

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 25, 2022

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

Present: Christopher Schein, Landscape Architect, Chair
Grace Fielder, Landscape Architect, Vice-Chair
David O'Dell, Landscape Architect
Cameron C. Duncan, Consumer Member

Absent: Gareth Diedrick, Consumer Member

Others Present: Zevi Thomas, Executive Director
Raquel M. Meyers, Assistant Executive Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Schein, Chair, called the Board for Examiners of Landscape Architects meeting to order, virtually, at 1:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The members reviewed the minutes of the Business meeting held on January 31, 2022, and October 18, 2021. Motion (I) was made by Mr. O'Dell, seconded by Mr. Duncan, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes without corrections.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thomas informed Ms. Melissa Coles is no longer with the department. He asked the board to contact him and/or Ms. Meyers regarding all board matters until a new board administrator is selected.. He assured the board he will keep them informed about any future staff changes.

Ms. Fielder reported that she attended CLARB Special Meeting/Mid-Year Update on April 20, 2022. She was the designated credentialed delegate to vote on behalf of the board. She stated all proposed resolutions passed with only one amendment. At this meeting, the Maryland board voted for all three (3) resolutions to the proposed Uniformed Standards and revised Model Law and Regulations. Mr. Schein stated that CLARB Model law has aligned their work experience requirements more like Maryland's. He further explained that the number of years of practical work experience in landscape architecture without a design degree would be closely aligned with current Maryland Law. The proposed changes of the Model Law will continue to increase uniformity and improve mobility within the profession and is in step with advancing CLARB's diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. After a brief discussion, Mr. O'Dell thanked Ms. Fielder for attending the CLARB Mid-year meeting.

Mr. Schein reported he learned from the Joint Chairs meeting that the Board of Architects sunset did not pass this legislative session. Mr. Thomas stated Commissioner Morgan reassured members of the Board of Architects that the department is diligently working on resolving this matter. Not extending the Board of Architects' sunset would have an impact on the profession and a ripple effect on the construction industry. The department will rectify this matter by the 2023 legislative session to ensure the continued protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Maryland.

Mr. Schein asked Mr. Thomas the date the Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects sunsets. Mr. Thomas stated that he will confirm this date and provide the board with this information before the next scheduled meeting.

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. The idea is to make it easier and accessible to obtain qualifying educational coursework. The committee identified some inconsistencies. She expects the final draft will be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

Mr. O'Dell asked about individual firm credits and whether this has worked for the board. Ms. Fielder stated that ASLA LA/CES has a list but does not publish it since this list changes periodically. Other design boards such as the Maryland Board for Professional Engineers have a list of approved providers on their websites. Vendors request approval from LA/CES. The Committee's goal is to provide additional PDH opportunities aside from attending the national conferences.

Mr. Schein stated currently individual firms can get pre-approval by the board. The board has the authority to approve coursework. The committee is exploring including other design professions pre-approval such as AIA/CES providers, for example. An individual firm or organization would have to get pre-approval by the board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Thomas reiterated that Ms. Coles is no longer with the department. He is currently recruiting for the position of Administrative Specialist and will fill this vacancy as soon as possible. He also reported the 5th-

floor conference room is set up for in-person meetings. Per Commissioner Morgan each board should consider a proportion of in-person meetings. Mr. Thomas asked the board to contact him with the dates or number of meetings the board would like to designate for in-person meetings.

Ms. Fielder asked about parking and access to the building. Mr. Thomas stated the department will plan for board parking and access to the building. Mr. Schein stated that the next meeting can be in-person and Mr. O'Dell agreed. Ms. Fielder stated the June 25th meeting should be corrected to July 25th on the website. Mr. Thomas agreed to update the website. Mr. Schein confirmed the next meeting scheduled on July 25th will be tentatively in person.

BOARD COUNSEL’S REPORT

None.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Ms. Fielder confirmed that (9) reciprocal applications were reviewed and approved. There were four (4) exam applications reviewed and approved.

Application for Reciprocal License

Jeremy Arnette	Trevor Lee
Michael Chau	Xingye Pan
Brent Detter	Jose Terrasa-Soler
Mark Hoopes	Matthew Wilder
Lee Jennings	

Application for Exam

Benjamin Chronister
Madelyn Hoagland-Hanson
Shan Ling
Sophia Sennett

Motion (II) was made by Mr. O'Dell, seconded by Mr. Duncan, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve nine (9) reciprocity applications and four (4) exam applications.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects is July 25, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. This meeting will be tentatively in-person pending the outcome of the outcome of the CPC regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (III) was made by Ms. Fielder, seconded by Mr. Duncan, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Approved: _____ without corrections _____ with corrections

Christopher Schein, Chair

Signature on File

10/24/2022

Date