

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

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DECEMBER 9, 2014

The Board of Landscape Architects held a regular meeting on December 9, 2014, which was called to order by Chairman Vincent McDermott at 9:48 AM in Room No 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Not Present:

None

W. Phillips Barlow	Board Member
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Vacancy:

Two (Public Members)
One (Landscape Architect)

Others Present:

Robert R. Grosf	Reinstatement Applicant
Robert M. Kuzmich	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 September 9, 2014 meeting of the Board; for review and approval. The Board noted no changes after a thorough review by them and as such approved the minutes as presented.

2. Comments or Concerns of Any Person Present Today

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

3. New Business

3A. Appearance before the Board by Mr. Robert R. Grosf regarding the reinstatement of his Connecticut Landscape Architect License (LAR.513); for action by the Board. Mr. Grosf appeared before the Board previously on December 10, 2013 for direction from them on how to reinstate his inactive landscape architect license. At that time, he presented the Board with a letter he received from them in 1999 which allowed his license to lapse and remain inactive. Mr. Grosf gave the Board his resume and reviewed his qualifications and work history outlined therein.

At the December 2013 meeting, the Board agreed to require Mr. Grosf to complete twenty four (24) hours of continuing education in accordance with the Statute and Regulation directive. The Board required that the all Continuing Education (CE) courses be provided by LA CES (Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System) approved providers. In addition, the Board required that all courses must be health, safety, and welfare related

Mr. Grosf presented the Board with a new application and documentation of the continuing education activities he has since completed. Mr. McDermott also briefly reviewed the history of this matter for the benefit of Mr. Hutton who is new to the Board. Mr. McDermott complimented Mr. Grosf on the quality and diversity of the courses he completed. After some brief discussion the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Grosf's reinstatement application. (Wing/Hutton) For the record, it was noted that the continuing education activities Mr. Grosf completed cannot be used for the current biennium ending July 31, 2014. The Board also thanked Mr. Grosf for his diligence in completing the reinstatement process by in accordance with the law without deviation.

3B. Review of submissions 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. Mr. Kuzmich noted that the Department audited a total of 45 licensees. The following individuals listed below did not respond to the audit letter:

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| 1. Mr. Ricardo Dumont; LAR1079 | 4. Mr. Dirk Sabin; LAR.466 |
| 2. Mr. William Milsap LAR 1166 | 5. Ms. Lucinda Sanders; LAR 1118 |
| 3. Ms. Kathleen Nunez; LAR.954 | 6. Mr. Henry White; LAR.750 |

Mr. McDermott stated that the Department has implemented a new process regarding the non-compliant licensees and presented the Board with a draft of a letter they intend to send to these individuals upon receiving Board approval of the same. The letter states that these individuals, upon renewal of their licenses and under penalty of perjury, have completed the continuing education requisite. Since they have not responded to their audit letters, their licenses have been changed to "Inactive Status" effective immediately until such time as proof of their required coursework has been provided and payment of a civil penalty of \$100.00. The Board voted unanimously to have the Department issue the Inactive Status letters to the above listed individuals. (Wing Hutton)

The Board now proceeded to review each of the continuing education submittals received by the Department. Mr. McDermott noted for the benefit of the Board's newest member that they are reviewing the submittals for compliance with public health, safety, and welfare subject matter such as courses which are Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System (LACE) certified or certified by the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

After a thorough review of all the submissions, the Board cited the following individual submissions with associated commentaries as listed below:

1. Ms. Carolyn Burke; LAR.993 – the submission is short 7 ¾ hours. The Board did not accept 7.75 contact hours of continuing education credit which was in subject matter(s) not relevant to the practice of landscape architecture in the promotion of the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.
2. Mr. Eric Roise; LAR.731 – the submission is short 11¼ hours. The Board did not accept 11.25 contact hours of continuing education credit which was in subject matter(s) not relevant to the practice of landscape architecture in the promotion of the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.

The Board requires that the above individuals resubmit new documentation for the coursework found not to be in compliance by the Board as determined from their review made at today's meeting. These resubmissions are required to be received by the Department by February 15, 2015.

3C. Application of Mr. Andrew C. Belding for licensing by written examination; Mr. Belding is applying with a *CLARB Council Record (No. 38353)* 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. Belding for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect. (Wing/Hutton)

3D. Application of Mr. Matthew P. Biron for licensing by written examination; Mr. Biron is applying with a *CLARB Council Record (No. 30231)* 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. Biron for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect. (Wing/Hutton)

3E. Application of Ms. Karen E. Cowperthwaite for licensing by written examination; Ms. Cowperthwaite is applying with a *CLARB Council Record (No. 41886)* and has passed the *Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards*. The Board determined that Ms. Cowperthwaite falls short of the required two years' work experience by approximately fourteen (14) months noting that the application indicates unverifiable work experience for which the Board cannot give her credit. As such, the Board voted unanimously to table her application pending demonstration of the required two (2) years of acceptable diversified work experience under the direct supervision of a licensed landscape architect. (Hutton/Wing)

3F. Application of Mr. Todd W. Robinson for licensing by written examination; Mr. Robinson is applying with a *CLARB Council Record (No. 43496)* 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. Robinson for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect. (Wing/Hutton)

3G. Application of Ms. Tianrui NA. Wan for licensing by written examination; Ms. Wan is applying with a *CLARB Council Record (No. 31095)* 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. Wan for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect. (Wing/Hutton)

3H. Application of Ms. Emily E. Weckman for licensing by written examination; Ms. Weckman is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 30604) 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. Weckman for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect. (Wing/Hutton)

3I. Application of Mr. William R. Weckman for licensing by written examination; Mr. Weckman is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 40345) 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. Weckman for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect. (Wing/Hutton)

3J. Application for the Joint Corporate Practice of Landscape Architecture and Professional Engineering; the Department has reviewed and recommends for approval the following application; Mr. Kuzmich noted that this application was approved by the Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Examining Board on October 7, 2014. After a thorough review of the application, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application. (Wing/Hutton)

JMC Site Development Consultants, LLC

120 Bedford Road
Armonk, New York 10504

Joseph J. Sarchino, Managing
Member

Connecticut Lic. No. LAR.805
James A. Ryan, Managing Member
Connecticut Lic. No. LAR.749

3K. 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
Jones, Mary Margaret J.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Certificate Record No. 3928; Texas	September 26, 2014

Application for License for Corporate Practice of Landscape Architecture

Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc.
273 Dividend Road
Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067-3736

3L. Report from Trade Practices Division concerning complaints acted upon relative to the jurisdiction of the Board of Landscape Architects; for the Board's information. There was no report given to the Board today by the Trade Practices Division.

3M. The Department has set the following dates for the Board of Landscape Architects for the Calendar Year 2015: the Board reviewed and accepted the dates as listed below.

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| 1. March 10, 2015 | 3. September 8, 2015 |
| 2. June 9, 2015 | 4. December 8, 2015 |

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

1. Mr. McDermott updated the Board on matter concerning the Town of Greenwich and their Storm Water Drainage Manual relative to the same not allowing landscape architects to prepare storm water management plans as permitted under their Statutes and Regulation. The Board asked the Town to clarify certain parts of their regulation and received a response from them this past June. The Town acknowledged that landscape architects were, in fact, permitted to perform some duties previously not allowed by them. The Board still questioned some of the tasks still not being permitted such as erosion and sedimentation control and grading. The Deputy Director of Public Works for the Town of Greenwich, Mr. Dave Thompson, spoke with Mr. McDermott and stated that the Town has never considered grading an issue and never denied a landscape architect from preparing a grading plan. He went on to say that the Town of Greenwich has not received any complaints from any practitioners in Greenwich regarding their regulations which have now been in effect for two (2) years other than out-of-work architects.

4. Comments or Concerns of Any Person Present Today:

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 9:30 AM, Room 117, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.