

**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**State Board for Landscape Architecture**  
1411 Broadway; Regents' Room  
New York, NY 10018

Present: Stacy Paetzel, Chair  
Adrienne Weremchuk, Vice Chair  
Andrew Lavallee  
Kimberly Lorenz  
Christopher Nolan

Absent: Valerie Aymer  
Christine Colley  
Nate Harris

Staff: Robert Lopez, Executive Secretary  
Marci McKenna, Assistant in Professional  
Education

**November 29, 2023**

**OPEN SESSION**

1. Motion: Nolan/Weremchuk: That the minutes of the August 16, 2023 State Board meeting be approved as written. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
2. **Board Chair Report**: Chair Paetzel stated that the items she wanted to discuss were included in the meeting agenda.
3. **Board Office Report**: The Executive Secretary stated that the number of licenses granted so far in 2023 is similar to the past few years. The law allowing expanded ownership of DPCs by ESOPs will take effect in July 2024. A new legislative session starts in early January.
4. **Old Business**:  
Continuing Education (CE) Update: NYSCLA has informed the Department that they have completed a draft of modifications to the CE requirements. The Executive Secretary has put NYSCLA leadership in touch with SED's Government Affairs' staff.. Board members will have the opportunity to offer technical assistance on potential modifications.

Board Member Search: Member Colley's term ends on June 30, 2024, and interviews have occurred for her potential replacement.

2023 CLARB Regional Meeting Summary: The Executive Secretary virtually attended the CLARB Regional Meeting in August. An outline of the topics discussed was included in the Board package. Highlights included:

The CLARB Annual Meeting agenda was reviewed by CLARB leadership.

LARE updates were shared by CLARB. Due to the next version of the LARE being introduced in December 2023, scoring will likely be delayed until the number of administrations is sufficient to establish cut scores.

CLARB continues to offer multiple virtual opportunities to learn about and to encourage leadership opportunities and development for future leaders of the organization.

CLARB expects that exam revenue will drop in the coming year given the exam transition. To better balance its budget requirements, CLARB will look at its budget in a two-year cycle.

CLARB Annual Meeting: The Executive Secretary and Vice Chair Weremchuk attended the CLARB Annual Meeting in September. Member Weremchuk cited the differences between New York's Board and other multidisciplinary Boards organization as an excellent learning experience. Additional highlights included:

CLARB's efforts continue with respect to diversity, equity and inclusion in the profession of landscape architecture, including, among other efforts, its new partnership with ASLA to assist women of color in the profession and engagement with the Black Landscape Architect Network and NOMA.

CLARB hired Frameworks, a consultant, to better frame the discussion of what landscape architecture is, and what landscape architects do, for the public.

A Global Task Analysis was conducted in 10 different languages that included responses from over 100 countries to better understand the state of landscape architecture on a global scale.

ICOR, a consortium of the design professions, is studying the overlap in scopes of practice between the design professions. It is hoped that updates will be provided in 2024 that may help to inform the scopes of practice for the design professions. Board members commented on the varied design professions scopes of work, and that oftentimes, it is the landscape architect who is best able to lead certain scopes of work for site design.

Landscape Architecture has been designated a STEM profession by the US Department of Homeland Security, a significant development that recognizes the profession.

**5. New Business:**

2024 CLARB Annual Meeting: This meeting will be held in Buffalo, New York. Additional conversations regarding attendance at this meeting will occur at the April 2024 meeting of the State Board. Given her familiarity with the area, Member Lorenz will work on potential places of interest for landscape architects.

NJASLA Annual Meeting CE Review: After discussion of the courses brought before the State Board, the following recommendations were made:

4KN – OK for HSW  
5KN – OK for HSW  
6B – OK, no HSW  
7C – OK, no HSW  
8A – OK, no HSW  
8B – no credit  
10KN – OK, no HSW  
11A – OK, no HSW

The Board agreed with the NJASLA's findings regarding acceptability of the other courses to be offered at the Annual Meeting.

LARE Updates: The new version of the LARE will debut in December. CLARB is now offering practice exams for a \$25 fee.

ARPL Legislative Recap and 2024 Outlook: The Executive Secretary attended an ARPL (Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing) webinar in November. Among other efforts, ARPL is focused on

crafting effective messaging on and expanding awareness of the importance of licensure via various media channels.

CLARB Request for Volunteers: An overview of various volunteer opportunities was included in the Board package.

Multiple Pathways to Practice in Architecture: NCARB has endorsed multiple pathways to licensure and has given its Boards preliminary guidance on how such pathways may be regulated. The State Board for Architecture will be reviewing its current recommendations on licensure pathways considering this endorsement. The Executive Secretary noted that the State Board for Landscape Architecture had performed a review of its experience requirements given CLARB's recommendation for a universal licensure standard and that it may want to study its requirements in the future.

6. **Motion:** Weremchuk/Lavallee moved to adjourn. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Next meeting Wednesday, April 17, 2024; in NYC**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Lopez, RA  
Executive Secretary