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BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

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**GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
MAY 23, 2006 @ 12:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Walter called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Collene Walter
Elizabeth Gillick
Philip Graham
Paul Davis
Elizabeth Marshall-Beasley

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert Bowden – Excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Diane Guillemette, Board Counsel
Linda Tinsley, Government Analyst
James Towery
Hilton Meadows
Jeff Caster
David Nam

PROBATIONARY APPEARANCE

Mr. Towery was present and was not represented by counsel.

Ms. Walter advised the board that Mr. Towery was making one of his appearances before the board for 2006. She stated that he fulfilled his appearance requirements for 2005.

Mr. Towery advised the board that he had recently moved and he still had to take his eight hours of continuing education that was required in his final order. He stated that he would be fulfilling that requirement in the next few months. Mr.

47 Towery asked the board if they had scheduled any meetings in 2006 in the South
48 Florida area.

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50 Ms. Walter advised Mr. Towery that a meeting was scheduled in Orlando for
51 October 27, 2006.

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53 Mr. Towery advised the board that he would probably make his in person
54 appearance at the October 27, 2006 meeting.

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56 Ms. Walter asked Mr. Towery if he had updated his address with the Department.

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58 Ms. Tinsley advised the board that he had updated his address.

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60 **MOTION:** Ms. Gillick made a motion to accept Mr. Towery's probation
61 appearance.

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63 **SECOND:** Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion passed
64 unanimously.

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66 **REVIEW OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND COURSES**

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68 Ms. Marshall-Beasley reviewed the continuing education provider and course
69 applications with the board.

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71 **MOTION:** Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the following provider
72 application.

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74 **SECOND:** Mr. Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed
75 unanimously.

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77 ***Kompan Unique Playgrounds***
78 ***Provider Application***

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80 **MOTION:** Ms. Gillick made a motion to approve the following continuing
81 education course applications.

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83 **SECOND:** Mr. Graham seconded the motion and the motion passed
84 unanimously.

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86 **University of Florida Program for Resource Efficient Communities**

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88 ***Low Impact Development Practices for Florida: Stormwater – 8 hours***

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90 **Green Industries Institute for Professional Development**

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92 ***Tree Architecture in Urban Landscapes – 4 hours***

- 93 **Kompan Unique Playgrounds**
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- 95 ***Play to Grow: 2-5; Play for a Playful Age: 5-12 – 2 hours***
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- 97 **Allen M. Weiss**
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- 99 ***Florida Energy Code – Commercial Building Compliance –***
- 100 ***Lighting – 1 hour***
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- 102 **American Society of Landscape Architects/Florida**
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- 104 ***Landscape Architect’s Role in LEED Certification Process – 1 hour***
- 105 ***Looking Back to the Future – 2 hours***
- 106 ***Inspiration for a Landscape Architect – 1 hour***
- 107 ***Introduction to Stormwater Management – 1 hour***
- 108 ***Landscaping with Hurricanes in Mind – 1 hour***
- 109 ***Green Roofs and Water Quality – 1 hour***
- 110 ***Neighborhood Design – Planning Strategies for Wildlife Mitigation – 1 hour***
- 111 ***Place-Making and the future of the Panhandle, Florida’s Final***
- 112 ***Frontier – 2 hours***
- 113 ***Voluntary Codes of Conduct- Managing Your Business for Invasive***
- 114 ***Plants – 1 hour***
- 115 ***Building Back Florida’s Beaches and Coastal Communities – 2 hours***
- 116 ***Landscape Architect’s Practice Laws and Rules in Florida – 2 hours***
- 117 ***Electronic Signing and Sealing Plans Using PEDDS – 1 hour***
- 118 ***Community Wildlife Mitigation Strategies – 1 hour***
- 119 ***30 Native Plants for North Florida and the Coastal Plain – 1 hour***
- 120 ***New Plants for the Southeast US Plant Palette – 1 hour***
- 121 ***Fire Concerns in Florida – 2 hours***

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123 **DISCUSSION**

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125 **DEP Letter from Douglas Frye**

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127 Ms. Walter stated that a letter was received from the Florida Department of

128 Environmental Protection and a copy of the letter was included in the agenda.

129 She stated that the Department of Environmental Protection is requesting

130 confirmation and clarification in regards to the Florida Statute’s definition of the

131 practice of Landscape Architecture as it relates to regulation of stormwater

132 management.

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134 Ms. Guillemette advised the board that one board cannot challenge the rules of

135 another board. She stated that the Department of Environmental Protection is

136 making rules, which basically says that a licensed engineer is needed to do

137 certain things that a licensed landscape architect is allowed to do by statute. Ms.

138 Guillemette stated that the job description of the board is to protect the citizens of

139 Florida. She stated that there is a question as to whether a rule challenge would
140 be appropriate for the board to do. Ms. Guillemette advised the board that it may
141 be better for the board to send a letter. She stated that there is a declaratory
142 statement that shows that Landscape Architects can do the kind of work that is
143 encompassed by the Department of Environmental Protection rule. She stated
144 that the board could bring that to their attention and that may help. She stated
145 that legally there is not a lot the board can do.

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147 Mr. Meadows advised the board that in 1986 he had submitted an application for
148 a declaratory statement to the Board of Landscape Architecture. He stated that
149 meetings were held around the state and the Florida Chapter of the ASLA was
150 also involved. He stated that the Board of Landscape Architecture rendered their
151 declaratory statement in July of 1986. He stated that in his opinion the
152 declaratory statement essentially addressed the question that had been raised by
153 the letter written by Mr. Fry which was whether landscape architects have the
154 credentials and qualifications to practice in the area of environmental design
155 which includes stormwater and wetlands issues. He stated that wetlands and
156 stormwater management issues go together. He stated that if the board is going
157 to answer the letter the board should point out that the board issued a
158 declaratory statement which answers the questions raised in Mr. Fry's letter.

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160 Mr. Davis advised the board that the board should incorporate the latest survey
161 of the practice done by the Council of Landscape Architecture Registration
162 Boards (CLARB) which indicates that this type of work is still a part of the scope
163 of practice for Landscape Architecture.

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165 Ms. Guillemette advised the board that she could write a letter but the letter was
166 addressed to the Board Chair.

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168 Ms. Walter stated that she did not mind signing the letter but she would like Ms.
169 Guillemette's input on the wording of the letter.

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171 Ms. Guillemette advised the board that she would draft a letter for Ms. Walter to
172 sign.

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174 Ms. Walter stated that the definition of the scope of practice for Landscape
175 Architecture is loosely defined by the State but implemented by individual
176 landscape architects based on what their expertise is. She stated that she felt
177 that was intentional and when you look at the overall scope of practice you have
178 Landscape Architects who specialize in stormwater management and other
179 aspects of the practice. She stated that the question asked in the letter do all
180 landscape architects possess the full range of knowledge and expertise. She
181 stated that not all of them do but some of them do and they are permitted to
182 practice that scope of work.

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184 Mr. Meadows advised the board that on June 12, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. a face to
185 face meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection to discuss re-
186 writing the rule 62.25, F.A.C. He stated that meeting should probably develop a
187 threshold to discuss the manner in which they develop the rules for the
188 Northwest Water Management District. He asked the board if a representative
189 from the board could attend.

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191 Ms. Walter stated that if Ms. Guillemette's schedule allowed the board could
192 request that she attend the meeting.

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194 Ms. Guillemette stated that Ms. Chastain could attend as the Executive Director.
195 She stated that one of them would attend.

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197 The Board thanked Mr. Meadows for his efforts.

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199 **RATIFICATION LIST**

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201 Ms. Walter reviewed the ratification list with the board.

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203 **MOTION:** Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the ratification list as
204 presented.

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206 **SECOND:** Ms. Gillick seconded the motion and the motion passed
207 unanimously.

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209 **Certificate of Authorization**

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211 *Dobson's Woods and Water, Inc., Exteriors Landscape Architecture, Inc., Ghyabi*
212 *& Associates, Lynn Bender Landscape Architecture, Inc.*

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214 **Temporary Certificate of Authorization (Individual)**

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216 *Craig Watson*

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218 **Endorsement**

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220 *Joanne Hironura, Michael Kidd, Paul Lebovitz, Daniel Zarnstorff*

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222 **Exam**

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224 *Katy Gallegly, Alan Grosse, Troy Wanless*

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226 **NEW BUSINESS**

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228 No new business.

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230 **OLD BUSINESS**

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232 Ms. Walter advised the board that she still had to go through the previously
233 approved continuing education courses and determine which providers should be
234 contacted to request that they consider getting accredited for the advanced
235 building code course.

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237 Ms. Marshall-Beasley asked what had happened to CLARB's appearance at the
238 board meeting.

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240 Ms. Tinsley advised the board that Mr. Turner would be at the July 6, 2006
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243 The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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