

MINUTES FOR THE JULY 20, 2020 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS MEETING

Date: July 20, 2020

Place: Access Using Video Conferencing
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Time: 1:30 p.m.

Present: Christopher Schein, LSA, Board Chairman
Grace Fielder, LSA
David Odell, LSA

Absent: Gareth Diedrick, LSA

Others Present: Joseph Cullingford, Executive Director, Design Boards
Carla M. Zamon, Acting Assist. Executive Director, Design Board
Jessica Praley, Board Counsel
Frazier West, Investigator, Design Boards
Victoria Meadows, CLARB
Andrea Elkin, CLARB

CALL TO ORDER

Christopher Schein called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion (I) was made by Grace Fielder, seconded by David O'Dell, and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 11, 2020, with corrections.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. David O'Dell presented the complaint committee report. Complaint 02-LA-20 resolved with a signed consent order. Complaint 01-LA-20 was in the Process of getting a signed consent order.

Discussion was reported that an issue for the Board to discuss would be a system of fining a licensee \$100.00 per hour missed of continuing education units rather than a flat \$1,500.00 fee or revoking the license.

Motion (II) was made by Grace Fielder, seconded by David O'Dell and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the complaint committee's report.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS

Victoria Meadows from CLARB presented a PowerPoint presentation reporting to the Board that CLARB has been approaching various states in reviewing their processes to see if there are ways to streamline applications processes by decoupling the L.A.R.E. from preapproval. The presentation from CLARB indicated that 40 states currently have direct LARE applications versus 14 states that do not. CLARB has asked the Board if there is any interest in having a direct LARE application in Maryland. The Board discussed and Grace Fielder raised the question if candidates would have to pay annually for the Council record. CLARB representatives responded that this cost would be the same that is currently required to establish a record to take the L.A.R.E.

CPC COMMITTEE/OLD BUSINESS

David O'Dell noted that he is in favor the \$100.00 fine per missing continuing education credit. Grace Fielder agreed and asked what time frame the licensee would have to complete the CEU's in addition to paying the appropriate fine. Joseph Cullingford suggested 30 days and Jessica Praley mentioned that it would probably take more than thirty days for due process to take place. After some discussion, it was determined this would be reviewed on a case by case by case basis.

Motion (III) moved by Grace Fielder, seconded by Dave O'Dell and carried unanimously by the board to adopt a \$100.00 fee per missing continuation education unit in lieu of revoking the license and that the licensee will have a set period of time to obtain the proper continuing education.

The committee reminded the Board that ASLA cancelled their conference due to pandemic.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cullingford informed the Board at this time there is no date as to when the Department of Labor will return to work in the office. Mr. Cullingford will continue to prepare for Board meetings to be held virtually. When/if that changes, Mr. Cullingford will inform the Board. Joseph said there was no information on office change. There has also been no official word on the future budget and most are still in the reviewing stages.

Additional discussion was had by Grace Fielder, Chris Schein and Jessica Praley regarding if the change in practice would ensure a change in the statute which allows for fair timing for due process.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Jessica Praley requested a copy of the CLARB presentation/report. She added that there is nothing to update the Board on the West Virginia reciprocity agreement.

APPLICATIONS FOR EXAMINATION AND RECIPROCITY

The following applications for examination were approved:

Rebekhah Wolf

Ivan Zapata

The following applications for reciprocity were approved:

Eric Lyons
Robert Tilson

Motion (IV) was made by Chris Schein, seconded by David O'Dell, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve all applications.

OTHER BUSINESS

Grace Fielder inquired about what the Board does to recognize new licensees. She noted that a wall certificate is issued from the State, but wondered if there could be something sent out on behalf of the Board. Ms. Fielder recommended that the Board prepare a letter with all the board's signatures for new licensees. Joseph Cullingford will work with Grace Fielder to draft one.

The next meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners for Landscape Architects has been scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (V) was made by David O'Dell, seconded by Chris Schein and was unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Approved: _____ without corrections

___X___ with corrections



Christopher Schein, Chairman

Date: January 25, 2021