

BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
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State of Connecticut
Department of Consumer Protection
Occupational & Professional Licensing Division
165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

The Board of Landscape Architects held a regular meeting on June 9, 2009, which was called to order by Chairman Vincent C. McDermott at 9:40 AM in Room No 121 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Board Members Present:

Vincent C. McDermott	Chairman
Denise E. Cooper	Board Member
Shavaun Towers	Board Member
Stephen Wing	Board Member

Board Members Not Present:

W. Phillips Barlow	Board Member
Paul E. Courchaine	Board Member
Robert W. Hammersley	Board Member

Others Present:

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.	License and Applications Specialist
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1.) Old Business

1A. Minutes of the March 10, 2009 meeting of the Board; for review and approval. *After a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as written. (Wing/McDermott)*

1B. Continuation of discussion concerning Draft Revisions to general Permits for the Discharge of Storm-Water and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction activities. Mr. McDermott told the Board that this is an issue concerning the Department of Environmental Protection inadvertently writing regulations that exclude Landscape Architects from preparing storm water discharge permits which also applies to coastal site plans. In addition, these regulations only allow certain individuals to do inspection of sedimentation and erosion control including individuals who are not licensed.

The Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection contacted her counterpart at the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding this matter. Citations were sent to the DEP at the request of their Deputy Commissioner and this is where the matter currently stands. Mr. McDermott noted that the legislature is currently in session and Commissioners are generally very busy during this time. He was also contacted by the Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects as a follow-up on their part since they, in part, instigated this matter.

The Board asked the Department to monitor this issue and keep them apprised of any new information.

2.) New Business

2A. Formal Hearing In the matter concerning Raymond R. Uskievich; Docket 09-524. A Formal Hearing was held concerning the matter of Raymond R. Uskievich; Docket No. 09-524. Present were Hearing Officer Vincent C. McDermott, Attorney Steven Schwane from the Department of Consumer Protection, and Robert M. Kuzmich, License and Applications Specialist and Administrator to the Board of Landscape Architects.

An argument was presented by Mr. Schwane which, he believes, demonstrates that Mr. Uskievich failed to fulfill the required continuing education mandate after being given adequate notice to provide evidence of compliance.

At the completion of presentation of the Department's evidence in this matter, Mr. Schwane asked the Board to suspend the license of Mr. Uskievich until such

time as he provides proof of his continuing education requirements. A transcript of the Hearing along with the associated exhibits will be distributed to the Board prior to their September 1, 2009 Regular Board Meeting for their review. This matter will be placed on the agenda for this meeting for review, discussion, and disposition by the Board.

2B. E-Mail from Dan Milner, dated march 19, 2009, concerning Landscape Architect licensing; for discussion by the Board. Mr. Milner's e-mail concerns whether or not non-citizen's are allowed to apply for landscape architect licensing in Connecticut. Mr. McDermott noted that the real question is not of citizenship but rather education of the applicant and the Board having no way of knowing whether or not his training and education are equivalent to conventional training and education in landscape architecture. Mr. Milner is asking to take the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (L.A.R.E.) but the problem of credential evaluation remains since he is not certified by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB).

After consulting the landscape architect law, it was determined that Mr. Milner could apply to this Board to take the L.A.R.E on the basis of at least eight years of suitable work experience as determined by the Board from an in-person interview. If acceptable, this Board would notify CLARB to admit him to the examination. Upon completion of the examination, Mr. Milner would come back before the Board to apply for a Connecticut Landscape Architect's license. This license is only for Connecticut and the issue of reciprocity with other States still remains since he lacks the CLARB Certification.

The Board concluded that Mr. Kuzmich could inform Mr. Milner that they would be willing to invite him to come in for an interview to determine whether or not his practice is illustrative of landscape architecture and the elements on the licensing exam. In addition, the Board would advise Mr. Milner that if he were to be successful in passing the exam, he would only be issued a Connecticut license and should not automatically assume that reciprocity would be granted in other jurisdictions.

2C. Application of Mr. Scott F. Bishop for licensing by written examination; Mr. Bishop is applying with a *CLARB Council Record (No. 7409)* and has passed the *Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards.* ***Upon completion of a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve his application. (Towers/Wing)***

2D. Application of Mr. Michael T. Doherty for licensing by written examination; Mr. Doherty is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 8188) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. **Upon completion of a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve his application. (Wing/Cooper) It is noted that Mr. McDermott abstained from the vote**

2E. Application of Ms. Emily H. Forcier for licensing by written examination; Ms. Forcier is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 6448) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. **Upon completion of a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve her application. (Towers/Wing)**

2F. Application of Ms. Jing Huang for licensing by written examination; Ms. Huang is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 5083) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. **Upon completion of a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve her application. (Towers/Wing)**

2G. Application of Ms. Nancy E. King for licensing by written examination; Ms. King is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 5317) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. **Upon completion of a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve her application. (Towers/Wing)**

2H. Application of Mr. Townsend M. Lewis for licensing by written examination; Mr. Lewis is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 5022) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. **Upon completion of a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve his application. (Towers/Wing)**

2I. Application of Ms. Katharine V. Martin for licensing by written examination; Ms. Martin is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 2252) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. **Upon completion of a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve her application. (Towers/Wing)**

2J. Application of Ms. Anna R. Reaves for licensing by written examination; Ms. Reaves is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 6283) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. **Upon completion of a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve her application. (Towers/Wing)**

2K. Application of Mr. Gregory R. Tuzzolo for licensing by written examination; Mr. Tuzzolo is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 6730) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. ***Upon completion of a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve his application. (Towers/Wing)***

2L. Update from the Trade Practices Division regarding Complaints; for the Board’s information. The Board was given a chart from the Department’s Trade Practices Division showing two closed cases concerning landscape architect related complaints.

2M. Update from the Department’s Legal Staff regarding any Board issues or otherwise. There were no items discussed.

2N. Updated list of applications processed for licenses subsequent to the March 10, 2009 meeting of the Board. The Board acknowledged this information.

NAME	METHOD OF LICENSURE	DEPT. APPR'D DATE
Reed, Christopher S.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 5118; Massachusetts	March 12, 2009
Sheehan, Timothy M.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 2024; Florida	April 22, 2009

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

1. Mr. McDermott addressed the Board regarding House Bill 6375 concerning the possible elimination of this Board. A Hearing was held accepting public testimony on the proposals of this Bill which Board Member Phil Barlow attended and presented written testimony drafted by Mr. McDermott on behalf of the Board. The Committee Chairperson questioned the intent of this Bill based upon the fact that Board effort is volunteer and the Bill appears to save the State no money. The Bill did not make it out of this Committee when it came to the vote. There was an attempt to bring this Bill onto the House floor and the Bill died there again when leadership did not take action on it. Mr. McDermott questioned whether or not this Bill still remains on the Governor’s budgetary list. It was noted that this Bill does not eliminate the licensing of the professions.

The meeting adjourned the meeting at 10:28 AM. (Wing/Towers) The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2009, 9:30 AM, Room 121, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator