

ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

MINUTES Board Special/Called Meeting August 1, 2023

The Alabama Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects met on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery for a special/called meeting of the Board. The following members were in attendance: Ms. Lea Ann Macknally (Board Chair), Mr. Chad Watkins (Board Secretary) and Ms. Julie Stephens (member). Others in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director arrived at 10:45 a.m.), Ms. Laura Howell (Assistant Attorney General-Legal Counsel), and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary). Ms. Macknally, Board Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. and reported that all members.

Public notice of this special/called 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.

CLARB Uniform Standard for Landscape Architects

Chairperson Macknally presented information on the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards' (CLARB) Uniform Licensure Standard for Landscape Architects that was adopted by CLARB in 2022, and discussed by the Board at their March 7, 2023, Board meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Watkins made the motion to request that CLARB assist by presenting two written options that include amending the Board's statute and rewriting flexibility in the Board's current rules along with subsequent statute changes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stephens and unanimously approved by the Board.

Chairperson Macknally indicated that a copy of the proposals would be sent to the Board members to review prior to the next meeting scheduled in October.

Mr. Warren arrived at 10:45 a.m.

The Board continued discussions of the benefits of moving toward a national standard, i.e., reciprocity, uniform examination, easier pathway to entering the profession and removing some barriers in licensure and maintaining license. Chairperson Macknally indicated that she would present the information to ASLA to request a resolution of support and ASLA assistance in disseminating information in advance of the 2024 Legislative session, when proposed legislative changes would be presented. Sponsorship of the proposed bill was discussed by the Board. Mr. Warren indicated that he would have the Smith Warren lobbyist attend the October Board meeting. The Board discussed inviting Legislators to a special/called meeting of the Board in January 2024.

Ms. Howell reported that she would work on the unprofessional conduct rule with disciplinary action and present at the October Board meeting. She indicated that with the moratorium on rule changes, she recommended no changes in the disciplinary penalties.

Mr. Warren commented on the excellent presentations by Chairperson Macknally and Mr. Watkins at the Twin States meeting.

Chairperson Macknally indicated that the CLARB examination committee was requesting volunteers to assist. She indicated that the Alabama had a good presence at CLARB.

Announcements

Chairperson Macknally reminded the members that the next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled October 3, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. and the Board agreed to meet in Birmingham at her office, Macknally Land Design.

Adjournment

Mr. Watkins made the motion that the Board meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stephens and unanimously approved by the Board. Chairperson Macknally adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lea Ann Macknally
Board Chairperson



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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