

MINUTES
BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
Toll Free 888.808.6959; Conference Code 9218690

General Business Meeting
February 22, 2008 @ 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Walter called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Collene Walter
Elizabeth Gillick
Elizabeth Marshall Beasley
Paul Davis

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Diane Guillemette, Board Counsel
Juanita Chastain, Executive Director
Linda Tinsley, Government Analyst
Jessica Leigh, Prosecuting Attorney
Georgina Lopez-Lage

Ms. Walter stated that Ms. Georgina Lopez-Lage, an exam applicant, was on the conference call and she asked the board if they would re-order the agenda to consider Ms. Lopez-Lage's application so she could go back to work.

MOTION: Ms. Gillick made a motion to re-order the agenda to review Ms. Lopez-Lage's application for exam.

SECOND: Ms. Marshall-Beasley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Walter advised the board that Ms. Lopez-Lage had submitted an application to sit for the landscape architecture exam and the degrees she had were from a university in Colombia. Ms. Walter stated that her degrees had been evaluated to equate those to comparable degrees in the United States.

Ms. Walter advised the board that they were to review the information provided in her field of study and determine if it is equivalent to a degree in landscape architecture.

Ms. Gillick asked if Colombia had a means of accrediting programs of landscape architecture. She stated that she believed the statute required a degree from an accredited university.

Ms. Guillemette advised the board that according to the statute there were two (2) ways to obtain licensure in Florida. She stated that one is to have a degree in landscape architecture from an accredited university and two (2) is to have six (6) years experience. She stated that most professions provide in the statute for foreign graduates. She stated that the board could deny the application based on the statute or the board could look at it and she doesn't think any one would appeal it.

Ms. Gillick stated that she was impressed by the education.

Ms. Walter agreed and she stated that based on the expert opinion of the Global Education Group her degree is equivalent to a U. S. Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture awarded by a regionally accredited university in the United States.

After discussion by the board the following motion was made.

MOTION: Ms. Gillick made a motion to approve Ms. Lopez-Lage's application to take the exam.

SECOND: Ms. Marshall-Beasley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO RE-SCHEDULE CLARB EXAM

Marcus Carnegie

Ms. Walter advised the board that Mr. Carnegie's request had been tabled at the January 25, 2008 meeting. She stated that the board asked what the state requirements were for leave of absence before the board made a decision on Mr. Carnegie's request to re-schedule his exam. Ms. Walter advised the board that the state's definition of a death in the family does extend to the spouse's grandparents.

After discussion by the board the following motion was made.

MOTION: Ms. Gillick made a motion to approve Mr. Carnegie's request to re-schedule the landscape exam.

SECOND: Ms. Marshall-Beasley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE APPLICATION

Ms. Chastain advised the board that the Department wanted to make the application more user friendly for the applicant. She stated that the letters of reference are no longer asked for but the verification of experience is still required. Ms. Chastain stated that there was no statutory authority to ask for the letters of reference. She stated that the format was changed to make it easier for the applicant. She stated that the other landscape architecture applications were also going to be reviewed to make them more user friendly as well.

Ms. Walter advised the board that her only comment was that the work experience form did not ask for the name of the firm where the applicant gained their experience. She stated that she would always refer to the letters of reference for that information. Ms. Walter stated the reason she was curious was to make a determination as to whether it was a small firm, a large firm or a multi disciplinary firm. She stated that information was helpful, especially for the six (6) year candidates, to figure out what the candidate had been exposed to and what realm their practical experience was in.

Ms. Leigh advised the board that she had been working on the application form and March 15 the application would be available on the DBPR web site. She stated that technology had set up a way for the public to make comments about the application before the application becomes official. She stated that comments would be taken from March 15 through March 28, 2008. She stated that the board could go the web site and review the comments but the board could not post comments for other board members to respond to due to Government in the Sunshine violations.

Mr. Davis joined the Telephone Conference call at 10:35 a.m.

Ms. Walter stated that on page five (5) and page nine (9) of the application it states which sections of the exam are administered by CLARB but the application does not state that a check needs to be sent to CLARB for those sections of the exam.

Ms. Chastain advised the board that she would take their comments and suggestions to the General Counsel's office.

REVIEW OF CONTINUING EDUCATION/PROVIDER APPLICATIONS

Ms. Marshall-Beasley advised the board that the check sheets usually provided with the application were missing. Ms. Marshall-Beasley asked Ms. Chastain to check those after approval.

MOTION: Ms. Marshall-Beasley made a motion to approve the provider application and the following courses for Trifecta Construction Solutions.

SECOND: Ms. Gillick seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Trifecta Construction Solutions

Building Green: Trends, Implementation & Case Studies – 2 hours

6 Concepts of Green Development – 2 hours

7 Concepts of Building Green – 2 hours

Green Development: Industry Trends, Implementation & Case Studies – 2 hours

Ms. Marshall-Beasley asked board staff to ask the Bureau of Education and Testing to encourage the University of Florida Program for Resource Efficient Communities to submit the course Termites and Proper Construction Practices to be approved as an advanced building code course.

MOTION: Ms. Marshall-Beasley made a motion to approve the following course applications submitted by University of Florida Program for Resource Efficient Communities.

SECOND: Ms. Gillick seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

University of Florida Program for Resource Efficient Communities

Preserving Wildlife in Residential Developments – 4 hours

Florida Yards and Neighborhoods – 4 hours

Trees and Construction: Keeping Trees Alive in the Urban Forest – 2 hours

Termites and Proper Construction Practices – 2 hours

MOTION: Ms. Marshall-Beasley made a motion to approve the following course applications submitted by Cherry Lake Tree Farm.

SECOND: Ms. Gillick seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Cherry Lake Tree Farm

The Magic of Landscapes 2008 – 6 hours
Winter Park Landscape Tour – 4 hours

MOTION: Ms. Gillick made a motion to re-order the agenda to addendum II.

SECOND: Ms. Marshall-Beasley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Ms. Marshall-Beasley made a motion to approve the following course applications submitted by Samnnik & Associates LLC.

SECOND: Mr. Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Samnnik & Associates LLC

Soil Decompaction & Amendment for Urban Trees – 2 hours
Palm Transplanting – 1 hour
Whose Turf are you standing On – 1.5 hours
Plant Appraisals – 2.5 hours
Avoiding the Lawyer’s Food Chain - 2.5 hours
Successful Compliance with Tree Ordinances – 2 hours

RATIFICATION LIST

Ms. Walter reviewed the ratification list with the board.

MOTION: Ms. Gillick made a motion to approve the ratification list as presented.

SECOND: Ms. Marshall-Beasley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Certificate of Authorization

Landscape Architecture Network, LLC, Landscape Design Group, Inc.,
Landscape Design Workshop, Enea Garden Design, Inc.

Endorsement

Bradley D. Bartell, Brent Wayne Balch

Exam

Gary W. Lewis, Clark Lohmiller, Corey Seltenright, Mary Everett

FYI- PASS/FAIL STATISTICS FOR THE FLORIDA SECTION

Ms. Marshall-Beasley advised the board that she was pleased with the report on the pass/fail percentages and she sees a big improvement.

Ms. Walter asked Ms. Chastain and Mr. Davis to ask CLARB at the spring meeting if they could provide exam statistics to the board.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Walter asked Ms. Chastain if there was any news on board appointments.

Ms. Chastain advised the board that she was advised by the Governor's office that there should be some board appointments in the near future.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.