

ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

MINUTES Board Meeting February 5, 2019

The Alabama Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects met on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, to conduct a special/called meeting to discuss proposed legislation. The following members were in attendance: Mr. Larry Bates (Chairman and Mr. Chad Watkins. Board member, Ms. Lea Ann Macknally (Secretary) participated in the meeting via conference call. Others in attendance at the meeting were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Leigh Moorner (Board Administrator), and Ms. Renee' Reames (recorder of meeting minutes). Chairman Bates called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and Ms. Macknally acknowledged her participation by conference call.

Public notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was published on the Secretary of State's web site at 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.

Mr. Warren presented a copy of the proposed legislative bill drafted in 2015 for the Board's review and update of information. The Board reviewed the statute changes outlined in the bill, which included increasing the maximum administrative fine from \$250 to \$2,500, allowing the Board to assess anyone accused and found guilty any part of the costs of the proceedings beyond the administrative fines, and allow the Board to assess any accused licensee found guilty a part or all of the costs of the disciplinary proceedings and to add language to increase the initial application fee from \$75 to \$150. Mr. Watkins made a motion to approve the proposed changes to the Board's statute in the form of a proposed legislative bill. The motion was seconded by Ms. Macknally and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discuss sponsors for the bill and Mr. Warren stated that he would develop a synopsis/talking points and forward copies to the Board to use when meeting with legislators. He also indicated that he would provide the sponsors copies of the new brochure about Board licensure. He suggested that, should the bill pass during the 2019 legislative session, that the Board members meet with Governor Ivey for a legislation Act photograph.

Chairman Bates reminded the members about the next Board meeting scheduled Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Warren reported that the Administrative Services Contract request for bids had closed and bids would be presented to the Board for their approval at the April Board meeting. The Board also discussed Board terms and Chairman Bates indicated that he was aware of another licensee who was interested in serving on the Board. Chairman Bates reminded the members that election of officers was due and would be on the April Board meeting agenda.

There being no further business of the Board, Chairman Bates adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lawrence L. Bates

Chairman



Keith E. Warren

Executive Director

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