

MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 25, 2021 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS MEETING

Date: January 25, 2021

Location: 500 N. Calvert Street
Room 302
Baltimore, MD 21202

Joining In: Virtual meet.google.com/owx-raxn-mgi
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Time: 1:30 p.m.

Present: Christopher Schein, Landscape Architect, Chair
Grace Fielder, Landscape Architect
David O'Dell, Landscape Architect
Gareth Diedrick, Consumer Member
Cameron Duncan, Consumer Member

Absent: None

Others Present: Joseph Cullingford, Executive Director, Design Boards
Carla M. Zamon, Acting Assistant Executive Director, Design Board
Makayla Nelson, Acting Board Administrator
Frazier West, Investigator, Design Boards

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The members reviewed the minutes of the Business meeting held on October 19, 2020. Motion (I) was made by Mr. Diedrick, seconded by Mr. O'Dell, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes without amendment or corrections.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

None offered.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

New Board Member

Mr. Cullingford introduced and welcomed a new Board Member, Mr. Cameron Duncan, to the Maryland Board of Examiners for Landscape Architects. Mr. Duncan briefly introduced himself to the members of the Board.

Exam Decoupling

The Board discussed the possibility of changing the statute to allow applicants who possess an accredited degree to qualify for the examination prior to completing their required experience, commonly referred to as “decoupling.” The Board noted that this would allow for more flexibility and remove potential barriers for the applicant, without impacting public health, safety, and welfare. The Board’s Advice Counsel, confirmed that this would require a statute change. Mr. Cullingford requested that the board vote on this proposal before we begin further research.

Motion (II) was made by Mr. Diedrick, seconded by Ms. Fielder, unanimously carried by the Board to support efforts aimed at changing the statute to allow for the decoupling of the examination and experience.

Reciprocity with West Virginia

The Board’s Counsel notified the Board that she had reviewed and compared the regulations for West Virginia and Maryland, in order to assess the feasibility of a direct reciprocal agreement. Counsel had informed the Board there were no major conflicts that would prevent reciprocity between the two states. This agreement has been discussed by the two Boards over the past year. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to move forward with the reciprocal agreement.

Motion (III) was made by Ms. Fielder, seconded by Mr. O’Dell, unanimously carried by the Board to approve the reciprocity agreement between West Virginia and Maryland.

CPC COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board discussed the current levels of CEUs. Ms. Fielder mentioned that the Board currently requires more than some surrounding states. Ms. Fielder recommended that the Board begin to research possibilities to refine the CPC requirements and ensure that it is fair and reasonable. Mr. Cullingford mentioned that this would require a statute change. He further added that there are some methods that the Board can increase what they accept for credit. One possibility was to institute a law and ethics course that is provided by the Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Cullingford discussed the annual licensing trends with the Board. He presented data that showed an increase in licensure by 35 licenses from 2019-2020. This increase was significant in that it followed a

couple of years that showed negative growth. He stated that this was a positive trend, but cautioned that the data could have been impacted by policy changes that were enacted during COVID.

Mr. Cullingford introduced Ms. Nelson as the temporary Board Administrator of the Maryland Board Examiners for Landscape Architects.

BOARD COUNSEL’S REPORT

There was no Board Counsel’s Report

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

Mr. Schein reported that he reviewed and approved five (5) total application(s). One (1) application(s) was approved for an examination and four (4) were approved for reciprocity:

Application by Examination

Chunling Wu

Application for Reciprocal License

Jill Keller
Andrew Knight
Mark Mahaney
Stephanie White

Motion (IV) was made by Mr. Diedrick, seconded by Ms. Fielder, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve one (1) examination and four (4) reciprocal applications.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners for Landscape Architects has been scheduled for Monday, April 19, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (V) was made by Mr. Diedrick, seconded by Ms. Fielder, unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Approved: ___x___ without corrections _____ with corrections

Signature on File

Christopher Schein, Chair

Date: _____