

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

**General Business Meeting**  
**October 27, 2009**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Marshall-Beasley called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ms. Elizabeth Marshall, Chair  
Mr. Phil Graham, Vice-Chair  
Ms. Collene Walter  
Dr. Ernest Paskey  
Mr. Joseph Delate

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Juanita Chastain, Executive Director  
Linda Tinsley, Government Analyst  
Diane Guillemette, Assistant Attorney General  
Rachel Clark, Assistant Attorney General  
John Gorham  
Douglas Thompson  
Daniel Shulman  
Dean Stoddart  
Other Interested Parties

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS**

**Douglas Trenton Thompson**  
**Examination Candidate**

Mr. Thompson was present on the call.

Ms. Chastain presented the application and informed the board it was before them for review because the application indicated an affirmative answer to the background question of being convicted of a crime.

Mr. Thompson stated that the driving under the influence incidents both occurred while he was in college. He commented he made a mistake and that was not how he lives his life now.

Mr. Graham asked if his license was suspended and Mr. Thompson indicated that it was suspended in Michigan where the incident occurred and that because the state reciprocated it was also suspended in Florida.

Ms. Walter asked Mr. Thompson about his employment. Mr. Thompson indicated that he was currently employed with a landscape architecture firm and that he was also an adjunct professor at Florida International University.

**MOTION:** Mr. Graham moved to approve the application.

**SECOND:** Ms. Marshall seconded the motion.

The motion passed with Mr. Delate opposed.

### **Request for Waiver of Continuing Education**

#### **Daniel R. Shulman, Dean Stoddart and Joseph John Webb**

Ms. Chastain asked the board if they wished to take the requests for temporary waiver of continuing education separately or if they wanted to take action on all three at the same time.

**MOTION:** Mr. Delate moved to approve all three requests for temporary waiver.

**SECOND:** Dr. Paskey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Shulman asked if he needed to do anything else. Ms. Marshall asked Ms. Chastain to explain the process. Ms. Chastain informed Mr. Shulman that he would receive a letter formerly notifying him that the board approved his request. Ms. Chastain stated that the renewal fee must be paid by the November 30, 2009 deadline and that the continuing education must be completed by November 30, 2010 or he may be subject to disciplinary action.

### **Discussion**

The board discussed the Stormwater Management System Design Task Force report. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Gorham for his hard work and dedication to the project.

Ms. Marshall asked Mr. Gorham to edit the report if possible to reflect that the Uniform National Exam is now known as the Landscape Architectural Registration Exam.

Mr. Delate asked Mr. Gorham to edit the report if possible to clarify item #10 on page three. He commented the sentence structure is not accurate and causes confusion. Mr. Gorham commented that the intent of that item was that there was no evidence presented to the task force that indicates that any landscape architect or professional engineer had designed and permitted a system that resulted in failure.

Ms. Walter commented that she was pleased to see that the task force acknowledged that because that is what the board always relied upon.

Mr. Gorham commented that the professional engineers do not accept that argument because many of the water management districts do not accept plans from landscape architects.

Ms. Marshall asked about the continuing education of the professions. Mr. Gorham commented that landscape architects are required to obtain 16 hours of continuing education and professional engineers only have to obtain 4. Ms. Walter stated that she recalls the board had approved approximately 32 continuing education courses for stormwater.

Ms. Walter stated that the report shows a consensus of the task force to recognize the status quo. She commented the report is endorsing current credentialing and there was no determination of a needed change.

Ms. Marshall commented that this is not just a state issue but is being watched nationally and she is personally delighted with the results.

The board members individually thanked Mr. Gorham for serving as their delegate. Mr. Gorham thanked the board for allowing him the opportunity to serve.

## **New Business**

Ms. Guillemette informed the board she had accepted a promotion with the Attorney General's Office and will be the new Bureau Chief of the Ethics Bureau. The board commented they hated to see her leave but congratulated her on the promotion. Ms. Guillemette introduced Ms. Rachel Clark. Ms. Clark is an

attorney with the Attorney General's Office and is expected to be Ms. Guillemette's replacement.

Ms. Chastain asked the board if they could change the January 22 meeting date to January 29 due to a staff conflict. The board agreed to change the date.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.