I. Call to Order

Mr. Delate, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

Members Present

Mr. Joseph Delate, Chair
Mr. Paul Kissinger, Vice-chair
Mr. Michael Kroll
Mr. Richard Conant
Mr. Phillip Smith
Mr. David Powell
Mr. Brian Donovan

Members Absent

None

Others Present

Ms. Ruthanne Christie, Executive Director
Ms. Stacey Buccieri, Government Analyst II
Ms. Rachel Clark, Assistant Attorney General
Mr. Daniel Brackett, Prosecuting Attorney
Court Reporter – American Court Reporting PH: 850-421-0058

Review of Applications

Matti Rukholm – 6 year Candidate

Mr. Rukholm was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

After discussion and review of the applicant's plans the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Kissinger moved to approve the application.

SECOND: Mr. Kroll seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
Beth Dawson – 6 year Candidate
Ms. Dawson was not present.

After discussion and review of the applicant’s plans the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Kissinger moved to approve the application.
SECOND: Mr. Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of April 30, 2015 Conference Call Minutes
MOTION: Mr. Powell moved to approve the minutes as written.
SECOND: Mr. Kissinger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ratification List - Continuing Education
MOTION: Mr. Conant moved to approve the continuing education list.
SECOND: Mr. Donovan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Reports

Rules Report
None

Financial Report
Ms. Christie reviewed the 3rd quarter financial reports for both the Operating and Unlicensed Activity Accounts with the Board.

MOTION: Mr. Kroll moved to approve the financial report.
SECOND: Mr. Conant seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

Glenn Acomb, University of Florida, Department of Landscape Architecture
Glenn Acomb and Tina Gurucharri from the University of Florida, Department of Landscape Architecture spoke to the Board and responded to questions from the members about the program at UF as well as challenges the program faces increasing enrollment and recruiting students to the program.
Request from FLASLA to accept LACES courses for continuing education

David Ferris, President and Emily O'Mahoney, Trustee, Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (FLASLA) addressed the Board regarding the acceptance of LACES courses for continuing education credit for licensees. Ms. Christie suggested the FLASLA could submit LACES courses under their own providership for registration and be responsible for the reporting required under Florida law.

Discussion of email from Plans Examiner re: illegible names on plans

Mr. Delate suggested the plans examiner has the ability to refuse plans if the information is not legible.

CLARB’s New Exam Eligibility Standard

Ms. Christie update the Board on the new requirement for exam candidates who will be qualifying under the 6 year provision to have approval from the Board before they can register for the L.A.R.E.

Old Business

Discussion of Titles “Registered Landscape Architect” vs. “Professional Landscape Architect”

Dana Worthington, former Trustee for the Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (FLASLA) addressed the Board on the issue of using the title Registered Landscape Architect or Professional Landscape Architect and explained on a national level the ASLA was in favor of using the title Professional Landscape Architect.

Election of Officers

MOTION: Mr. Kissinger nominated Mr. Delate as Chair.

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

MOTION: Mr. Delate nominated Mr. Kissinger as Vice-chair.

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

Mr. Delate agreed to continue in his role as Continuing Education Course reviewer.

Public Comment
Ms. Emily O’Mahoney, American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) requested the Board invite the Bureau of Education and Testing to attend a future meeting and discuss how the Florida Exam is kept current and up to date.

Mr. Steve Roberts, American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) raised similar concerns and offered to assist the Department with review and update of the exam reference list which he felt may contain some out of date material.

Hilton Meadows addressed the Board and suggested the Board further define the activities that fall into the scope of landscape architecture.

Gayle Forman asked the Board to accept LACES courses for continuing education credit toward renewal.

Mr. Delate asked the FLASLA to consider offering courses on electronic signing and sealing to help licensees better understand the processes and technologies available.

XI. Next Meeting

The Board discussed future meeting dates and asked Ms. Christie to work with Mr. Acomb and Ms. Gurucharri to have a meeting at the University of Florida.

XII. Adjourn

Mr. Delate adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.