

MINUTES
SC Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners
Board Meeting
10:00 a.m., October 17, 2012
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 204
Columbia, SC

Call to Order and Introduction of Board Members and All Other Persons Attending

Chairman J. Parks McLeod, PLA, called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m. Board members present included Barret D. Anderson, PLA; and Christopher S. Thompson, PLA.

Other persons attending included: Jan B. Simpson, Administrator; Sherri F. Moorer, Program Assistant, Sheridan Spoon, Legal; Christa Bell, Office of General Counsel; Sharon Wolfe, Office of Investigation and Enforcement; Stella Hammond, Office of Investigation and Enforcement, and Reba Hayes, Creel Court Reporting.

Laura G. Dukes, PLA, was excused due to a schedule conflict.

John A. Tarkany, PLA, was excused due to a medical emergency.

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 Holly Pisarik to Board

Holly Pisarik, Director of the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, introduced herself to the Board.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. McLeod asked for proposed changes to the minutes of the August 1, 2012 meeting. There were none.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the August 1, 2012 meeting. Thompson/Anderson/approve.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. McLeod asked for proposed changes to the agenda for the October 17, 2012 meeting. There were none.

New Business

1. The Board discussed the issue of significant changes proposed to the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board's (LAAB) scope to allow accreditation of technical certification programs.

MOTION: To have staff draft a letter representing that the Board does not wish to support the California position on accreditation of technical certification programs. Thompson/Anderson/approve.

2. The Board reviewed a list of candidates eligible for 2013 CLARB Elections.

Staff Reports

1. Mrs. Moorer gave a report from the CLARB National Meeting, which was held in San Francisco, California on September 6-8, 2012:
 - Increased relevance strategy – Boards need to be prepared to defend licensure with the nationwide deregulation push. Our updated law and regulations are a positive step. CLARB encourages Boards to use the results of their Welfare study if they need to defend licensure of the profession in their state.
 - Exam Eligibility – CLARB did a strawman and found that candidates have a higher pass rate if they take Section 1 and Section 2 while still in school. They would like to have all exam candidates do direct registration and not have pre-approval Boards.
 - PLA Designation – ASLA effort to have a uniform designation for landscape architects nationwide. Some boards are in favor, some call it “a solution in search of a problem.”
 - CE Harmonization – NCARB is making an effort to have all states go to a uniform continuing education reporting period. CLARB is interested in taking similar action and would like to see all states go to a nationwide standard of 12 hours per calendar year. Most boards were in favor of waiting to see how this works for the Architects and for CLARB to change the language in their Model Law and Model Regulations before taking similar action with landscape architecture.
 - Global strategy – CLARB proposes taking a proactive approach to globalization of the profession with a 10 year timeline to develop a global standard for landscape architecture. The purpose of this standard is to promote the well being of the natural world.
 - Spring meeting is March 1-2, 2013 in Scottsdale, Arizona
 - Annual meeting is September 26-28 in Minneapolis, Minnesota
2. Mrs. Moorer reported that there are 44 active landscape architect registration exam candidates, 146 firms, and 653 individual landscape architects licensed in South Carolina as of October 15, 2012.
3. Mrs. Moorer distributed financial reports to the Board members for July – September 2012. The Board has a cash balance of \$182,538.29 as of September 30, 2012.
4. Mrs. Moorer told the Board that license renewals will open on November 5, 2012 for individual landscape architects and landscape architect firms. Licensees will be contacted by email blast and a mailout with their username and password for the online renewal system no later than November 1, 2012. Announcements, a newsletter, and a paper renewal form will also be posted on the website.

5. Christa Bell, Sheridan Spoon, Sharon Wolfe, and Stella Hammond gave a presentation on the investigative process to the Board.
6. Christa Bell reported that there is one case pending in OGC.
7. Sharon Wolfe reported that there is one active case in OIE. There was no IRC report for the Board, as the IRC was scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on October 17, 2012.

Notice of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SC Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 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. Anderson/Thompson/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sherri F. Moorers, Program Assistant