

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

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DECEMBER 11, 2012

The Board of Landscape Architects held a regular meeting on December 11, 2012, which was called to order by Chairman Vincent McDermott at 9:32 AM in Room No 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Board Members Present:

Vincent C. McDermott	Chairman
W. Phillips Barlow	Board Member
Stephen Wing	Board Member

Board Members Not Present:

Paul E. Courchaine	Board Member
Nancy J. Rudek	Board Member

Vacancy:

One (Public Member)
One (Landscape Architect)

Others Present:

Robert M. Kuzmich	Department of Consumer Protection
Steven Schwane	Department of Consumer Protection
Spencer Levine	Candidate for Licensure

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 October 16, 2012 meeting of the Board; for review and approval. After a thorough review of the minutes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as submitted.

1B. Review of submission received by Mr. Spencer Levine relative to the Board's review of his application for a Landscape Architect's license at their October 16, 2012 Regular Board Meeting; for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. McDermott reminded the Board that they voted to table Mr. Levine's application at their last meeting. After an extensive review and discussion of his application, the Board asked the applicant to submit to them, in portfolio form, examples of his work which demonstrate sufficient experience in the elements of landscape architecture included in the Landscape Architect Registration Examination.

After a detailed review of Mr. Levine's portfolio by all Board Members, it was determined that the portfolio was very thorough and represented landscape architecture work in all phases as characterized on the examination. As such, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Levine's application for licensing as a Landscape Architect in Connecticut. (Wing/Barlow)

2. New Business

2A. 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, 2010 through July 31, 2012; for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Kuzmich and Mr. Schwane reported to the Board that the Department has received continuing education submissions from all those audited except the following individuals:

LAR.287; Edgar Vaughn

LAR.442; Betsy Kaemmerlen

LAR.530; Robert Schechinger

In addition, Ms. Lois Beardsley e-mailed the Department on December 7, 2012 to ask for an extension in time to submit her continuing education submission citing various hardships that she and her family have encountered in recent times.

After a thorough review and discussion by the Board, the Board voted unanimously to contact all the above listed individuals in writing noting that the Department has not

received a response to their letter sent to them dated October 23, 2012 concerning their required participation in their audit of continuing education requirements for your landscape architect license renewal for the biennium ending July 31, 2012. The letter will also state that their failure to comply is a violation of Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, Section 20-368-15a.

In addition, the Board is requiring that this documentation be received no later than December 31, 2012 otherwise the Department may recommend that the Board of Landscape Architects commence administrative action against your Landscape Architect License due to the above violation. (Barlow/Wing)

2B. Application of Ms. Yi-Ting Chou for licensing by written examination; Ms. Chou is applying with a *CLARB Council Record (No. 37549)* 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. Chou's application. (Wing/Barlow)***

2C. Application of Ms. Lee M. Jennings for licensing by written examination; Ms. Jennings is applying with a *CLARB Council Record (No. 36343)* 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. Jennings's application. (Wing/Barlow)***

2D. Application of Ms. Radhika Mahan for licensing by written examination; Ms. Mahan is applying with a *CLARB Council Record (No. 38662)* 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. Radhika's application. (Wing/Barlow)***

2E. Application of Ms. Kathleen M. Snyder for licensing by written examination; Ms. Snyder is applying with a *CLARB Council Record (No. 36920)* and has passed the *Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards*.

After a thorough review and discussion of her application, the Board voted to table the application. The applicant shall be notified in writing and asked to submit, in portfolio form, examples of her work which demonstrate sufficient experience in the elements of landscape architecture included in the Landscape Architect Registration Examination since her CLARB Record indicates that the majority of her work experience was acquired under the supervision of an Engineer/Surveyor. The Board will ask for this work in time for their next regular meeting scheduled for March 12, 2013.

2F. Updated list of applications processed for licenses subsequent to the October 16, 2012 meeting of the Board. The Board acknowledged this information and thanked the Department for this update.

NAME	METHOD OF LICENSURE	DEPT APPR'D. DATE
Crowley, Michelle H.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 28778; Massachusetts	November 27, 2012

2G. Report from Trade Practices Division concerning complaints acted upon relative to the jurisdiction of the Board of Landscape Architects; for the Board’s information. The Board received a complaint summary covering dates received from December 1, 2011 through December 3, 2012 in addition to supporting documentation for all closed complaints. The Board thanked the Trade Practices Division for this information and is very appreciative of the same.

2H. Update from the Department’s Legal Staff regarding any Board issues or otherwise.

1. Mr. Schwane noted that he contacted Mr. Rick Maloney, Director of the Trade Practices Division regarding his investigator’s conversations relative to a Board issue with City of Norwalk. Mr. Schwane will monitor the situation and report back to the Board as necessary.

2. Mr. Schwane tried to contact Mr. Chris Stone at the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) regarding the storm water permitting issue the Board has been dealing with and was told by him that they are waiting for the sign-off on the endangered species language. Mr. McDermott stated that this language has nothing to do with the Board but is an attempt to regulate and go beyond the original intent of the storm water language by other parties. Mr. Schwane was told by Mr. Stone that a draft of the proposed language is not available at present. It appears that DEEP’s February 2013 deadline to be completed will not be met.

3. Mr. McDermott made the Board aware of the State’s Supreme Court decision that was announced approximately four weeks ago regarding liability. The decision states that the State of Connecticut is a sovereign and that there is no statute of repose against them. He noted that the ramifications of this action are very “scary” to say the least and is of great concern to the professional licensee.

2I. The Department has set the following dates for the Board of Landscape Architects Meeting for the Calendar Year 2013; upon review of these proposed dates, the Board approved the same.

March 12, 2013

September 10, 2013

June 11, 2013

December 10, 2013

Location: State Office Building
165 Capitol Avenue, Room No. 117
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Time: 9:30 AM

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:25AM. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 9:30 AM, Room 117, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.