

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

MAY 17, 2022

The Board of Landscape Architects held a regular meeting via ZOOM Webinar on May 17, 2022, which was called to order by Chairman Mark Arigoni at 9:39 AM.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Not Present:

None

Dominick Celtruda

Landscape Architect

Vacancy:

Three (Public Members)

DCP Staff Present:

Robert M. Kuzmich, License & Applications Specialist

Others Present:

None

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

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1. Review of minutes of the February 15, 2022 Board of Landscape Architects Meeting

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes of February 25, 2022 as written. (Barlow/Penniman)

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.

A report was e-mailed to the Board prior to today's meeting. Mr. Kuzmich advised the Board that he received an e-mail from the Department's Investigator just before the meeting today stating that she is not able to attend the meeting and that there are no new complaints and one item shown on the report that is still with the Legal Department.

It was noted that no further information is available on the complaint listed since it is still open.

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. Arigoni updated the Board on the status of activity on this matter. He noted that Mr. Celtruda volunteered to take on this task. The plan is to present to a class in the Fall. Mr. Barlow noted suggested that this matter be dropped by the Board since there seems to be no interest. Mr. Arigoni acknowledged the lack of action on the Board's part on this issue but wants to keep the item on the Agenda because of its importance.

Ms. Penniman noted that the Fall may be an opportune time to present this to the students when they are enthusiastic about their new academic major(s).

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

Mr. Arigoni note the Board has made some progress on this matter at different levels with the State in the last approximately two months. The Board has discussed this matter their Assistant Attorney General in the past. He discussed this matter with other States who have similar issues. They conducted ZOOM type meetings with the appropriate Municipal Officials.

Mr. Arigoni suggested that this approach may be more successful for this Board as opposed to issuing a general letter to all the municipalities that in the past has had no success. He believes that this approach would still need the Department's support and

involvement. He also noted this matter is not widespread and is specific to a few municipalities and the Department of Transportation. Mr. Barlow believes and has been told that no progress will be made in this area until such time as a lawsuit is brought against a municipality for not accepting a Landscape Architect seal. He doubts what power the Board really has and cited a reoccurring example his firm encountered with the City of Stamford.

The Board discussed ways of moving ahead on this agenda item beginning with comprising a list of the municipalities where issues have occurred then requesting a meeting with these entities. The Board suggested comprising this list by e-mail between the members after today's meeting. Mr. Kuzmich will also check the Department's records for any past problems with municipalities on this issue.

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

Mr. Arigoni, speaking on behalf of the Board, stated that they will continue to waive the "live requirement" until further notice. It was also noted that although the live requirement has been waived, the six (6) contact hours are still required.

4D. Status of Public Member Board Appointments.

Mr. Kuzmich advised the Board that he has not heard anything from the Department regarding new Public Member Appointments. He also stated that Ms. Erin Walsh, Executive Secretary, from the Commissioner's Office, is the person for Mr. Arigoni to contact for updates. Mr. Kuzmich will forward her e-mail to Mr. Arigoni after the meeting. Mr. Arigoni will e-mail Ms. Walsh and request an update.

Mr. Barlow advised the Board that Mr. Steve Woods, a Landscape Contractor in the Hartford area, has been accepted and received a letter from the Governor's Office regarding his appointment to this Board. The Board has not been notified formally of this appointment. Mr. Arigoni will also inquire regarding the status of professional Board Member appointments in light of Ms. Penniman's notice that she intends to resign from the Board in the near future. Ms. Penniman noted that she will continue to work with the Board and Department, as necessary, so as not to place the Board in a compromised position.

5. New Business

5A. E-Mail from Ms. Selene Weber dated April 15, 2022 concerning the Continuing Education reporting deadline.

Ms. Weber's stated that the three (3) weeks' notice regarding the change in the CE reporting date is inadequate and would like to request an extension to July 31, 2022. Mr. Kuzmich explained the details of this change to the Board for their information. The

Board of Landscape Architects discussed the e-mail and acknowledged the circumstances. As such, they agreed to her request for an extension of time to July 31, 2022 to complete the current continuing education (CE) requisite. The Department will also advise Ms. Weber of their decision and that the CE hours earned during this extended time period for the 2020-2022 biennium cannot be used for the next biennium which begins August 1, 2022 and ends July 31, 2024. It will also be noted that the accrual period for the 2022-2024 period began on May 1, 2022 and concludes April 30, 2024.

CE audits done by the Department were discussed briefly. Mr. Kuzmich noted that the Department is currently addressing this topic as it applies to all the Department Boards and Commissions.

5B. Applications for licensing by written examination:

1. Application of Nanfang Indigo Lu for licensing by written examination; Nanfang Indigo Lu is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 60318) 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 Nanfang Indigo Lu for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect. (Penniman/Barlow)

2. Application of Ms. Kathryn Packtor for licensing by written examination; Ms. Packtor is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 63343) 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. Packtor for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect. (Penniman/Barlow)

5C. Updated list of applications by Waiver of Examination processed for licenses subsequent to the February 15, 2022 meeting of the Board. The Board acknowledged the Department’s action of approving the below applications and thanked them for this update.

No.	Name	Method of Licensure	Approved Date
1604	Liddell, Edward F.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 28949; NY	February 14, 2022
1607	Crenshaw, Joseph B.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 5201; TN	March 30, 2022
1606	Lesser, Lawrance	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 14941; CA	April 4, 2022
1610	Bart, Marjorie A.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 68989; VA	April 18, 2022
1609	Kunkel, Brandon	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 28344; MA	May 3, 2022

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

Updated list of applications processed for licenses subsequent to the February 15, 2022, meeting of the Board. The Board acknowledged the Department’s action of approving the below applications and thanked them for this update.

1. Fitzgerald & Halliday Inc
416 Asylum Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103-1901

Personnel in responsible charge; W. Phillips Barlow; Lic. No. 540

2. Haskell Architects & Engineers PC
111 Riverside Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida 32202-4950

Personnel in responsible charge; Walter Bone; Lic. No. 1597

3. RDG Architects PC
301 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50309-1718

Personnel in responsible charge; Patrick F. Dunn; Lic. No. 1419

6. Correspondence

1. Mr. Arigoni initiated an inquiry to the Department in February 2022 and received an e-mail response back from Mr. Kuzmich which Mr. Kuzmich received from the Board's Investigator. The matter concerns an applicant who gained work experience under the supervision of a Landscape Architect who passed away during this time period. The questions raised in this matter are the work experience gained by the applicant during this time and the actual practice operating for a period of time subsequent to the passing of the only landscape architect in the company.

Mr. Arigoni noted that he was advised by the Department's Investigator of his options going forward. After a brief discussion by the Board and given the circumstances of this matter, they decided to not pursue any further action.

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 10:19 AM. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2022, beginning at 9:30 AM. The meeting will be conducted via the ZOOM Meeting Platform.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, Architect Emeritus
Licensing and Applications Specialist

Board of Landscape Architects Meeting Dates for 2022:

1. February 15, 2022 (via ZOOM)
2. May 17, 2022
3. August 16, 2022
4. November 15, 2022

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