

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

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FEBRUARY 27, 2018

The Board of Landscape Architects held a special meeting on February 27, 2018 which was called to order by Chairman Mr. W. Phillips Barlow at 1:00 PM in Hearing Room J, Department of Consumer Protection, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.

Board Members Present:

Mark R. Arigoni	Landscape Architect
W. Phillips Barlow	Landscape Architect
Anne L. Penniman	Landscape Architect
Stephen Wing	Landscape Architect

Board Members Not Present:

Jeffrey P. Hutton	Public Member
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Vacancy: Two (Public Members)

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, License/Applications Specialist, DCP
Jerry Padula Staff Attorney, DCP

Others Present: None.

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LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM

1A. Review of proposed changes to the Regulation of the State Board of Landscape Architects.

Mr. Barlow called this meeting to order at 1:00 PM. The Board was previously given a draft from the Department incorporating the Department's proposed changes integrated with the existing regulations. This document is being reviewed at today's meeting incorporating discussion of proposed revisions from both the Board and the Department.

Ms. Penniman noted to the Board that she researched other State Boards regulations including New York, Florida, and California with regards to their definition of landscape architecture. She read aloud the definitions of landscape architecture from these state's regulations. In addition, she also researched the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) definition of landscape architecture. A common element in the various definitions is the mention of preservation, conservation, and the enhancement of land and land uses. Ms. Penniman believes that our State's definition should also include land preservation and conservation.

Mr. Wing gave to the Board an excerpt from the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Code of Ethics. This document includes some suggested additions to the Board's regulation that he is proposing. One addition is a Section on Environmental Ethics and the other includes the definition of LACES as the Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Mr. Arigoni expressed to the Board his overall concern regarding the threat to eliminate landscape architect licensure and the associated State Boards on a national level as he and other Board Members have experienced at various CLARB events. He believes that the only successful way to fight against this trend has been through the health, safety, and welfare aspects of licensure and he doesn't see this being mentioned in the Board's proposed regulation revisions.

The Board also discussed potential changes to their statutes. Mr. Padula advised them on the process for making these changes and the path that statute revisions follow to get approved. The Board decided to review their statutes and discuss any potential revisions at their next regular meeting scheduled for May 8, 2018.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided upon their regulation revisions. The majority of the changes are as specified below.

1. Under Section 20-368-1a **Definitions**, wording was added in paragraph (e) to include "the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare...". In addition also in paragraph (e), "preservation and enhancement" was added to the definition of "design or management of land...".

2. Under Section 20-368-14a **Rules of Professional Conduct**, a new paragraph (f) **Environmental Ethics** has been added which includes the following:

A landscape architect shall practice in a manner consistent with the recognition that:

1. The health and well-being of biological systems and their integrity are essential to sustain human well-being.
2. Future generations have a right to the same environmental assets and ecological aesthetics.
3. Long-term economic survival has a dependence upon the natural environment.
4. Environmental stewardship is essential to maintain a healthy environment and a quality of life for the earth.

3. Under Section 20-368-15a **Continuing education**, in paragraph (d), the second sentence was changed to read “A record maintained by CLARB or the Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System of the American Society of Landscape Architects (“LACES”) shall be acceptable as proof of participation when such record is submitted to the Department by CLARB or LACES on the landscape architects behalf.”.

Mr. Padula explained to the Board the Department’s regulation approval process highlighting the E-Regulation system. He detailed this electronic process by which the amended draft is distributed to other State Agencies for their review and approval.

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 PM. (Wing/Arigoni) The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 9:30 AM, North Building, Hearing Room J, Hartford, Connecticut 06103.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator

Upcoming Board of Landscape Architects Meeting Dates:

1. May 8, 2018
2. August 7, 2018
3. November 6, 2018