

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

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OCTOBER 16, 2012

The Board of Landscape Architects held a regular meeting on October 16, 2012, which was called to order by Chairman Vincent McDermott at 9:36 AM in Room No 121 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Board Members Present:

Vincent C. McDermott	Chairman
W. Phillips Barlow	Board Member
Paul E. Courchaine	Board Member
Nancy J. Rudek	Board Member
Stephen Wing	Board Member

Board Members Not Present:

None.

Vacancy:

One (Public Member)
One (Landscape Architect)

Others Present:

Robert M. Kuzmich	Department of Consumer Protection
Steven Schwane	Department of Consumer Protection

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions, and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information, contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135 or Fax (860)-706-1255.

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1. Old Business

1A. Minutes of the June 12, 2012 meeting of the Board; for review and approval. Mr. Barlow noted that on Page Two, Paragraph Two, line three; after the word "*this*", the words "*that this*" shall be deleted. As such, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as amended herein. (Courchaine/Barlow)

2. New Business

2A. Discussion with Department's Legal Staff regarding the pending Audits to be conducted by the Department for the continuing education period from August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2012. Mr. Kuzmich explained that the audit letters have not yet been issued due to unusually heavy workloads placed on the Department resulting, in part, from the recent merge of the Departments of Consumer Protection and Special Revenue. Mr. Kuzmich explained his role and the role of the License Services Division in the audit process to the Board. The timing of when to begin the audit process was discussed in detail. Mr. Courchaine noted that the usual turn-around time for the audit period, based on the past, was six weeks. As such, it was agreed upon by the Board to issue the audit letters by the end of October and set the deadline date for the returns to be **December 4, 2012.**

2B. Application of Ms. Stefanie I. Almodovar for licensing by written examination; Ms. Almodovar is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 39872) 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 Ms. Almodovar's application.*** (Courchaine/Barlow)

2C. Application of Ms. Viola Augustin for licensing by written examination; Ms. Augustin is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 33494) 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 Ms. Augustin's application.*** (Courchaine/Barlow)

2D. Application of Ms. Caroline L. Braga for licensing by written examination; Ms. Braga is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 38451) 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 Ms. Braga's application.*** (Courchaine/Barlow)

2E. Application of Mr. Paul S. Fusco for licensing by written examination; Mr. Fusco is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 38760) 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. Fusco's application. (Courchaine/Barlow)***

2F. Application of Mr. Toshihiko T. Karato for licensing by written examination; Mr. Karato is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 13436) 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. Karato's application. (Courchaine/Barlow)***

2G. Application of Mr. Spencer M. Levine for licensing by written examination; Mr. Levine is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 17615) and has passed the *Landscape Architect Registration Examination* with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards.

The Board voted to table his application for licensing as a Landscape Architect in Connecticut. After an extensive review and discussion of his application, the Board has asked that the applicant submit to them, in portfolio form, examples of his work which demonstrate sufficient experience in the elements of landscape architecture included in the Landscape Architect Registration Examination.

The Board convenes again on December 11, 2012, at which time they will complete their review of his application for a Connecticut Landscape Architect License which will incorporate the review of this additional submission. (Rudek/Barlow)

2H. Application of Ms. Katherine B. Liss for licensing by written examination; Ms. Liss is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 32913) 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 Ms. Liss's application. (Courchaine/Barlow)***

2I. Application of Ms. Hanna E. Loope for licensing by written examination; Ms. Loope is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 38326) 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 Ms. Loope's application. (Courchaine/Barlow)***

2J. Application of Mr. Andrew L. Moyer for licensing by written examination; Mr. Moyer is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 38728) 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 Ms. Moyer's application. (Courchaine/Barlow)***

2K. Application of Ms. Naomi Nevo Ben Ari for licensing by written examination; Ms. Nevo Ben Ari is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 37444) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards.

The Board voted to deny her application for licensing as a Landscape Architect in Connecticut. (Rudek/Barlow) After an extensive review and discussion, the Board cited the requirements of Regulation Section 20-368-8a. Licensure Standards as a basis for their decision. Mr. Schwane, in his opinion, agreed with the Board after reading the law and regulation.

This Section requires an applicant for licensure hold a professional degree in landscape architecture from a college or university accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board which the applicant does not have. In addition, they also stated that she does not have at least eight years of verifiable and diversified experience in Landscape Architecture under the direct supervision of a licensed landscape architect which is provided by the this Regulation as an alternate to holding an accredited professional degree in landscape architecture.

2L. Updated list of applications processed for licenses subsequent to the January 3, 2012 meeting of the Board. The Board acknowledged this information and thanked the Department for this update.

NAME	METHOD OF LICENSURE	DEPT APPR'D. DATE
Egnatz, Joshua P.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 34913; New York	May 30, 2012
Field, Katherine C.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 2145; Rhode Island	May 30, 2012
McGlade, Dennis C.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 2158; Pennsylvania	June 15, 2012
Ticehurst, Seth M.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 22483; New York	June 15, 2012
Weintraub, Leland R.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 27316; New York	August 14, 2012
Alderson, Jonathan C.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 6548; Pennsylvania	August 29, 2012
Nievera, Mario F.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 36737; Florida	September 25, 2012

2M. Report from Trade Practice Division regarding complaints pertaining to Landscape Architecture; for the Board's information. Mr. Kuzmich distributed a complaint summary report from the Trade Practices Division. The Board reviewed each complaint listed in detail. The Board takes exception with one report in particular involving the City of Norwalk. The Board cited the Investigator as being wrong in his directive to the complainant. The Investigator told the Complainant to pursue private litigation and that the Department has no jurisdiction in this matter when, in fact they absolutely do.

Furthermore, this language is contrary to action already taken by the Board in this matter. Mr. McDermott reviewed the history of this complaint for the Board's information and noted that the Board wrote a letter to the City of Norwalk citing the landscape architecture law and the City's incorrect posture in this matter.

The Board asked Department personnel to speak with Mr. Lombardi and his Supervisor(s) regarding this matter and expressing their displeasure in how the matter was handled by Mr. Lombardi.

2N. Update from the Department's Legal Staff regarding any Board issues or otherwise.

1. Mr. Schwane confirmed that the Board and Department will follow their standard procedure regarding the audit process as has always been done in the past.

2O. Any correspondence and/or business received in the interim.

1. Mr. Kuzmich advised the Board that this will be their last meeting in Room No. 121. Future meeting will be held in Room No. 117.

2. Regarding the Firm Finder matter and the ASLA, Mr. McDermott followed up with ASLA Chapter Trustee Bob Golde and does not yet no the outcome of that discussion. He confirmed that he relayed the Board's conclusions to Mr. Golde.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05AM. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2012, 9:30 AM, Room 117, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. (McDermott)

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **SEPTEMBER 11, 2012**

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165 Capitol Avenue, Room No. 117
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