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***DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION***

***BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS***

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State of Connecticut  
Department of Consumer Protection  
Occupational & Professional Licensing Division  
165 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

The Board of Landscape Architects held a regular meeting on September 21, 2010, which was called to order by Chairman Vincent McDermott at 9:30 AM in Room No 121 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

**Board Members Present:**

Vincent C. McDermott	Chairman
W. Phillips Barlow	Board Member
Paul E. Courchaine	Board Member
Nancy J. Rudek	Board Member
Shavaun Towers	Board Member
Stephen Wing	Board Member

**Board Members Not Present:**

Denise E. Cooper	Board Member
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**Others Present:**

Robert M. Kuzmich	Department of Consumer Protection
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## 1.) Old Business

1A. Minutes of the June 15, 2010 meeting of the Board; for review and approval. *After a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as written. (Courchaine/Wing)*

1B. Update from Mr. Vince McDermott and continuation of discussion of issues pertaining to meeting held with Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Consumer Protection Representatives on September 23, 2009. Mr. McDermott spoke with the Board's Attorney Peter Huntsman since their last meeting and was told that the Department of Environmental Protection chose to simply renew the General Permit for Storm Water Management for one year. As such, the Board's concerns were never adapted nor went forward. Mr. McDermott noted that the Board still needs to be vigilant is that the DEP has chosen to withdraw the existing regulations and by January of 2011 will issue a new Draft that will address low impact development standards as a part of storm water general permit. He cautioned the Board that they still need to be vigilant regarding this matter.

1C. Application of Mr. David G. Westmoreland for licensing by written examination; Mr. Westmoreland is applying with a *CLARB Council Record (No. 32199)* and has passed the *Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards*. Mr. Westmoreland is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. McDermott asked the Board to review the minutes from the last meeting to refresh their memories regarding the details of Mr. Westmoreland's application.

The issue at hand was the applicant's documented work experience. Mr. McDermott noted the Board's concern was that the experience in landscape architecture did not add up to the required two years. He also noted an individual working as an employee in the applicant's company was listed as his supervisor and the question from the Board is how can this be? Mr. Westmoreland clarified for the Board that he does not own the company and that he had a great deal of difficulty in filling out his Council Record and getting their personnel to record his employment information correctly.

Mr. Westmoreland gave the Board an updated employment documentation which clarified and answered all the questions the Board had regarding the same. Mr. McDermott noted that this is the reason why the Board had asked Mr. Westmoreland to talk with them today. *After some brief discussion regarding the troubles Mr.*

*Westmoreland had in communicating his employment history with CLARB, the Board voted unanimously to approve his application for licensing as a landscape architect in Connecticut. (Courchaine/Barlow)*

## **2.) New Business**

**2A. Application of Ms. Anna L. Colligan for licensing by written examination;** Ms. Colligan is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 30453) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. ***Upon completion of a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Ms. Colligan's application. (Towers/Courchaine)***

**2B. Application of Ms. Jianxin Dai for licensing by written examination;** Ms. Dai is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 16157) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. ***Upon completion of a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Ms. Dai's application. (Barlow/Courchaine) It is noted that Ms. Towers abstained from the vote because Ms. Dai works for her.***

**2C. Application of Mr. Steven Fusco for licensing by written examination;** Mr. Fusco is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 33921) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. ***Upon completion of a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Fusco's application. (Towers/Courchaine)***

**2D. Application of Mr. Devin G. Hefferon for licensing by written examination;** Mr. Hefferon is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 34652) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. ***Upon completion of a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Hefferon's application. (Towers/Courchaine)***

**2E. Application of Mr. Bryan E. Quinn for licensing by written examination;** Mr. Quinn is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 34171) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. ***Upon completion of a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Quinn's application. (Towers/Courchaine)***

**2F. Application of Ms. Sarah H.P. Siegel for licensing by written examination;** Ms. Siegel is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 35583) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. ***Upon completion of a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Ms. Siegel's application. (Towers/Courchaine)***

2G. Application of Ms. Selene G. Weber for licensing by written examination; Ms. Weber is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 31271) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. Upon completion of a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Ms. Weber's application. (Towers/Courchaine)

2H. Updated list of applications processed for licenses subsequent to the December 8, 2009 meeting of the Board.

NAME	METHOD OF LICENSURE	DEPT. APPR'D DATE
Judge, Jennifer D.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 34390; Rhode Island	July 8, 2010
Wurm, Michele D.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 37238; New York	July 21, 2010
Christenson, Zachary D.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 3478; Virginia	July 21, 2010
Rykiel, Scott J.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 2419; Maryland	August 4, 2010
Boucher, Michael S.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 4285; Maine	August 31, 2010
Chalifoux, Tracy L.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 4067; New York	September 2, 2010
Castrejon, Jose J.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 2384; Ohio	September 10, 2010

2I. Update from the Department's Legal Staff regarding any Board issues or otherwise.

1. Mr. Schwane advised the Board that their legislative package has little chance of being included in the Department's Legislative Package upon speaking with their legislative liaison Gary Berner. Mr. Berner noted that the Department is essentially under orders to keep their package to a minimum due to upcoming change in political tide.

After considerable discussion on what to do next, the Board decided to wait until the elections are over and then place this item on their December 21, 2010 Board Meeting agenda. For the benefit of the Board's newer members, Mr. McDermott summarized the Board's legislative proposals especially detailing their proposed corporate registration requirements.

2. Mr. Schwane updated the Board on the status of what the Architects and Engineers Boards are doing regarding electronic seals and signatures. He essentially stated that these Boards are up against the same obstacles as this Board faces with their legislation. The Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects may sponsor the legislation for the Architect's Board.

3. Mr. Schwane briefly discussed Public Act 10-48 which allows landscape architects to be included in the joint corporate practice of architecture and engineering and noted that Mr. McDermott had raised the issue of whether or not any regulations had to be

changed. The approval process for these new applications was discussed noting that each of the appropriate Boards must approve the joint application.

4. Mr. Schwane noted that Linda Roberts is no longer with the Department. Mr. Rick Maloney, Director of the Trade Practices Division advised Mr. Schwane he would continue to provide the Board with Complaint Reports. Mr. McDermott noted that it is very frustrating for the Board not to know the statuses of complaints they know are pending.

2J. Any correspondence and/or business received in the interim.

1. Mr. McDermott was contacted last week by the Department of Transportation by an individual whose position is very closely behind the Commissioner asking about the licensing of landscape architects. They have a landscape architect in their employ and are trying to reestablish the position of landscape architect officially. In the process of doing this he is getting some pushback as to why landscape architects must be licensed. Mr. McDermott wrote a dissertation for this gentleman to use in a meeting today to help establish the merits of this licensed position. Mr. McDermott gave this information to the Board today for their information. It was noted that it was sad that the Department of Transportation needs to be made aware of what landscape architecture is.

2. Mr. Wing explained his involvement in a government group which sets standards for the filing of maps and other land records. This committee includes members from both the architects and engineers boards and is currently involved in a contentious dispute between an attorney and a town clerks' office. The committee convenes again today to address a possible solution to this situation. As such, Mr. Wing needs to leave the Board meeting early. He will report back to the Board on this matter in December.

3. Mr. McDermott updated the Board regarding his recent attendance at a CLARB Meeting. He advised the Board that CLARB has initiated a research project focusing on how the protection of public welfare can truly be tested. CLARB hired a consultant to define historically what welfare is and to determine how landscape architects impact the public's welfare. He advised the Board to stay tuned to this issue because he believes that this new area of proposed testing will be a very intensely discussed topic in the near future.

Mr. McDermott also advised the Board that they may be receiving information from CLARB in the near future regarding their new task analysis. Input from this survey affects the future examination subject matter and test delivery methods.

4. Mr. Kuzmich advised the Board of a special meeting to be held on October 7, 2010 by the Architects Board at the offices of JCJ Architecture regarding Building Information Modeling. He will keep the Board posted.

5. Mr. Barlow noted that this Board may be challenged, again, with the incoming new administration regarding their possible elimination or the elimination of licensing. Mr. McDermott does not see licensing being challenged based upon national trends. As far as Board status is concerned, Mr. McDermott stated that the Board needs to take matters as they come. The recent past attempt to eliminate many of the Department Boards was discussed noting that it was not very well thought out when the actual facts of what it costs to run the Boards were compared to the benefit they provide the public and Department at minimal cost.

*The meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM. (Courchaine/Barlow) The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 21, 2010, 9:30 AM, Room 121, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.*

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.  
Board Administrator