CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Delate, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Joseph Delate, Chair
Mr. John Ribes, Vice-Chair
Ms. Elizabeth Marshall
Mr. Michael Pape
Mr. David Powell
Mr. Chris Lambeth

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Paul Kissinger

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Juanita Chastain, Executive Director
Ms. Linda Tinsley, Government Analyst
Ms. Lynette Norr, Assistant Attorney General
Mr. Jeff Caster
Mr. Bryan Donahue

Ms. Chastain informed the board that Mr. Powell and Mr. Lambeth would not be voting as all of the paperwork had not been received by the Department of State. She also stated that Mr. Kissinger was in China and would not be able to attend.

Mr. Delate congratulated the members on their reappointment.

MOTION: Mr. Ribes moved to excuse Mr. Kissinger’s absence.

SECOND: Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 3, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Pape moved to approve the minutes as written.

SECOND: Mr. Ribes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEW/APPROVAL

Bryan Robert Donahue – Examination Candidate

Ms. Chastain presented the application and explained that Mr. Donahue met the qualifications for examination. His application was presented for board approval because Mr. Donahue answered yes to the background question.

Mr. Donahue addressed the board explaining that the offense was while he was very young and he has had no issues since that time.

MOTION: Ms. Marshall moved to approve the application.

SECOND: Mr. Ribes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

2011 Licensure Renewal

The board compared the 2009 licensure renewal (1120 licensees) to the 2011 licensure renewal (1089 licensees) with 119 delinquent.

Ms. Marshall explained that was a 10.6 percent drop and while she was a little concerned she thought that the 2013 renewal cycle would be more telling. Mr. Pape commented the drop may be due to the economy.

Ms. Chastain explained that the 119 delinquent licensees could pay the fee and complete the continuing education to become active. If they do not pay the fees and complete the continuing education their licenses will revert to null and void after November 30, 2013. Ms. Marshall asked if the department notified them that their license would go null and void. Ms. Chastain stated the renewal notice they receive does notify them.

RATIFICATION LIST

Continuing Education

MOTION: Mr. Ribes moved to approve the continuing education list.

SECOND: Ms. Marshall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
MOTION: Mr. Ribes moved to approve the licensure candidate list.

SECOND: Mr. Pape seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

License By Exam
Keith Becker, Steven D. Garrett

License By Endorsement
Timothy Larson, Paul Morgan Laseter

License by Certificate of Authorization
Chair’s Report - Mr. Joseph Delate

Mr. Delate commented he attended the Spring meeting of the Council of Landscape Architecture Registration Boards (CLARB) in Coral Gables and found it very informative.

He indicated CLARB pushed forward four key issues which all equates to a stronger profession:

- Stronger statutory authority
- More candidates and licensure
- Increased efficiency
- Health, safety and wellness (HSW) awareness

He also commented that CLARB explained the examination transition and that Veronica Meadows from CLARB will be attending the June ASLA conference.

Mr. Delate stated that CLARB discussed the implementation of a new title the PLA (Professional Landscape Architect).

Ms. Marshall asked about the examination transition. Ms. Chastain explained that the examination was going from a five part examination with two paper and pencil sections to a four part examination that is all computer based.

Ms. Marshall commented that she was concerned about the use of the PLA designation and that it may be used by individuals that are not licensed.

Mr. Pape stated that the ASLA was considering at a national level that only licensees use the ASLA after their name. Ms. Marshall stated that ASLA voted that initiative down. Mr. Ribes commented that would cut ASLA’s membership down if they made that a requirement.
Ms. Chastain commented that she would put the examination transition and the professional designation on the June agenda for discussion. She also indicated she would invite Ms. Meadows to address the board at the June meeting.

**Executive Director’s Report - Juanita Chastain**

Ms. Chastain reviewed the 2011-12 second quarter financial report and indicated the board was fiscally sound. Ms. Chastain stated she would request an analysis of their financial situation to see if a fee reduction was possible.

Ms. Chastain gave the board a brief overview of upcoming legislative changes.

- Review of continuing education provider and courses by department staff with expert review by the board when necessary.
- Inactive to Active Licenses requiring one cycle of continuing education.
- Review of Null and Void Licenses by department staff.

Ms. Chastain explained the department was currently working on the implementation plans for these changes and she would discuss more fully at the June meeting.

**Lynette Norr – Board Counsel**

No report

**Dustin Metz – Prosecuting Attorney**

Mr. Metz was not on the call but Ms. Chastain explained there were no current cases.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

Mr. Delate adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.