

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

AUGUST 17, 2021

The Board of Landscape Architects held a regular meeting via ZOOM Webinar on August 17, 2021 which was called to order by Chairman Mark Arigoni at 9:36 AM.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Not Present: None

Vacancy: Three (Public Members)

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, License & Applications Specialist
Pamela Brown, Director, Investigations Division

Others Present: Mitchell R. Jensen
Kerry A. Mattie

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions, and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division, Richard M. Hurlburt, Director.

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1. Review of minutes of the May 18, 2021 Board of Landscape Architects Meeting

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes of May 18, 2021 as written.
(Penniman/Barlow)

2. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today

There were no comments or concerns from anyone present at the meeting.

3. DCP Investigation Division Complaint Status Report

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

Ms. Pamela Brown stated to the Board that they were given advance notice by e-mail from Ms. Janita Hamel that there is no report to be submitted for this meeting and that they have no new or older cases to report.

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.

Mr. Celtruda stated he reviewed the Power Pont presentation given to him by Mr. Arigoni and noted that it needs to be modified to reflect the licensing protocols in Connecticut. He would now like to reach out to UCONN to coordinate a presentation about licensure with them and to check their procedures in place for returning to campus. Both Ms. Penniman and Mr. Arigoni suggested the possibility of the meeting taking place, at least in part, by ZOOM webinar as an introduction and then perhaps in person sometime after that. Mr. Arigoni would like the Board's presence to be on-going in the future and not a one-time presentation.

Mr. Celtruda confirmed that he will still be the Board's representative in coordinating this meeting. He also suggested a possibility of coordinating the Board's visit to UCONN with a portfolio review of an employee of his company's to be done by the Connecticut Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). Mr. Barlow was asked for a suggested contact(s) at the University since he has taught and currently teaches there. He suggested contacting the Student Chapter President.

Mr. Arigoni asked that this Item be kept on the Board's agenda for future meetings

4B. Continuation of discussion regarding letter from Mr. Philip Doyle, PLA, dated October 22, 2020, concerning Restriction of Licensed Practice and matter concerning Mr. Philip Barlow and the CT DOT.

Mr. Arigoni stated that there was some reach out after the Board's last meeting by e-mail correspondence but that the matter has gone nowhere. Mr. Kuzmich confirmed he has not received any additional correspondence other than what the Board already has. Mr. Barlow confirmed his previous meetings with Mr. Raul Rodriguez, the Board's representative from the Attorney General's Office, both with the Board and privately concerning Mr. Barlow's complaint. These meeting were over a year ago.

Mr. Arigoni will again reach out to Mr. Rodriguez about this matter. As he recalls, he asked Mr. Rodriguez, on behalf of the Board, for a strongly worded letter but, to date, that has not happened. Mr. Celtruda, with his employer, will try and pursue a meeting with the Connecticut Department of Transportation regarding the acceptance of plans prepared by Landscape Architects. He explained the difficulty encountered in determining exactly who to meet with in light of the large retirement push in this Department. Mr. Arigoni noted that his efforts and those of Mr. Celtruda are the best the Board can do with this matter at the moment. At their request, this Item will be kept on the Board's agenda for future meetings.

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

The Board tabled further discussion on this Item until their November 16, 2021 meeting.

5. New Business

5A. Letter from Ms. Joanne Parsons, dated May 24, 2021, concerning the reinstatement of her Connecticut Landscape Architect License.

Mr. Kuzmich explained to the Board that Ms. Parson's renewal procedure is a standard application process. There are no unusual issues with her reinstatement, but she asked that her letter be placed on the Board's agenda for their review and discussion. Her letter details the history of why her license lapsed and why she now would like to reinstate the same.

Based upon the license expiration date of July 31, 2018, she owes 24 continuing education hours along with the other reinstatement requirements including payment of the \$180.00 reinstatement fee. It was also noted that the live CE requirement of 6 hours has been waived at present due to COVID and that Ms. Parsons will owe 24 hours of continuing education hours, again, when she renews her license on July 31, 2022. Mr. Kuzmich will communicate the Board's discussion and directive with her by e-mail.

5B. Status of Public Member Board Appointments.

Mr. Celtruda noted that he believes that there are candidates who have applied but whose applications have not been acted upon by the Governor's Office. Mr. Barlow concurred. The Board asked that the Department Contact for Board Appointments be e-mailed to them. Mr. Arigoni asked Mr. Celtruda and Mr. Barlow if they know for sure that their candidates' letters have, in fact, been submitted for consideration. Mr. Barlow confirmed that one of his candidate's did submit a letter and also believes another candidate he knows submitted their letter, but he will check to be sure. Mr. Celtruda noted that his candidate did not submit his letter yet. Mr. Celtruda noted that the ZOOM Meeting platform is attractive to candidates based upon a conversation he has with his candidate.

The Board decided to have Mr. Arigoni e-mail the Department's Contact, on the Board's behalf, in their effort to get the Board's Public Member vacancies filled.

5C. E-Mail dated August 2, 2021 concerning Request for Curriculum Review from the Academy of Art University, San Francisco, California pursuant to Statute Section 20-370.

Mr. Arigoni explained to the Board the details of this e-mail from Mr. Andrew Gustafson who is asking a question on behalf of a student who resides and aspires to become a Licensed Landscape Architect in Connecticut. The student is considering their Landscape Architecture program which is a 100% online and [WSCUC Accredited](#) in Landscape Architecture with degrees at both the Master and Master of Fine Art levels. However, the programs are not LAAB or LAAC accredited.

Mr. Gustafson is asking whether their Master of Arts or Master of Fine Arts degree is considered to be consistent with that of an accredited landscape architecture program as determined by the Board pursuant to the Connecticut Statutes? He noted that this information would help the student make an informed decision about the program and what the process would be to pursue licensure in Connecticut when finished with their degree program.

Mr. Arigoni instructed Mr. Kuzmich to thank Mr. Gustafson for his inquiry (made ahead of time before the student enrolls) and to submit the course curriculum for the Board to review and comment. Mr. Celtruda asked if it is the University's intent to get LAAB accredited. Ms. Penniman noted that an online program appears to be counter to what the Landscape Architecture education experience is about.

The Board discussed a potential response back to Mr. Gustafson stating that they cannot endorse anything at this time and need to have all the course materials along with detailed course syllabuses submitted prior to the candidate sitting for the exam in accordance with the current law. Ms. Penniman questioned how this course program relates to the alternative education path as defined in the statutes. Mr. Celtruda shared

his thoughts on this question based upon his experience with the legislature when the alternative education path language was developed.

After more extensive discussion, the Board decided to have Mr. Arigoni draft a response to Mr. Gustafson which will be distributed by Mr. Kuzmich to the Board Members for their review and comment.

5D. Applications for licensing by written examination:

1. Application of Ms. Dana M. Ceva for licensing by written examination; Ms. Ceva is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 62993) 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. Ceva for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect.
(Penniman/Barlow)

2. Application of Mr. Chuxiong Feng for licensing by written examination; Mr. Feng is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 63983) 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. Feng for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect.
(Penniman/Barlow)

3. Application of Mr. Mitchell R. Jensen for licensing by written examination; Mr. Jensen is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 63133) 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. Jensen for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect.
(Penniman/Barlow)

4. Application of Ms. Elizabeth P. King for licensing by written examination; Ms. King is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 47447) 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. King for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect.
(Penniman/Barlow)

5. Application of Ms. Kerry A. Mattie for licensing by written examination; Ms. Mattie is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 36274) 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. Mattie for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect.
(Penniman/Barlow)

6. Application of Ms. McKenna-Louise McKetty for licensing by written examination; Ms. McKetty is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 58445) 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. McKetty for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect. (Penniman/Barlow)

The Board voted, unanimously, to add the following candidate for licensing by written examination to their agenda: (Penniman/Barlow)

7. Application of Mr. Samuel A. Thompson for licensing by written examination; Mr. Thompson is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 58637) 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. Thompson for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect. (Penniman/Barlow)

5E. Updated list of applications by Waiver of Examination processed for licenses subsequent to the May 18, 2021 meeting of the Board.

No.	Name	Method of Licensure	Approved Date
1581	Reimer, William D..	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 41740; NJ	June 21, 2021
1585	Stokes, Jr., David A..	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 39096; MO	July 27, 2021

The Board acknowledged the Department’s action approving the above applications.

5F. Applications for License for Corporate Practice of Landscape Architecture

Updated list of applications processed for licenses subsequent to the May 18, 2021 meeting of the Board.

1. Loureiro Engineering Associates Inc.
100 Northwest Drive
Plainville, Connecticut 06062-1559

Personnel in responsible charge; Cynthia V. Reynolds; Lic. No. 1363

2. Towers Golde LLC
85 Willow Street
New Haven, Connecticut 06511-2668

Personnel in responsible charge; Robert J. Golde; Lic. No. 804

The Board acknowledged the Department’s action approving the above applications.

6. Correspondence

A. Mr. Arigoni noted that CLARB made a presentation this past week under a regional format concerning the development of a Unified Application Draft. This represents their attempt to establish an application acceptable for licensing to all members of CLARB both inside and outside of the United States. Mr. Arigoni will distribute this draft to all Board members for their review and comment. It was noted that Legislative approval in all States will be a significant challenge. The eight (8) year experience element was discussed; specifically, what experience counts towards this requirement.

B. Mr. Arigoni addressed the upcoming CLARB Annual Meeting which will be a hybrid format. Mr. Arigoni will be in attendance because he is on the Board. He reminded the Board that the State has participation credit and encouraged all Members to attend virtually and to coordinate with Mr. Kuzmich or himself. Mr. Arigoni will send the meeting information/presentation to the Board.

Concerning Board Elections, the Board gave Mr. Arigoni the authority to vote on their behalf at the Annual Meeting. Mr., Kuzmich will submit the necessary paperwork to CLARB.

7. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today

There were no further comments or concerns from anyone present at the meeting

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 9:30 AM; location to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, Architect Emeritus
Licensing and Applications Specialist

Board of Landscape Architects Meeting Dates for 2021:

1. February 16, 2021
2. May 18, 2021
3. August 17, 2021
4. November 16, 2021

All meetings will take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT at 9:30 AM unless otherwise noted.