

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

Present: Stacy Paetzel, Chair
Valerie Aymer
Daniel Biggs
Nate Harris
Andrew Lavallee
Christopher Nolan

Absent: Adrienne Weremchuk, Vice Chair
Kimberly Lorenz

Staff: Robert Lopez, Executive Secretary
Gina Sacco, Assistant in Profession Education

December 4, 2024

OPEN SESSION

1. **Motion:** Lavallee/Biggs: That the Board enter Executive Session. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
2. **Motion:** Nolan/Lavallee: That the minutes of the August 14, 2024 meeting of the State Board for Landscape Architecture be approved as written. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. **Board Chair Report:** Chair Paetzel noted that this year's ASLA Annual Conference Learning Lab sessions were not recognized as acceptable continuing education (CE) in New York. Chair Paetzel recommended that the Board review these LL sessions to determine whether they should receive CE credit in New York. The Executive Secretary noted that the LL sessions were not included in last year's review of ASLA CE offerings, so no review was conducted. He will reach out to ASLA to ask that the LL sessions be sent to New York in the future.
4. **Board Office Report:** The Executive Secretary provided updated statistics that showed steady growth in the number of landscape architects licensed in New York. New York has licensed more landscape architects this year than any prior year except for the early 1960's, when landscape architecture first became a profession.

The Board discussed a new law that will allow all licensees to receive an email notification regarding registration renewal from the State Education Department in lieu of a paper document delivered by mail. Chair Paetzel recommended notifying ASLA chapters of this change, and the Executive Secretary will follow up with them.

5. **Old Business:**
Continuing Education (CE) Update: NYSCLA is still seeking a bill sponsor for proposed updates to modernize the CE requirements for landscape architects.

Board Member Search: The Board is still in need of a Public Member and the Executive Secretary welcomes any suggestions from current Board members.

2024 CLARB Annual Meeting: Member Biggs and the Executive Secretary attended the CLARB Annual Meeting in September in Buffalo, New York. A summary of outcomes was included in the

Board package. For the first time in many years, a joint licensure summit with the ASLA was held immediately preceding the Annual Meeting.

Member Biggs reviewed the key sessions and outcomes of the CLARB Annual Meeting. Highlights of the meeting included a presentation on artificial intelligence (AI) and its impact on regulation and practice, a deep-dive into understanding how the LARE proves competency to practice, an update on ICOR and the regulation of overlapping practice in the design professions, input on the work of the CLARB Bylaws Workgroup, and further discussions surrounding the impact of the STEM designation for students, candidates, instructors and the profession of landscape architecture.

Member Biggs noted that the Annual Meeting was packed with many sessions that offered excellent information. The Board discussed whether students are familiar with CLARB, the numerous areas in which CLARB is involved, and the current disconnect between practice, becoming licensed, and education.

6. **New Business:**

NJASLA Annual Meeting CE Review: The Executive Secretary led the Board through a discussion of NJASLA Annual Conference courses for the Board's input. After discussion, the Board agreed with the findings as outlined in the Board package and provided further input on the following courses:

- Session 6A – OK for HSW
- Session 6B – OK for HSW
- Session 8A – OK no HSW
- Session 8B – no credit
- Session 10KN - no credit

Competency Standard - Architecture: The Executive Secretary shared NCARB's *Competency Standard for Architects* that was released in October. He went over the potential impacts the standard may have as NCARB begins its multiple pathways to licensure initiative. The Executive Secretary noted the ongoing conversations that the State Board for Architecture is having with respect to updating its education and experience requirements for licensure.

The Board engaged in discussion on the value of education and experience towards licensure. The Executive Secretary noted that he will keep the Board updated on the Architecture Board's recommendations on future changes to the licensure requirements for architects.

CLARB Annual Report: The Executive Secretary included this report in the Board package and noted that it provides a good overview for CLARB activities. Member Aymer asked if the report could be shared, and the Executive Secretary noted that the Annual Report is public and can be shared with students.

LAAB Annual Report: The Executive Secretary shared the report and a few highlights. Member Nolan asked if there is data in the report on the percentage of students who get licensed after going through LAAB programs. The Executive Secretary stated that this information was not included in this particular report.

Board Elections: The Board will vote on a new Chair and Vice Chair at their April 2025 meeting. Members who are interested in serving in either of these roles should reach out to Chair Paetzel if they are interested in either position.

7. **Motion:** Lavalle /Aymer moved to adjourn. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Next meeting Wednesday, April 23, 2025; in NYC

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Lopez, RA
Executive Secretary

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1. Motion: Nolan/Lavallee: That the minutes of the August 14, 2024 meeting of the State Board for Landscape Architecture be approved as written. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
2. Education Program Review: The Executive Secretary thanked Members Aymer, Lavallee and Ms. Sacco for reviewing a proposed change to a professional education program. Members Aymer and Lavallee reviewed the proposal and provided comments to the Board. Both were in support of the changes to the professional education program. Member Aymer recommended that an on-campus option be available for students who may find the off-campus requirement in the fourth-year cost prohibitive or may not be prepared to study off-campus. The Board supported the proposal with Member Aymer's recommendation included.
3. Disciplinary Case: The Executive Secretary reviewed a disciplinary case and showed the Board members the OP website and how the disciplinary case would appear to those individuals visiting the website.
4. Motion: Harris/Aymer: That the Board resume Open Session. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Lopez, RA
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