

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 31, 2022

Place: Virtual Meeting
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Time: 1:30 p.m.

Present: Grace Fielder, Landscape Architect
Gareth Diedrick, Consumer Member
Cameron C. Duncan, Consumer Member

Absent: Christopher Schein, Landscape Architect, Chair
David O'Dell, Landscape Architect

Others Present: Zevi Thomas, Executive Director
Jessica Praley, Assistant Attorney General
Melissa Coles, Administrative Specialist III

CALL TO ORDER

Grace Fielder, Vice-Chair, called the Board for Examiners of Landscape Architects meeting to order, virtually, at 1:36 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The members passed on the minutes of the Business meeting held on October 18, 2021, until the next board meeting. Motion (I) was made by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Diedrick, and unanimously carried by the Board to refer the approval of minutes to the next scheduled meeting.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

The 2022 Legislative Policy Memo was presented for review.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

CPC COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Fielder reported that the CPC Committee continues to meet to explore additional resources for landscape architects to fulfill their continuing education requirements in addition to courses offered by ASLA, LA/CES. The committee will meet in March to evaluate additional CPC resources.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Thomas introduced himself and the new Board Administrator, Melissa Coles. The staff relocation to 1100 North Eutaw Street was completed earlier this month. The board is located on the 5th floor and meetings will continue to be offered virtually. Parking and access to the building for future board meetings will need to be coordinated with the Board Administrator at least one week before the scheduled meeting.

BOARD COUNSEL'S REPORT

Ms. Praley informed the AG Office is still teleworking. House Bill 292 hearing will be held on February 8, 2022, which proposes to add demographic information: gender, race and ethnicity to application forms.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Ms. Fielder confirmed with the Board that one (1) exam application was reviewed and approved: Mr. Michael McGrain.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects is April 25, 2022. Mr. Duncan informed the Board of a few matters at the State level that could affect the practice of landscape architecture. Topics include higher requirements for solar energy, carbon emission, and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) on landscape retrofits. Ms. Fielder shared that ASLA (American Society of Landscape Architects) is working on this effort and that she published an article on this topic for the APA (American Planning Association) Magazine.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (III) was made by Ms. Fielder, seconded by Mr. Duncan, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Approved: _____ without corrections _____ with corrections

Signature on File
Christopher Schein, Chair

6/12/2022

Date