
Maryland Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects

Business Meeting

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, July 15, 2024

TIME: 01:30 P.M.

LOCATION: 1100 N. Eutaw St.
5th 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*
Faith Green, *Board Administrator*
Matthew Venuti, *Board Counsel*

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 April 29, 2024 Minutes

The members reviewed the minutes of the business meeting held on April 29, 2024. Motion (I) was made by Ms. Fielder, seconded by Mr. Duncan, and unanimously carried by the board to approve the minutes without corrections.

Correspondence

None

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Thomas reported that the fee increase was approved, and it goes into effect on August 1, 2024. The Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Board's deadline for Board of Directors and Advisory Council for which candidates the board will support is upcoming.

Mr. Thomas shared the budget trajectory, with and without the approved fee increase, for fiscal years 2016 – 2029.

Board Counsel’s Report

Mr. Venuti drafted two versions of an emeritus status. The first version contained a grandfather clause which allowed current licensed landscape architects to not be penalized if they choose to file for the status. The second version does not contain the aforementioned grandfather clause.

Mr. Schein inquired if the emeritus status would be considered a statutory or a regulatory change. Mr. Venuti responded that it would be statutory. However, the Department of Labor has limited the number of bills that it will bring to the General Assembly. The board’s proposed statute did not meet the deadline.

Ms. Fielder stated that the Maryland Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects would lobby for the statute if the board agreed upon a draft. Mr. Venuti added that the board can make changes if the Maryland Chapter proposes the statute which will bring it back to the board as a proposed bill that affects the board.

Motion (II) was made by Ms. Fielder, seconded by Mr. Thaler, and unanimously carried by the board to agree upon the draft of the emeritus status with the grandfather clause.

New Business

Ms. English stated that the board and licensees would benefit from having an established, detailed seal measurement for consistency. Mr. Thomas responded the Joint Chairs of Design Boards previously decided to defer to local jurisdictions regarding seal measurements as each jurisdiction has their own preferences.

Old Business

None

Complaint Committee Report

None

Review Applications

The board approved (9) L.A.R.E applications, and (5) reciprocity applications.

Motion (III) was made by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms. Fielder, and unanimously carried by the board to approve the applications.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Motion (IV) was made by Ms. Fielder, seconded by Mr. Duncan, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

With Corrections _____

Without Corrections X

Chair’s Signature: Signature on File

Date: 10/28/2024