

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

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MARCH 10, 2015

The Board of Landscape Architects held a regular meeting on March 10, 2015, which was called to order by Chairman Vincent McDermott at 9:52 AM in Room No 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Board Members Present:

Vincent C. McDermott	Chairman
W. Phillips Barlow	Board Member
Jeffrey P. Hutton	Board Member
Stephen Wing	Board Member

Board Members Not Present:

None

Vacancy:

Two (Public Members)
One (Landscape Architect)

Others Present:

Robert R. Grosof	Reinstatement Applicant
Robert M. Kuzmich	Department of Consumer Protection

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1. Old Business

1A. Minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting of the Board; for review and approval. The Board voted to approve the minutes as submitted. (Wing/Hutton) Mr. Barlow abstained from the vote since he was not present at this meeting.

1B. Review of resubmissions received by the Department from the Audits being conducted by the Department and the Board for the Continuing Education period from August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2014; for review and discussion by the Board.

1. Dirk W. Sabin - LAR.466; following the Board Meeting held December 9, 2014, it was determined that the licensee had not responded to the 2014 Continuing Education Audit Letter dated September 24, 2014. As such, his license status has been changed to "Inactive" effective immediately until such time as proof of his required coursework has been provided and payment of the civil penalty in the amount of \$100.00. Mr. Kuzmich noted to the Board that Mr. Sabin never responded to the Department's initial audit letter which is the reason why the Department changed his license status to "inactive". Mr. McDermott stated that the material received by the Department from Mr. Sabin and being reviewed by the Board today shows compliance with the continuing education requisite. The Board voted unanimously to accept this submission. As an aside, Mr. Kuzmich explained that the Department has made a decision to refund the \$100.00 civil penalties on all those auditees being fined.

2. Lucinda R. Sanders - LAR.1118; following the Board Meeting held December 9, 2014, it was determined that the licensee had not responded to the 2014 Continuing Education Audit Letter dated September 24, 2014. As such, his license status has been changed to "Inactive" effective immediately until such time as proof of her required coursework has been provided and payment of the civil penalty in the amount of \$100.00. The Board reviewed, in detail, Ms. Saunders submission and voted unanimously to accept this submission.

3. Carolyn S. Burke - LAR.993; following the Board Meeting held December 9, 2014, it was determined that the Board determined that 7.75 contact hours of continuing education credit of her initial submission were not in subject matter(s) relevant to the practice of landscape architecture in the promotion of the health, safety, and welfare of the general public. Therefore, the Board required that she make up these credits by February 15, 2015. The Board reviewed, in detail, Ms. Burke's submission and noted that some of the courses she has taken are not health, safety, and welfare related. However, she has taken other courses which are compliant and has met the required number of make-up contact hours. As such, the Board voted unanimously, to accept her submission.

4. Eric Q. Roise – LAR.731; following the Board Meeting held December 9, 2014, it was determined that the Board determined that 11.25 contact hours of continuing education credit of his initial submission were not in subject matter(s) relevant to the practice of landscape architecture in the promotion of the health, safety, and welfare of the general public. Therefore, the Board required that he make up these credits by February 15, 2015. Mr. McDermott noted to the Board that his initial submission contained many course related to the Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Office Program. Mr. Roise is contesting the Boards rejecting the 11 ¼ hours he needed to take in order to do work in Massachusetts. Mr. McDermott questioned whether AIA/CT considers these courses health, safety, and welfare related as Mr. Roise claims.

Mr. Roise cited the Board’s original documentation on acceptable subject matter in defense of his claiming credit for these courses. In reviewing this Board guideline, Mr. McDermott disagrees with Mr. Roise’s position in that this guideline written by the Board relates to the legal “stuff” associated with projects. However, how one does business in a State in terms of procurement of contracts from a client is a different situation.

After extensive deliberations of his initial continuing education documentation, the Board voted to approve Mr. Roise’s original continuation submission.

2. Comments or Concerns of Any Person Present Today

No one scheduled before the Board today. In addition, there were no additional comments from anyone present at this meeting.

3. New Business

3A. Proposed Bill 158 – An Act Concerning Landscape Architect Licenses; for discussion by the Board. Mr. McDermott noted that if this Bill passes, it will require the Board to revise their regulations as to how the Board evaluates the process of admission to the examination based upon the candidates three years of relevant work experience. The question raised by Mr. McDermott is whether or not the Board wants to accept CLARB’s judgment on this work experience or does the Board want to evaluate this work experience first. Mr. McDermott that he does not believe that there will be many candidates applying by this alternate method based upon what the Board has seen in terms of candidates they have interviewed in the past under their current regulation.

Mr. McDermott is comfortable with this Bill, as written, from a consumer protection point of view that unqualified individuals will not be allowed to take the examination based upon the CLARB Certification Standards and perhaps the Board’s posture should

be to wait and see how this Bill comes out of the legislative process. Mr. McDermott asked the Board to think about regulation amendments if this Bill passes. The Board will know the outcome of this Bill in time for their next meeting scheduled for June 9, 2015. The Board is, in general, supportive of the notion of this Bill.

3B. Application of Mr. Oliver W. Gaffney for licensing by written examination; Mr. Gaffney is applying with a *CLARB Council Record (No. 41645)* and has passed the *Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards*. Upon a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Gaffney for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect. (Wing/Barlow)

3C. Application of Mr. Jonathan L. Grubman for licensing by written examination; Mr. Grubman is applying with a *CLARB Council Record (No. 40446)* and has passed the *Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards*. Upon a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Gaffney for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect. (Wing/Barlow)

3D. Application of Mr. Martin T. Leibrock for licensing by written examination; Mr. Leibrock is applying with a *CLARB Council Record (No. 42011)* and has passed the *Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards*. Upon a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Gaffney for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect. (Wing/Barlow)

3E. Application of Mr. Andrew W. Todd-Burke for licensing by written examination; Mr. Todd-Burke is applying with a *CLARB Council Record (No. 40856)* and has passed the *Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards*. Upon a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Gaffney for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect. (Wing/Barlow)

3F. Application for the Joint Corporate Practice of Landscape Architecture, Professional Engineering, and Land Surveying; the Department has reviewed and recommends for approval the following applications; After a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve this application. (Wing/Hutton)

Maser Consulting Connecticut, Inc.
331 Newman Springs Road, Suite 203
Red Bank, New Jersey 07701

Richard M. Maser, President
Connecticut Lic. No. PEN.28075
David G. Roberts,
Connecticut Lic. No. LAR.968

3G. Updated list of applications processed for licenses subsequent to the March 12, 2013 meeting of the Board. The Board acknowledged receipt of this list and thanked the Department for this update.

NAME	METHOD OF LICENSURE	DEPT. APPR'D
Alexander, Adam M.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 10358; New Jersey	December 19, 2014
Aymer, Valerie E.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 32860; New Jersey	January 14, 2015
Wazni, Wesley B.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 39057; Georgia	January 9, 2015

3H. Report from Trade Practices Division concerning complaints acted upon relative to the jurisdiction of the Board of Landscape Architects; for the Board's information. No report was submitted to the Board.

3I. Any correspondence and/or business received in the interim.

4. Comments or Concerns of Any Person Present Today:

There were no comments from any person present.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 9:30 AM, Room 117, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.