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BOARD OF LICENSURE
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS PUBLIC MINUTES
May 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

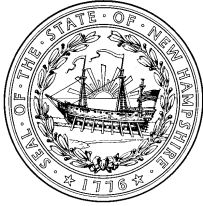
There was a meeting of the Board of Landscape Architects held on May 10, 2023. The public may attend via video/teleconference. The following Board Members attended in person at the Board Office: Board Chair R. Gordon Leedy, Board Member Leo F. Urban, Board Member Katie Weiss, and Board Member Gregory P. Rusnica. Present from OPLC was Board Administrators Marla Pike and Michael Gianunzio, Board Counsel Rahkiya Medley, Director Bethany Cottrell and Donna Long, Programs Information Officer.

- I.** **Call to order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Board Chair R. Gordon Leedy.

- II.** **Review of the Public Minutes for the March 2, 2023, meeting** - Board Member Katie Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes from March 2, 2023. Board Member Leo Urban seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- III.** **Public Appearances** –
 - A. Rahkiya Medley was introduced to the Board as their new Board Counsel, Ms. Medley will be able to advise the Board with any legal questions they may have during the rule making process as well as during any non-public discussions.
 - B. Michael Gianunzio was introduced to the Board as their new Senior Board Administrator. Mr. Gianunzio will be able to assist the Board with questions or concerns they may have.
 - C. Bethany Cottrell was introduced to the Board as the Director of Licensing and Board Administration. Ms. Cottrell discuss the process of providing press releases, notice of emergency orders, and the process of a Public Information Officer will be able to provide information to the Licensees.
 - D. Donna Long was introduced to the Board as the Public Information Officer. Ms. Long will be available to send any rules changes, important notices directly to Licensees. She will be using many social media platforms.

- IV.** **OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates**- None



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V. New Business-

- A. ASLA NH Licensure Advocacy Documents-Noted
- B. Multi-Disciplinary Board Recommendations Landscape Architecture-Board
Member Katie Weiss expressed that the Board of Architects and the Board of Landscape Architects should continue the conversation as merging the Boards together may be a topic at the Legislative Office in the Fall of 2023.

VI. Reading and Consideration of Applications – Noted

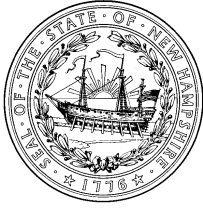
- A. LARE Applicants – None
- B. DTS Applicants-None
- C. CLARB Applicants-None

VII. Applications since March 2, 2023, for the Board to Reaffirm – Board Member Katie Weiss made a motion which was seconded by Board Member Greg Rusnica to reaffirm the following licenses. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- A. David W. Bartsch #00217 03/08/2023 Greenville, NH CLARB
- B. Margaret A. Herndon #00193 04/21/2023 Strafford, NH CLARB
- C. John N. Amodeo #00225 05/02/2023 Dorchester Ctr, MA CLARB

VIII. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics-

- A. House Bill 655 – Bethany Cottrell explained to the Board that in two weeks we should have a better understanding of how the HB 655 will work.
- B. House Bill 308- Noted
- C. House Bill 2 - Board Chair R. Gordon Leedy did express concerns about the press release that was sent out by OPLC. Board Chair Leedy feels that there should have been a bigger conversation about what was happening with the Board of Landscape Architects.



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- D. Lsa 100 Rules Final Proposal – A motion was made by Board Member Katie Weiss to adopt the Lsa 100 Rules. Board member Leo Urban seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board Chair R. Gordon Leedy signed the Adoption Cover Letter.

- E. Lsa 200 Rules Conditional Approval – Board Member Katie Weiss made a motion for conditional approval response to adopt Lsa 200 Rules. Board Member Greg Rusnica seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board Chair R. Gordon Leedy signed the Conditional Approval Cover Letter and Adopt Cover Letter.

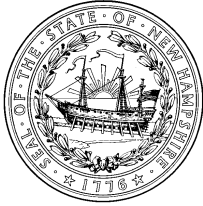
- F. Lsa 300 Rules Final Proposal Draft – Tina Kelley reviewed the changes with the Board and will bring back another draft for the Board to vote on.

- G. Lsa 400 Initial Proposal Rules Hearing – The hearing started at 9:30 a.m. for the public and on zoom to attend and express any public comments to any changes. There were not comments express and the rules hearing ended at 9:47 a.m.

IX. Non-Public Session

Upon the motion of Board Member Katie Weiss and seconded by Board Member Leo Urban, by roll call vote to conduct a Non-Public session at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c) & (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, *Lodge v. Knowlton*, (1978), and the Board’s executive and deliberative privileges.

X. Resume Public Session



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XI. Seal The Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Upon the return to public session at 11:01 a.m. Board Member Greg Rusnica made a motion to seal the non-minutes of the Non-Public session are sealed to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in the non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3;II (c), on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member or render the proposed action ineffective. Board Member Katie Weiss seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote of all Member present.

XII. Adjournment – Board Member Leo Urban made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Board Member Katie Weiss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Next Board meeting will be September 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.