Education Hours.”
- Chapter 76-7: Strike “Scores from the individual sections cannot be averaged” in Item D.
- Chapter 76-8: No changes proposed.
- Chapter 76-9: No changes proposed.

Mrs. Moorer will prepare a red-line document for the committee to review. Comments on the red line document are due by June 1, 2022. Staff will prepare a final draft of the committee recommendation and the 2022 Regulatory Review Report for Board review at their next meeting.

Adjournment

MOTION: To Adjourn.
Cheatham/Simmons/approved

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherri Moorer

Sherri Moorer, Program Assistant