

MINUTES
SC Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners Board Meeting
May 3, 2023 at 10 a.m. by WebEx Webinar/Teleconference

Call to Order

Chairman McLeod called the meeting to order at 10:00 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. Members of the public who wish to attend may do so by telephone or the Internet. For login information, please call (803)896-4580 or email Contact.LSA@lir.sc.gov.

Introduction of Board Members and Others

Other Board members participating included Edward Kinney, PLA, Vice-Chairman; Andrew Cheatham, PLA; Laura Dukes, PLA; Frank E. Barron III, Public Member; and Jean Catalano, Public Member. A quorum was present.

Staff members participating included Joseph Epting, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel; Johnnie Rose, Administrator; and Sherri Moorer, Administrative Coordinator.

Others participating included: Sarah Costilow (Creel Court Reporting).

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda of the May 3, 2023, Board meeting.
Kinney/Catalano/approved

Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION: To excuse Barret Anderson from the meeting.
Dukes/Kinney/approved

Board Chairman Remarks

Mr. McLeod thanked everybody for accommodating a WebEx meeting and congratulated Johnnie Rose on his new position as Board Administrator.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. McLeod asked for proposed changes to the minutes of the February 1, 2023, meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the February 1, 2023, meeting.
Catalano/Kinney/approved.

Staff Reports

Mr. Rose gave the Administrator's Report:

- The Board has 704 individual landscape architects and 207 firms actively licensed.
- The Board had a cash balance of \$287,772.56 as of March 31, 2023.

- The regulation changes passed all Senate and House subcommittees and committees with favorable reports, and will time out on May 10, 2023. The regulations will publish in the State Register on May 26, 2023, which will put them into effect.
- There has been no activity on H.3515 (Entrepreneur Freedom Act). The agency will monitor the bill for activity in the 2024 legislative session and will advise the Board of any updates.
- Late license renewals closed April 1, 2023. 98% of individual landscape architects and 95% of firms renewed during the regular renewal period. Individuals who did not renew may reinstate their license through January 31, 2025. Firms that did not renew must reapply for licensure.
- The Board will review continuing education audits at the next Board meeting. Audits will be conducted in May and June.
- The CLARB Annual Meeting will be held at the Westin Lake Las Vegas in Henderson, NV, on September 20-22, 2023.
- The Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) will be offered July 31 – August 13, 2023. Registration closes on July 24, 2023. This will be the final administration of the full exam on the current blueprint. Candidates who have passed Section 1 but not Section 4 will be offered an opportunity to take Section 4 of the current blueprint in October 2023. The new blueprint will go into effect with the December 4-17, 2023, administration of the exam.
- The next Board meeting will be held in person on August 2, 2023.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report

Mr. Rose said there are no new cases in the Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Report

Mr. Rose said there is no Investigative Review Committee Report.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report

Mr. Rose said the Office of Disciplinary Counsel closed one case.

Board Member Reports

Mrs. Catalano thanked Mrs. Moorer for her Board report at the CLARB Regional Meeting webinar on April 19, 2023.

New Business

1. **Chapter 76 Regulation Update.** Mr. Rose said that the website notice and Continuing Education Waiver Form that will post on the Board website once the regulations are effective were provided in the meeting handouts. The Board members suggested revisions to the Continuing Education Waiver Form for edits and clarity.
2. **CLARB Annual Meeting Travel Approval.** Mr. Kinney said his attendance at the CLARB Annual Meeting would be funded by CLARB since he is a member of the Board of Directors.

MOTION: To send Andrew Cheatham and Johnnie Rose to represent South Carolina at the CLARB Annual Meeting.

Kinney/Dukes/approved

Executive Session

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

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 August 2, 2023, at the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 204, Columbia, SC, and will begin at 10 a.m.

Adjournment

MOTION: To Adjourn.
Dukes/Catalano/approved

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherri F. Moorer

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