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**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE**

General Business Meeting  
Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld  
July 30, 2015  
At 9:00 a.m.

10 **I. Call to Order**

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

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14 **Members Present**

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16 Mr. Joseph Delate, Chair  
17 Mr. Paul Kissinger, Vice-chair  
18 Mr. Michael Kroll  
19 Mr. Richard Conant  
20 Mr. Phillip Smith  
21 Mr. David Powell  
22 Mr. Brian Donovan

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24 **Members Absent**

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28 **Others Present**

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

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36 **Review of Applications**

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38 **Matti Rukholm – 6 year Candidate**

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

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41 After discussion and review of the applicant's plans the following motion was  
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44 MOTION: Mr. Kissinger moved to approve the application.

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

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**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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

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101 **Discussion of email from Plans Examiner re: illegible names on plans**  
102 Mr. Delate suggested the plans examiner has the ability to refuse plans if the  
103 information is not legible.

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105 **CLARB's New Exam Eligibility Standard**

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

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111 **Old Business**

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113 Discussion of Titles "Registered Landscape Architect" vs. "Professional  
114 Landscape Architect"

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

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122 **Election of Officers**

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

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

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

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

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132 Mr. Delate agreed to continue in his role as Continuing Education Course  
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135 **Public Comment**

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137 Ms. Emily O'Mahoney, American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)  
138 requested the Board invite the Bureau of Education and Testing to attend a  
139 future meeting and discuss how the Florida Exam is kept current and up to date.  
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141 Mr. Steve Roberts, American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) raised  
142 similar concerns and offered to assist the Department with review and update of  
143 the exam reference list which he felt may contain some out of date material.  
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145 Hilton Meadows addressed the Board and suggested the Board further define the  
146 activities that fall into the scope of landscape architecture.  
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148 Gayle Forman asked the Board to accept LACES courses for continuing  
149 education credit toward renewal.  
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151 Mr. Delate asked the FLASLA to consider offering courses on electronic signing  
152 and sealing to help licensees better understand the processes and technologies  
153 available.  
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155 **XI. Next Meeting**  
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157 The Board discussed future meeting dates and asked Ms. Christie to work with  
158 Mr. Acomb and Ms. Gurucharri to have a meeting at the University of Florida.  
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160 **XII. Adjourn**  
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162 Mr. Delate adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.  
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