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## **Maryland Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects** **Business Meeting Minutes**

DATE: Monday, October 16, 2023

TIME: 01:30 P.M.

LOCATION: 1100 N. Eutaw St.  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
*(Teleconference via Google Meet)*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher Schein, *Chair*  
Grace Fielder, *Secretary*  
Heather English, *Landscape Architect*  
Cameron C. Duncan, *Consumer Member*  
David Thaler, *Consumer Member*

STAFF PRESENT: Zevi Thomas, *Executive Director*  
Raquel Myers, *Assistant Executive Director*  
Faith Green, *Board Administrator*  
Matthew Venuti, *Board Counsel*  
Danielle Anderson, *O&P Web Coordinator*

### Meeting Called to Order

Chris Schein, Chair, called the Board for Examiners of Landscape Architects meeting to order, virtually, at 1:34 p.m.

### Approval of July 12, 2023 Minutes

The members reviewed the minutes of the Business Meeting held on June 16, 2023.

Motion (I) was made by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms. Fielder, and carried by a majority of the Board with one abstaining.

## Correspondence

None

## Executive Director's Report

Ms. Myers reported on the following topics discussed at the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards Annual Meeting that took place September 20 – 22, 2023:

- Day 1– Preparing generational gaps in the workplace, building public understanding of landscape architecture, and strategic planning for the future.
  - Developing early leader programs,
  - Add younger employees to boards/leadership
  - Hard and soft skill development
- Day 2 – STEM designation for landscape architecture, regulating practice overlap, and understanding the practice globally.
  - On July 12, 2023, the Biden administration added Landscape Architecture to the Department of Homeland Security's STEM-designated degree program list.
- Day 3 – Continuing education, member board sessions, and closing session.
  - Implementing uniform standard
  - Landscape Architecture Project – Los Altos Park
  - 2024 Annual Meeting September 19 -21, 2024

## Board Counsel's Report

Mr. Venuti reported that the new CPC regulations on August 7, 2023.

Mr. Thaler requested an executive overview of the new regulations. Mr. Schein responded that the new regulations allow licensees to take coursework in other design professions that is relevant and qualifies to landscape architecture. In addition, it allows for licensees who are involved in projects such as creating publications or white papers to be used as CPCs. Ms. Fielder added that the new regulations also require a minimum of Health, Safety, and Welfare (HSW) units.

## Review Applications

Motion (II) was made by Ms. Fielder, seconded by Mr. Thaler, and unanimously carried to enter Executive Session at 2:55 p.m. **This session was permitted to be closed pursuant to General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, §3-305(b) (7).** Upon completion of the session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 3:09 p.m.

## New Business

### CPC Providers

Mr. Thomas inquired about a draft of pre-approved CPC providers. Ms. Fielder responded that a draft was made, but the previous Board Counsel stated that it could not be finalized before the regulations were approved.

Mr. Thomas suggested that a timeline be created to re-evaluate the list. Ms. Fielder responded that previous Board Counsel advised to not have a set date for review, but it should be reviewed on an annual basis. Mr. Schein added that it is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but they have included long-term providers in the draft.

Motion (III) is made by Ms. Fielder, seconded by Ms. English, and unanimously carried by the Board to accept the current draft list with the understanding that edits be made prior to the finalization of the list.

Ad-hoc Committee

Ms. Fielder suggested creating a committee to discuss CPCs, decoupling of the L.A.R.E., and emeritus status. Mr. Thomas inquired if all topics were to be under one committee or separated into different committees. Ms. Fielder explained that all three topics were related, and therefore should be discussed under one. Mr. Schein suggested that it should be an exploratory committee because all three topics require extensive research.

Motion (IV) was made by Mr. Thaler, seconded by Ms. Fielder, and unanimously carried by the Board to create an exploratory committee with third-party licensed landscape architects for all three topics.

Old Business

None

Complaint Committee Report

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Motion (V) was made by Mr. Thaler, seconded by Mr. Duncan, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

*Chair's Signature:* Signature on File

*Date:* 02/13/2024