# STATE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS Final MEETING MINUTES

#### **NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

A scheduled meeting of the State Board of Landscape Architects was called to order by Chairman Arigoni on November 15, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

Mark R. Arigoni	Landscape Architect
W. Phillips Barlow	Landscape Architect
Anne L. Penniman	Landscape Architect
Dominick Celtruda	Landscape Architect

#### **BOARD VACANCY**

Three Public Members

#### **DCP STAFF PRESENT**

Robert Kuzmich License and Applications Specialist

Janita Hamel Supervising Investigator

Shannon Rivera License and Applications Analyst

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions, and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, License Services Division. For

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# 1. Review of minutes of the May 17, 2022 Board of Landscape Architects Meeting

Board Member Barlow moved to approve the May 17, 2022, meeting minutes. Board Member Penniman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### 2. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today

Board Member Penniman announced that this meeting would be her last meeting. Chairman Arigoni stated the Board has been working on formally acknowledging Board Member Penniman's volunteer efforts which will take place at a later date. Chairman Arigoni also expressed gratitude on behalf of the Board for Ms. Penniman's extension of her time serving on the Board.

# 3. DCP Investigation Division Complaint Status Report

3A. Board to review complaint status report when provided.

Janita Hamel informed the Board one complaint was received and is now currently closed. Ms. Hamel also explained the process in which complaints are handled with all scenarios considered. No action required for this item. The Board so noted.

#### 4. Old Business

4A. Continuation of discussion concerning the involvement of State Board's with their accredited university (UCONN) regarding outreach and understanding of the licensure process.

Chairman Arigoni stated he will reach out to UCONN to schedule a time to visit and make a presentation with all Board members invited to join. The Board so noted.

4B. Continuation of discussion regarding the restriction of Landscape Architecture practice by Local and State Agencies.

Chairman Arigoni stated there has been progress but no follow through on this item and mentioned the letter previously sent to the State Municipalities by the former Chairman Vince McDermott.

Mr. Kuzmich reminded the Board that previous advice considered to be beneficial for addressing the issue was to begin with a formal complaint submitted to DCP to initiate action.

Chairman Arigoni discussed the option of resending the letter previously sent to all the Municipalities by the previous Chairman. The Board agreed this would be a good place to start.

Chairman Arigoni stated the letter, previously reviewed by DCP and approved by the Legal Division, will be revised to be current and presented to the Board for review with the intent to resend to the Municipalities. The Board so noted.

4C. Continuation of discussion concerning the "Live" Attendance requirement for Landscape Architect Continuing Education relative to the COVID Pandemic.

Board Member Celtruda suggested there be a forewarning prior to resuming the requirement for 6 hours of "live" attendance. Board Member Penniman suggested the "live" hours be a percentage of total CEUs. Chairman Arigoni closed with stating they will push-off the requirement for "live" attendance. When the Board decides to resume the "live" requirement, it will be a gradual process with a forewarning. The Board agreed.

#### 4D. Status of Public Member Board Appointments.

The Board expressed concerns with the Board Member appointment process. Chairman Arigoni stated he emailed the Governor's office regarding confirmation of Public Member Steve Woods appointment and has also requested a Licensed Member replacement for Board Member Penniman. He has not received a reply.

Chairman Arigoni closed with stating he will email the Governor's Office and DCP, including Steve Woods, in another attempt to receive follow-up information regarding the very pressing matter. The Board so noted.

#### 5. New Business

5A. Application from Mr. Mario Andres Ulloa to sit for the Landscape Architect Registration Examination. Mr. Ulloa is requesting consideration to sit for the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with alternate education and work experience per Statute Section 20-370.

Board Member Celtruda moved to approve Mr. Ulloa request to sit for the exam. Board Member Penniman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5B. Application of Ms. Sydney M. Trottier to sit for the Landscape Architect Registration Examination; Ms. Trottier is requesting consideration to sit for the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with alternate education and work experience per Statute Section 20-370.

Board Member Penniman moved to approve Ms. Trottier's request to sit for the exam. Board Member Celtruda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 5C. Applications for licensing by written examination:

1. Application of Ms. Emily N. Bousaada for licensing by written examination; Ms. Bousaada is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 62396) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards.

Board Member Celtruda moved to approve Ms. Bousaada for licensing by written exam. Board Member Barlow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Application of Mr. Philip Schweiger for licensing by written examination; Mr. Schweiger is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 62156) and has passed the Landscape

Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards.

- 3. Application of Ms. Sarah Marie Swanseen for licensing by written examination; Ms. Swanseen is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 63603) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards.
- 4. Application of Zixuan Tai for licensing by written examination; Zixuan Tai is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 58518) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards.

The Board acknowledged the licenses previously approved by the Department for Mr. Schweiger, Ms. Swanseen, and Mr. Tai.

# <u>5D. Updated list of applications by Waiver of Examination processed for licenses</u> subsequent to the May 17, 2022 meeting of the Board.

No.	Name	Method of Licensure	Approved Date
1608	Angell, Marissa A.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 54833; NY	May 12, 2022
1615	Sturges, Rebekah H.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 37257; MA	June 21, 2022
1614	Talarowski, Meghan	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 37257; PA	June 30, 2022
1623	Hart, Andrew Michael	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 50634; NY	August 12, 2022
1625	Meyer, Walter	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 48290; FL	August 31, 2022
1626	Brath, Jan Vidar	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 7745; NY	October 14, 2022

#### <u>5E. Applications for License for Corporate Practice of Landscape Architecture</u>

Updated list of applications processed for licenses subsequent to the May 17, 2022, meeting of the Board.

BSC Group, Inc.
 803 Summer Street
 South Boston, Massachusetts 02127-1616

Personnel in responsible charge; Jesse A. Harris; Lic. No. 1224

Wolf Tree Landscape Architecture LLC
 Main Street Suite 5
 Essex, Connecticut 06426-1191
 Personnel in responsible charge; Andrew L. Moyer; Lic. No. 1255

The Board acknowledged all licenses previously approved by the Department.

### 6. Correspondence

None.

### 7. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today

Board Member Celtruda stated he requested a review of the Regulations versus the Law in the Spring of 2022 and is still waiting for follow-up regarding the matter. Chairman Arigoni stated the Board will draft an email to the DCP Legal Department requesting a review of the current Regulations in comparison to the Statutes. Board Member Celtruda volunteered to compose the email. The Board so noted.

# 8. Adjournment

With no further business to address, Chairman Arigoni adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

#### **2023 MEETING SCHEDULE:**

February 21 May 16 August 23 November 21

All meetings will take place via Zoom Webinar at 9:30 AM unless otherwise noted.