



Landscape Architects PUBLIC Minutes

Landscape Architects Board
Nov 29, 2023 at 2:00 PM EST
@ 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH, USA

Attendance

Present Members: R. Gordon Leedy, Gregory Rusnica, Leo Urban, Katherine Weiss

Guests: Marla Pike, Board Administrator, Rahkiya Medley, Board Counsel

I. Call To Order

The Board meeting was called to order at 2:08 pm. by Board Chair R. Gordon Leedy.

II. Review of Public Minutes from August 8, 2023 -

Board Member Katie Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2023, meeting. Board Member Gregory Rusnica seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Appearance via Zoom - Zach Druga with CLARB

Just want to make sure we are staying on schedule with a potential merger with the architects and see if the Board was able to discuss if candidates with the accredited degree can go directly to CLARB to schedule the LARE.

Zach Druga with CLARB, Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards, attend the meeting via zoom to discuss the Board being able to license an individual directly from CLARB. Mr. Druga is going to have a letter sent to the Executive Director Lindsey Courtney with a summary on where CLARB standards are on the 594 bill.

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates -

A. Board Member Parking

The Board noted the Board Member parking and other parking options for a Board meeting.

B. 2024 Board Meeting Schedule - January 10, 2024, May 08, 2024 & September 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

The Board noted the new meeting schedule for 2024.

V. Reading and Consideration of Applications by the Board -

A. LARE Applicants - None

B. Direct to State Applicants -

1. Emily Stewart applicant, she does not have a CLARB record.

The Board reviewed Ms. Stewart's application and approved her application for licensure. Board Member Katie Weiss made a motion to approve the application of Emily Stewart for licensure. Board Member Gregory Rusnica seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. CLARB Applications for Board review - None

Noted by the Board

VI. Licensure - Applications since August 8, 2023, for the Board to review.

- A. Henry A. Hess #00229 8/8/23 Portland, ME

Noted by the Board

- B. Michael Rettenmeier #00230 8/31/2023 Burlington, CT

Noted by the Board

- C. Stephen W. Sales #00231 10/3/2023 Converse, TX

Noted by the Board

VII. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

- A. Lsa 300 - Conditional Approval Request Cover Letter

The Lsa 300 Conditional Approval Request Cover Letter was provided to the Board Chair R. Gordon Leedy for a signature.

- B. Lsa 300 - Conditional Approval Response

The Board reviewed and approved the Lsa 300 Conditional Approval Response. Board Member Katie Weiss made a motion to approve the Lsa 300 Conditional Approval Response. Board Member Leo Urban seconded the motion. The passed unanimously.

- C. Lsa 400 - Review Conditional Approval Response Cover Letter

The Lsa 400 Conditional Approval Response Cover letter was provided to the Board Chair R. Gordon Leedy for a signature.

- D. Lsa 400 - Review Conditional Response

The Board reviewed and approved the Lsa 400 Conditional Approval Response. Board Member Katie Weiss made a motion to approve the Lsa 400 Conditional Approval Response. Board Member Leo Urban seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. House Bill 308 - Effective 10-3-23 Zoom
Noted by the Board
- F. House Bill 409 Signed 8-8-23 Effective 7-15-23
Noted by the Board
- G. Senate Bill 107 Approved 8-4-23 Effective 10-3-23
Noted by the Board
- H. House Bill 266 - Went into effect on 8/29 (requirements for hybrid and virtual public comment hearings for rulemaking)
Noted by the Board
- I. House Bill 358 - Goes into effect on 10/3 (relative to the filing and adoption of proposed administrative rules)
Noted by the Board
- J. House Bill 308 - Goes into effect on 10/3 (relative to a quorum for meetings open to the public to include remote presence)
Noted by the Board
- K. House Bill 321 - Goes into effect on 10/3 (relative to minutes from Non-Public sessions under the right to know law)
Noted by the Board

VIII. Non-Public Session

Upon the motion of Board Member Gregory Rusnic and seconded by Board Member Katie Weiss, by roll call vote to conduct a Non-Public session at 2:59 pm. 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.

It was found that the meeting notes that were posted to the Non-Public agenda were actually Public minutes from the previous meeting. The Board will be able to review the Non-Public minutes at the next meeting.

IX. Resume Public Session

X. Seal The Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Upon the return to public session at 3:09 pm. Board Member Gregory Rusnic made a motion to seal the Non-Public session are sealed to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in 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 roll call vote of all Members present.

XI. Adjournment - Next Board meeting will be determined by the Rulemaking process or January 10, 2024, at 9:00 am.

Board Member Katie Weiss made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 pm. Board Member Greg Rusnic seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously.