

# ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

## MINUTES Special/Called Board Meeting January 11, 2022

The Alabama Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects met on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery to conduct special business of the Board. The following members attended: Ms. Lea Ann Macknally (Board Chair), Mr. Chad Watkins (Board Secretary) and Ms. Julie Stephens (member). Others attending were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Laura Howell (Board Legal Counsel), Ms. Leigh Mooror (Board Administrator), Mr. Patrick McWhorter (Legislative Liaison) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary). Chairperson Macknally called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and, following Board roll call by Mr. Warren, all members were present.

Public notice of this special/called meeting was published on the Secretary of State's web site at [www.sos.alabama.gov](http://www.sos.alabama.gov) in accordance with the requirements of the Alabama Open Meetings Act and advertised on the Board's web site at [www.abela.alabama.gov](http://www.abela.alabama.gov).

Mr. Warren presented a copy of the proposed legislation with changes to the Board's statute. He indicated that these changes were discussed at the October Board meeting and presented for the Board's approval to submit during the 2022 Legislative Session.

The Board discussed proposed changes to the statute, e.g., repealing the certificate of authorization requirement, adding legal injunction authority, establishing an expired and reinstatement period to allow renewal of license, adding an inactive status category, increasing disciplinary fees, and adding fees for reinstatement and inactive licenses.

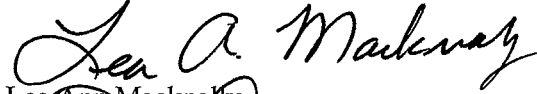
Further discussion continued about the removal of the requirement for certificate of incorporation and adding the requirement that individuals list on the licensure application the company-employer. Also discussed was the yearly application for an individual's license to remain on inactive status. Other areas changed in the statute were reviewed: legal proceeds brought in the jurisdiction where violations occurred or defendant resides; upon permanent injunction for violation, the offending party may be liable for other costs for investigations, attorney fees, etc.; and lapsed licenses beyond 5 years would require a new application and current licensing requirements be met by the individual.

Mr. Warren reported that he would obtain a final draft of the legislation based on the Board's approval. The Board discussed obtaining sponsors for the legislation. Mr. Watkins made the motion to approve the proposed legislation as discussed for submission during the 2022 Legislative Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stephens and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Warren reported that he would develop a list of the proposed changes so that members could review them with their legislators. He indicated that the legislation would most likely be considered in the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Senate and the Boards, Agencies and Commissions Committee of the House.

Chairperson Macknally announced that the next meeting of the Board was March 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. and the members would be advised about any change in the Board's meeting date and location.

There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Watkins made the motion that the meeting be adjourn and Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board and Chairperson Macknally adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lea Ann Macknally  
*Board Chairperson*



Keith E. Warren  
*Executive Director*

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