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**State Board for Landscape Architecture Meeting**  
1411 Broadway (between 39<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> Streets) – 10<sup>th</sup> Floor – Regent's Room-Manhattan

**Thursday, August 14, 2025**  
10:00 am start time

*Members of the public may attend and observe the meeting outside of the Executive Session*

**AGENDA**

**Public Session**

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

**Executive Session**

2. Disciplinary Case
3. Approval of Minutes – December 2024 and April 2025
4. Board Chair Report
5. Board Office Report
6. Old Business
  - Continuing Education Update
    - Regulatory Amendments
      - Continuing Education
      - Modernize endorsement provisions for US and Canada
      - Updates to Experience
      - ESL Provisions for the LARE
      - General Update of Regulations
  - Education/Experience Review - Architecture
  - CLARB Annual Meeting – Sept. 18-20, 2025
    - Agenda
    - Delegate
    - Elections
  - Future CLARB Visit – December
  - Public Member Search
  - Professional Member Search
7. New Business
  - 2025 ASLA Conference CE Review
  - 2026 Meeting Dates
  - Fiverr issue

8. Adjournment

**Next Meeting**

*December 3, 2025 – New York, NY*

**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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**December 4, 2024**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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.

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**April 23, 2025**

**OPEN SESSION**

1. A quorum was not present. As a result, no actions were taken by the State Board.
2. **Board Chair Report:** No report.
3. **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 licensed 92 landscape architects last year, more than any other year on record.

OP/Staff Activities: The Board Office has completed its recruitment process for a new Education Credentials Specialist 1 (ECS 1), and is waiting on next steps from HR. Presently, the new ECS 1 is expected to start in May or June. The Executive Secretary thanked Ms. Sacco for her leadership with this recruitment effort.

The Executive Secretary described various activities he has been involved with over the last few months.

Legislative / Regulatory Activity: The Board discussed numerous legislative items.

A10543/S9849 (now Chapter 534 of the Laws of 2024) – the Executive Secretary described this new law and how the proposed Part Z of the NYS budget bill proposes to modify it. Board members in attendance expressed their continued support of the 2013 Design-Build White paper and that alternative project delivery methods can be used successfully in New York while not harming public protection. Board members also described their experience with design-build and the numerous checks and balances that were in place on those projects.

Budget Bill Part Y – Board members in attendance discussed this bill language. Much like Part Z, Board members in attendance expressed their continued support of the 2013 Design-Build White paper and reiterated that alternative project delivery methods can be used successfully while not harming public protection.

S1834 – Board members in attendance discussed this bill language. The members expressed that there must be a better understanding of appropriate titles for non-licensed individuals and that only those licensed as landscape architects in New York may use the title “landscape architect”. The Board did not have any technical assistance to offer on this bill and recommended that the Department support it, since, if approved, it would allow New York State employees to have similar opportunities as those in New York City.

S3268 – Board members in attendance discussed this bill language. After discussion, the Board’s technical assistance included the necessity to include landscape architects and architects in the bill language, as only professional engineers are currently included.

Board members also inquired about various other bills included in the Board package.

**4. Old Business:**

Continuing Education (CE) Update: The Executive Secretary reported that NYSCLA was successful in having a bill introduced in both the Assembly (A7561) and Senate (S7220) earlier this month to modernize the CE requirements for landscape architects. The changes in the requirements were reviewed by the Board members in attendance and included their recommendations. If the bill is passed and signed into law, the regulatory process will commence and take 18 months. Board members will be asked for confirmation of prior recommendations for CE changes as the regulations are being developed.

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

Professional Member Search: A candidate is being interviewed in late May for the position that will be available when Member Lavalley leaves the Board at the end of January 2026.

LARE ESL Accommodations: The Executive Secretary included CLARB’s language in the Board package that outlines New York’s non-acceptance of the ESL Accommodation for candidates taking the LARE. Regulatory amendments including the ESL Accommodation will be considered by Department leadership and the State Board in the event of passage of the CE modernization bill.

Architecture Education and Experience requirement: The Architecture Board’s suggested modifications to the education and experience requirements for licensure candidates was included in the Board package. The Executive Secretary asked Board members if they would like to hold a similar review. The Board members suggested waiting until all members are present to have a conversation about this item.

**5. New Business:**

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Chair Paetzel shared the typical process for selecting new Chair and Vice Chair. Elections are held annually with the Chair and Vice Chair usually holding each position for two years. This vote will be delayed until the start of the August meeting when a quorum is present.

CLARB Mid-Year Update: This virtual meeting will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm. The Executive Secretary asked for volunteers to attend, however, none of the Board members present can attend the entire meeting. Since a recording will be available, the Executive Secretary will review the recording and provide a summary to the Board at the August Board meeting.

CLARB Annual Meeting: This in-person meeting will be held from September 18-20. Vice Chair Weremchuk will check her schedule, and if she cannot attend, Member Biggs expressed interest in attending.



CLARB Organizational Update: Rebecca Moden, COO of CLARB, has accepted a new role as the CEO of CIDQ. The Executive Secretary included updates in the Board package regarding CLARB's hiring of a new staff member and existing staff members who will absorb Rebecca's duties.

Future CLARB Visit: The Executive Secretary sought input on whether CLARB should be invited to a future meeting, and, if invited, ideas for potential discussion topics. It was suggested that the State Board and CLARB can share updates on common items of interest. After discussion, members present suggested that a conversation about agenda and logistical items be part of the August State Board agenda.

NCARB Statement on AI: The Executive Secretary reviewed highlights from NCARB's statement on AI. Discussion surrounded whether CLARB should take up a similar effort in describing AI and a licensee's responsibilities in using AI.

ASLA Meeting CE Volunteers: Member Lorenz, Member Weremchuk and Member Harris volunteered to take part in this annual CE review.

6. Meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting Thursday, August 14, 2025; in NYC**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Lopez, RA  
Executive Secretary

NEW YORK STATE BOARD  
FOR  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
  
BOARD REPORT

**Licensing Statistics**

Current Resident Registrants:	945
Current Non-Resident Registrants:	644
Total Number of Registrants as of July 1, 2025	1,589

**Licenses Issued**

2025 – 29 (through June 30); 2024 – 92; 2023 – 81; 2022 – 74; 2021 – 76; 2020 – 61

**Licenses Issued between March 26, 2025 – July 24, 2025 - 24**

**OP/Staff Activities**

Our new Education Credentials Specialist 1, Melissa Heinrichs, began in the Board office on June 3, 2025. The Board office now has 4 staff members, total.

On February 11, 2025, Ms. Sacco and the Executive Secretary attended the joint ASLA/CLARB Licensure Summit. A summary follows the Board report.

Vice Chair Weremchuk and Member Aymer have attended the NYSED Comprehensive Ethics Training Course. All other Board Members are asked to attend this course. The Department’s Office of Human Resources Management (OHRM) will continue to email monthly indicating upcoming training dates. Currently, OHRM is advertising two more dates; one in August and one in September, but one or two additional dates are anticipated.

**Legislative / Regulatory Activity**

The NYS Legislature is in a new two-year session that will run from January 2025 December 2026. Although early in the session, legislation of interest follows:

**A7561 / S7220 – Relates to continuing education requirements for landscape architects**

Relates to continuing education requirements for landscape architects; provides that adjustments to such requirements may be granted for health reasons, active duty, or other good cause; limits the number of credit hours that may carry over to the next registration period.

*Bill has passed both Houses; has not yet been transmitted to the Executive. A copy of the bill language follows the Board report.*

**S3268 / No Same as – Relates to comprehensive delivery of infrastructure delivered between a public entity and a development entity**

Relates to comprehensive delivery of infrastructure delivered between a public entity and a development entity consolidating at least two or more of design, construction, finance, operations and/or maintenance work, including construction manager or construction manager at risk; authorizes a public entity to pursue certain authorized projects; provides for project funding and authorizes the public entity to accept from any source any grant, donation, gift or other form of conveyance of land, money; provides for labor and public interest protections; makes related provisions.

*Bill is referred to Procurement and Contracts in the Senate.*

**A5838 / No Same as – Relates to pre-approved construction documents**

Requires municipalities which issue building permits to provide pre-approved construction documents at no cost for the types of residential building permitted to be constructed in such jurisdiction.

*Bill is referred to Governmental Operations in the Senate.*

**S1834 / No Same as – Relates to the licensing of landscape architects**

Relates to certain licensing exemptions for landscape architects.

*Bill is committed to Rules in the Senate*

**S3287 / A4942 – Relates to an engineering technology degree**

Provides that an applicant with a bachelor's degree or higher in engineering technology and an applicant with a bachelor's degree or higher in engineering shall have the same number of education and experience credit requirements, shall have the same eligibility for an identification card as "an engineer in training", as well as examination and examination eligibility requirements.

*Bill is referred to Higher Education in the Senate and is referred to Higher Education in the Assembly.*

**A483 / S5392 – Permits certain not-for-profit corporations engaged in engineering for certain conservation efforts to do business or provide professional engineering, land surveying or professional geology services in the state**

Relates to permitting certain not-for-profit corporations engaged in engineering for certain conservation efforts to do business or provide professional engineering, land surveying, or professional geology services in the state.

*Bill is referred to Higher Education in the Assembly and is passed in the Senate.*

**S1141 / A4840 – Relates to the requirements for certification for certified interior designers**

Relates to the educational and examination requirements for certification as a certified interior designer; provides an exemption from the education requirements for architects licensed under Article 147 of the NYS Education Law.

*Bill is referred to Higher Education in the Senate and is referred to Higher Education in the Assembly.*

**A2571 / S620 – Relates to the practice of geology**

Adds the practice of geology to legacy corporations.

*Bill is printed in the Assembly and is repassed in the Senate.*

**S2146 / A4907 – Repeals and reenacts provisions on time limitations on certain actions against professional engineers, architects, other designers and construction contractors**

Repeals and reenacts statute of limitation provisions on wrongful death, personal injury and property damage actions against professional engineers, architects, landscape architects, land surveyors and construction contractors to provide for a limitations period of ten years after completion of improvement to real property; "completion", which constitutes the accrual date for the limitations period, is defined; provides for a one year extension for injuries to person or property or wrongful death which occur during the tenth year after completion.

*Bill is committed to Rules in the Senate and is referred to Higher Education in the Assembly.*

**A4680 / No Same as – New York Emergency Responder Act**

Enacts the New York emergency responder act limiting the liability of certain emergency responders.

*Bill is referred to Governmental Operations in the Assembly.*

**S4577 / A5520 - Requires public authorities to negotiate with most qualified architectural, engineering, geological, landscape architectural and/or surveying professional firms before negotiating with other firms**

Requires public authorities and public benefit corporations to negotiate with professional firms providing architectural, engineering, geological, landscape architectural or surveying services in order from the most qualified to the least qualified with regard to the provision of services to the authority or corporation

*Bill is reported and committed to Procurement and Contracts in the Senate and is referred to Corporations, Authorities and Commissions in the Assembly.*

**S4877 / No Same as – Relates to the establishment of the water-based fire protection licensure act**

Establishes water-based fire protection licensure act, setting forth licensure requirements for contractors engaged in the business of the layout, installing, repairing, inspecting, testing, or maintaining of water-based fire protection systems and components.

*Bill is referred to Consumer Protection in the Senate.*

**S7104 / No Same as – NYC DoB False Documents**

Relates to false statements in documents submitted to the department of buildings of the city of New York

*Bill is referred to Cities in the Senate.*

**A5678 / No Same As – Increases to \$50,000 for cost of construction threshold**

Increases to \$50,000 the cost of the construction of a building, structure or public work, above which a professional engineer, land surveyor or architect must be.

*Bill is referred to Higher Education in the Assembly.*

## **Bills Not yet Introduced**

### **S / A – Relates to building permits**

Authorizes a city, town or village to establish a program whereby a building permit may be issued based upon certification by a registered architect or professional engineer.

*Bill is not yet introduced*

### **S / A – Relates to public employees' supervision, examination, review, and determination of acceptability of public works projects performed by contractors**

Requires certain public employees to be on the site for the duration of public works projects completed by contractors; requires such certain public employees to review a contractor's work on public works projects and determine whether the work performed is acceptable.

*Bill passed in the Senate and passed in the Assembly but was vetoed by the Executive in 2024.*

*Bill is not yet introduced this session.*

### **S / A – Relates to licensure requirements for professional geologists**

Provides that the education requirements to be licensed as a professional geologist may be partially substituted by practical experience; relates to the issuance of an identification card as a geologist in training.

*Bill is not yet introduced*

### **S / A – Establishes a program where a municipal department of buildings may accept certain construction documents for code compliance**

Establishes a program where a municipal department of buildings may accept construction documents required to be filed in relation to code compliance prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy with less than a full examination by such municipal department of buildings based on a professional certification of an applicant who is an architect or professional engineer; makes related provisions.

*Bill is not yet introduced*

### **S / A – Requires certain engineering plans that could pose a material risk to public safety to bear a stamp of approval of a professional engineer**

Requires certain engineering plans or specifications for engineering work or services that could pose a material risk to public safety to bear a stamp of approval of a professional engineer and authorizes the public service commission to promulgate rules and regulations relating to such requirement.

*Bill is not yet introduced*

### **S / A – Interior Design/State Contracting**

Adds interior design services as a type of contract that can be entered into and negotiated by the state

*Bill is not yet introduced*

**S / A - Licensing consequences for serious abuse of self-certification privileges**

Relates to licensing consequences for architects or engineers who seriously abuse their self-certification privileges

*Bill is not yet introduced*

**Office of Professional Discipline**

Christopher Michael Crowley

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
**THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**CLARB/ASLA  
LICENSURE  
SUMMIT**

**To:** Landscape Architecture Board Members  
**From:** Robert Lopez  
**Subject:** CLARB / ASLA Licensure Summit 7.9.25  
**In reply to:**

**Date:** July 9, 2025

The Executive Secretary and Ms. Sacco attended the virtual Joint Licensure Summit hosted by CLARB and ASLA. Over 100 individuals attended this presentation. Below is a summary of the presentation:

Agenda

- 2025 legislative update
- Uniform standard update
- ARPL updated
- Organizational Updates & Reminders

2025 Legislative Update – Bradley Rawls

- Most States are out of legislative session
- Tracking 80 bills in 2025
- No outright deregulation bills pertaining to landscape architecture
- Bills primarily involved military spouses, sunset review, universal licensure, right to earn a living
- Board Reauthorization & Design Professional – Alaska SB 54 – definition of design professional includes landscape architect and reauthorizing Board until 2033; adds interior design to the Board – awaiting transmittal to the Governor
- New Mexico – New Mexico SB 113 – extends LA Board to 7/1/35
- Alabama – Alabama SB 193 – would have transferred LA Board to Office of Professional Licensing but died
- Nevada – Nevada SB 78 – would have eliminated Boards, including LA Board. Would have combined several Boards into one large Board. Legislation died
- Florida – Florida HB 1461; HB 991; SB 110 – would have reformed Board to combine RA and LA Boards; other bill would have eliminated all Boards to transfer all Boards to DPOR. Would have eliminated CE for professions. All of these bills died
- North Carolina – SB 451 – would have required reduced CE by 50% or double the amount of time permitted to do CE.
- New York – AB 7561 / SB 7220 – modernizing CE legislation – additional flexibility for CE.

### Uniform Standard Update – Zach Druga

- Hawaii – SB 1625 – no movement on uniform standard bill yet
- New Mexico – SB 61 – was passed out of Committee; but ran out of time – bill died.
- Alabama – HB 594 – did not move
- Nebraska – LB 696 – Uniform standard bill passed and signed into law in one year – they are the 8<sup>th</sup> jurisdiction to align with the Uniform Standard

### Uniform Standard: Public Relation Efforts – Bradley

- Nebraska newspaper Op-Ed
- Governing Op-Ed – macro-view – magazine targeted to more policymakers and legislators

### Uniform Standard: Progress - Zach

- Regulatory updates occurring in Colorado and Oklahoma
- 2026 Statutory updates in Georgia, Kansas, North Carolina, South Carolina, possibly Tennessee and possibly Washington

### Alliance for Professional Licensing Updated – Zach

- ALEC – ARPL made strategic decision to join ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council)
  - Continuing strategic engagement
  - Monitoring model policies
  - Progress limiting model policies on regulation
  - Possible engagement with additional center-right groups
- Florida
  - Preparing for more reform efforts in 2026
  - Amplifying voice of landscape architects in the State
  - Other States will be monitoring Florida
  - Will likely need to duplicate strategy
  - 2025 reform proposals in Florida
    - Merge landscape architects with architects
    - Eliminate all Boards
    - Eliminate all CE
- Numerous ARPL resources are available

### Organizational Updates and Reminders – Bradley

- 14 States hosted State advocacy days throughout US in 2025
- CLARB Annual Meeting – September 18-20
- CLARB Bylaws Amendments Webinar – July 16
- CLARB Special Meeting of Membership/Vote on Bylaws – August 12



- ICOR Practice Overlap Resource Webinar – August 13

**A7561** Lupardo Same as [S 7220](#) WEBB

Education Law

TITLE....Relates to continuing education requirements for landscape architects

04/01/25 referred to higher education

05/06/25 reported referred to ways and means

05/20/25 reported referred to rules

05/21/25 reported

05/21/25 rules report cal.235

05/21/25 ordered to third reading rules cal.235

05/21/25 passed assembly

05/21/25 delivered to senate

05/21/25 REFERRED TO HIGHER EDUCATION

06/05/25 SUBSTITUTED FOR S7220

06/05/25 3RD READING CAL.908

06/05/25 PASSED SENATE

06/05/25 RETURNED TO ASSEMBLY

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

April 1, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. LUPARDO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to continuing education requirements for landscape architects

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 7328 of the education law, as added by chapter 683  
2 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 7328. Mandatory continuing education for landscape architects. 1.  
4 (a) Each licensed landscape architect required under this article to  
5 register triennially with the department to practice in the state shall  
6 comply with provisions of the mandatory continuing education require-  
7 ments prescribed in subdivision two of this section except as set forth  
8 in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subdivision. Landscape architects who  
9 do not satisfy the mandatory continuing education requirements shall not  
10 practice until they have met such requirements, and have been issued a  
11 registration certificate, except that a landscape architect may practice  
12 without having met such requirements if [~~he or she is~~] they are issued a  
13 conditional registration certificate pursuant to subdivision three of  
14 this section.

15 (b) Landscape architects shall be exempt from the mandatory continuing  
16 education requirement for the triennial registration period during which  
17 they are first licensed, in accordance with the intent of this section,  
18 an adjustment and/or exemption to the mandatory continuing education  
19 requirement may be granted by the department for reasons of health  
20 certified by an appropriate health care professional, for extended  
21 active duty with the armed forces of the United States, or for other  
22 good cause acceptable to the department which may prevent compliance.

23 (c) A licensed landscape architect not engaged in practice as deter-  
24 mined by the department, shall be exempt from the mandatory continuing  
25 education requirement upon the filing of a statement with the department

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

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1 declaring such status. Any licensee who returns to the practice of land-  
2 scape architecture during the triennial registration period shall notify  
3 the department prior to reentering the profession and shall meet such  
4 mandatory education requirements as shall be prescribed by regulations  
5 of the commissioner.

6 2. During each triennial registration period an applicant for regis-  
7 tration shall complete a minimum of thirty-six hours of acceptable  
8 continuing education, as specified in subdivision four of this section,  
9 provided that a minimum of twenty-four hours of such continuing educa-  
10 tion shall be in the areas of health, safety and welfare. ~~[Up to one-~~  
11 ~~half of the total hours of continuing education may consist of non-~~  
12 ~~course activities.]~~ Any landscape architect whose first registration  
13 date following the effective date of this section occurs less than three  
14 years from such effective date, but on or after January first, two thou-  
15 sand seven, shall complete continuing education hours on a prorated  
16 basis at the rate of one hour per month for the period beginning January  
17 first, two thousand seven up to the first registration date thereafter.  
18 A licensee who has not satisfied the mandatory continuing education  
19 requirements shall not be issued a triennial registration certificate by  
20 the department and shall not practice unless and until a conditional  
21 registration certificate is issued as provided for in subdivision three  
22 of this section. ~~[With the exception of continuing education hours taken~~  
23 ~~during the registration period immediately preceding the effective date~~  
24 ~~of this section, continuing education hours taken during one triennium~~  
25 ~~may not be transferred to a subsequent triennium]~~ No more than six  
26 continuing education hours taken during one triennium may be transferred  
27 to a subsequent triennium.

28 3. The department, in its discretion, may issue a conditional regis-  
29 tration to a licensee who fails to meet the continuing education  
30 requirements established in subdivision two of this section but who  
31 agrees to make up any deficiencies and complete any additional education  
32 which the department may require. The fee for such a conditional regis-  
33 tration shall be the same as, and in addition to, the fee for the trien-  
34 nial registration. The duration of such conditional registration shall  
35 be determined by the department but shall not exceed one year. Any  
36 licensee who is notified of the denial of registration for failure to  
37 submit evidence, satisfactory to the department, of required continuing  
38 education and who practices landscape architecture without such regis-  
39 tration, may be subject to disciplinary proceedings pursuant to section  
40 sixty-five hundred ten of this title.

41 4. As used in subdivision two of this section, "acceptable continuing  
42 education" shall mean courses of learning and educational activities  
43 ~~[which]~~ in landscape architecture, architecture, engineering, interior  
44 design, land surveying, and geology that may contribute to professional  
45 practice in landscape architecture and which meet the standards  
46 prescribed by regulations of the commissioner. Completing courses of  
47 learning and educational activities that fall within the scope of prac-  
48 tice of another licensed profession does not authorize a licensed land-  
49 scape architect to lawfully practice a profession that they are not  
50 authorized to practice as defined in section seventy-three hundred twen-  
51 ty-one of this article. The department may, in its discretion and as  
52 needed to contribute to the health and welfare of the public, require  
53 the completion of continuing education courses in specific subjects.

54 5. Landscape architects shall maintain adequate documentation of  
55 completion of acceptable continuing education and educational activities  
56 and shall provide such documentation at the request of the department.

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1 6. The mandatory continuing education fee shall be forty-five dollars,  
2 shall be payable on or before the first day of each triennial registra-  
3 tion period, and shall be paid in addition to the triennial registration  
4 fee required by section seventy-three hundred twenty-four of this arti-  
5 cle.

6 § 2. This act shall take effect eighteen months after it shall have  
7 become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or  
8 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of  
9 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed  
10 on or before such effective date.

**NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY  
MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION  
submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec 1(f)**

**BILL NUMBER:** A7561

**SPONSOR:** Lupardo

**TITLE OF BILL:**

An act to amend the education law, in relation to continuing education requirements for landscape architects

**PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL:**

To update the continuing education law for landscape architects.

**SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:**

Section 1 amends paragraph(b)of subdivision 1 of section 7328 of the education law to authorize the State Education Department (SED)to provide an adjustment or full exemption from continuing education for good cause.

Section 1 amends subdivision 2 of section 7328 of the education law to increase flexibility for continuing education activities. This section would also allow up to six credits to be transferred from one registration period to the next.

Section 1 amends subdivision 4 of section 7328 to allow landscape architects to take courses in architecture, engineering, interior design, land surveying, and geology, so long as the courses contribute to the practice of landscape architecture and meet the standards prescribed by the commissioner.

Section 2 effective date.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

This bill is necessary to modernize the section of law regulating continuing education for landscape architects licensed and registered in New York state. Mandatory continuing education for landscape architecture was signed into law as chapter 638 of 2005. Since that time, such factors as a burgeoning use of on-line educational opportunities have revolutionized the manner in which continuing education programs are offered.

This bill seeks to give landscape architects flexibility and capability to take full advantage of these opportunities. The carry-over provision is consistent with the laws in other states and laws that regulate other professions in New York. Similar updates to mandatory continuing education were recently signed into law for professional engineering, land surveying, geology (ch.260 of 2020), and architecture (ch.578 of 2021).

**PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

New bill.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

None.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect eighteen months -after it shall have become a law. Effectively immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**To:** Landscape Architecture Board Members**Date:** July 28, 2025**From:** Robert Lopez**Subject:** Regulatory Amendments**In reply to:**

With the possible signing of the Continuing Education (CE) Modernization Bill, the State Board may wish to recommend several additional regulatory amendments to the Department while the CE amendments are being completed. These additional amendments would allow for a comprehensive modernization of landscape architecture regulations.

This memo outlines the potential regulatory changes for the Board's consideration.

**Continuing Education (CE) modifications**

If enacted, the CE modernization bill will make the following changes and regulatory amendments will be required to comply with the amended statute:

- **No cap on educational activities:** Landscape architects may complete all 36 CE hours through educational activities (previously limited to 18 hours).
- **Carryover credits:** Up to 6 CE hours may be carried over from one registration period to the next.
- **Lapsed registration:** Individuals with a lapse in practice must complete 12 CE hours within the 12 months before applying for renewal, in addition to any CE owed from the prior period.
- **Exemptions:** Exemptions from CE requirements may be granted for extended active military service, serious medical conditions, or other justifiable causes as approved by the Department.
- **Cross-discipline credit:** CE completed in other design professions may count toward the CE requirement for landscape architecture registration.

**Endorsement provisions for US and Canadian Landscape Architects**

The State Board has recommended updating endorsement provisions to facilitate licensure in New York for qualified applicants from other U.S. states or Canada. Requirements may include:

- At least **5 years of acceptable experience** within their home jurisdiction within the past 7 years.



- **Examination compliance:** Either passing the required licensing exam or, if not previously taken, a practical exam administered by the State Board.
- **Verification of good standing** in all jurisdictions where the applicant holds licensure.
- **Attestation of good moral character.**

### **Updates to Experience**

Experience that is earned non-concurrently with full-time attendance at college, including but not limited to summer employment, should now be permitted to count towards the experience requirements for licensure, so long as the employment is a minimum duration of one month as defined in the regulations.

### **ESL Provisions for the LARE**

While CLARB permits the use of a bilingual word-to-word dictionary during testing (at PSI test centers only), New York currently does not allow testing accommodations outside of those covered by the ADA. The Board supports adopting a policy similar to, but not identical with, that approved for architecture in May 2023, which allows ESL accommodations in alignment with CLARB guidelines.

### **General Update of Regulations**

As part of the broader regulatory amendment process, the Board may consider additional clean-up items, including updates to the names of LARE sections and other technical corrections.

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENTEDUCATION/  
EXPERIENCE REVIEW  
ARCHITECTURE

**To:** Landscape Architecture Board Members  
**From:** Robert Lopez  
**Subject:** Education/Experience Review in Architecture  
**In reply to:**

**Date:** March 26, 2025

Included within the Board package is a proposal that the State Board for Architecture utilized in coming up with recommended changes to the education/experience requirements for those seeking licensure as an architect in New York. Over several months, the Architecture Board compared its existing education/experience requirements with a sampling of other US jurisdictions and with the NCARB requirements.

These recommended changes to modernize the licensure requirements may be of interest to the State Board for Landscape Architecture to see if the licensure requirements in landscape architecture should be reexamined.

In summary, the Architecture Board made the following recommendations related to education and experience to become an architect:

- Allowings a 50/50 split in Category I (diversified practice of architecture) and Category J (experience related to architecture) as noted in the proposal (except the “all-experience” pathway, as noted below) to offer licensure candidates increased flexibility and recognize the current and varied nature of design practice.
- Maintain professional degrees in architecture that are NAAB accredited (Category A) at the current maximum of 9 units of education award
- Maintain first professional degrees from a program that is not NAAB-accredited (Category B) at the current maximum of 8 units of education award. The determination of this award is made by New York’s Bureau of Comparative Education, as Category B is typically reserved for candidates with international education.
- Permit four-year pre-professional degrees in architecture (Category C) to be awarded 8 units of education credit, maximum, up from the current 7 units of credit
- Permit four-year architecturally related degrees (Category D) to be awarded 6 units of education credit, maximum, up from the current 5 units of credit
- Maintain degrees in subjects unrelated to architecture (Category G) at the current maximum of 2 units of education award
- Permit two-year degrees in architecturally related technical programs (Category H) to be awarded 4 units of education credit, maximum, up from the current 2 units of credit

- Reduce the amount of experience required for all-experience pathway candidates without any college education from 12 years to 10 years. This recommended reduction, however, may only be accomplished via a change in the NYS Education Law, which must be passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. For those pursuing the all-experience pathway, and if a statutory modification can be made, the State Board for Architecture recommended that such licensure candidates have 7 years of experience in Category I, minimum and 3 years of experience in Category J, maximum.

## Education/Experience Proposal - Architecture

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### Experience Requirements for Licensure – NCARB and New York / Other NCARB Jurisdictions

Degree from NAAB accredited program (B.Arch/M.Arch/D.Arch)

- **NY Proposed – 3 years; 1.5 years minimum in Category I; 1.5 years maximum in Category J**
- NY Existing – 3 years; 2 years min. Category I; 1 years max. Category J
- NCARB - Experience – AXP (3,740 hours in 6 AXP categories)
- CA – 3 years, AXP completion; 1 year min. under RA; 2 years max. civil/structural PE or LA (discounted at 50%); 1 year max under a CA General Contractor (discounted at 50%).
- CT – AXP completion
- MD – AXP completion
- NJ – 3 years, AXP completion
- PA – 3 years, AXP completion
- TX – AXP completion
- VT – 3 years, AXP completion; all 3 years must be under RA who has been licensed more than 3 years
- WI – 2 years, AXP completion; 1 year min. under RA

Degree from an architecture pre-professional 4-year program (BS Arch/BA Arch)

- **NY Proposed – 4 years; 2 years minimum in Category I; 2 years maximum in Category J**
- NY Existing – 5 years; 4 years min Category I; 1 year max. Category J
- NCARB - Experience – 2x AXP (7,480 hours in 6 AXP categories)
- CA – 4 years, AXP completion; 1 years min. under RA; 2 years max. civil/structural PE or LA (discounted at 50%); 1 year max under a CA General Contractor (discounted at 50%).
- CT - unavailable pathway
- MD - 4 years of experience separate from experience used for AXP, AXP completion
- NJ – unavailable pathway
- PA – 9 years, AXP completion; 6 years min. under RA
- TX – unavailable pathway
- VT – 6 years, AXP completion; all 6 years must be in diversified practical architectural experience under RA licensed for more than 3 years
- WI – 3 years, AXP completion; 1 year min. under RA

Degree from a 4-year architecturally related program (B Eng/ BFA Int Design/BLA)

- **NY Proposed – 6 years; 3 years minimum in Category I; 3 years maximum in Category J**
- NY Existing – 7 years; 4 years min Category I; 3 year max. Category J

Degree from a 2-year program with significant architecture coursework (AAS AT)

- **NY Proposed – 8 years; 4 years minimum in Category I; 4 years maximum in Category J**
- NY Current – 10 years; 6 years min Category I; 4 years max. Category J
- NCARB - Experience – 3x AXP (11,220 hours in 6 AXP categories)
- CA – 6 years, AXP completion; 1 years min. under RA; 2 years max. civil/structural PE or LA (discounted at 50%); 1 year max under a CA General Contractor (discounted at 50%).
- CT - unavailable pathway
- MD – no credit awarded for AAS degree; 10 years of experience separate from experience used for AXP, AXP completion
- NJ – unavailable pathway
- PA – 9 years, AXP completion; 6 years min. under RA
- TX - TX – unavailable pathway
- VT – 7 years, AXP completion; all 7 years must be in diversified practical architectural experience under RA licensed for more than 3 years
- WI – 7 years, AXP completion; 1 year min. under RA

Degree from a program with no significant architecture coursework or no college degree at all

- **NY Proposed – 10 years; 5 years minimum in Category I; 5 years maximum in Category J – *note – should the Board want to reduce the experience requirement for this “all experience” pathway, it would require a statutory change – it cannot be done via a policy change.***
- NY – 12 years; 7 years min Category I; 5 years max. Category J
- NCARB - Experience – 4x AXP (14,960 hours in 6 AXP categories)
- CA – 8 years, AXP completion; 1 years min. under RA; 2 years max. civil/structural PE or LA (discounted at 50%); 1 year max under a CA General Contractor (discounted at 50%).
- CT - unavailable pathway
- MD - 10 years of experience separate from experience used for AXP, AXP completion
- NJ – unavailable pathway
- PA – 9 years, AXP completion; 6 years min. under RA
- TX – unavailable pathway
- VT – 9 years, AXP completion; all 9 years must be in diversified practical architectural experience under RA licensed for more than 3 years
- WI – 7 years, AXP completion; 1 year min. under RA

#### Current NY Types of Experience

- Category I – experience obtained at an architecture firm or a government agency in appropriate architectural work under the direct supervision of a lawfully practicing architect.
- Category J – experience obtained in appropriate work that is related to architecture and that is lawful in nature; i.e. PE, LA, ID, government agency related to practice (i.e. NYC DoB), Construction Manager's office, contractor, teaching in NAAB-accredited program, research on architectural problems.

# Global *insights*, Local **impacts**

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE STANDARDS

## CLARB Annual Meeting 2025

Join us in Lexington, Kentucky as we examine how national and international trends influence local regulation and provide strategies for navigating the evolving regulatory environment.

### Wednesday, September 17

#### ARRIVALS & REGISTRATION

#### Registration

1:00-7:30 P.M.

#### MBE Exchange: Maximizing Board Effectiveness

3:00-5:30 P.M.

A dedicated session for member board executives (MBEs) featuring interactive discussions on AI applications for regulatory boards, tutorials on CLARB's new website and database, and practical learning sessions to enhance board operations.

#### Welcome Reception

6:00-7:30 P.M.

Join us for a warm welcome to the CLARB Annual Meeting 2025. Hear remarks from CLARB President Joel Kurokawa and representatives from the Kentucky Board of Landscape Architects. Enjoy an evening of networking, light refreshments and engaging conversation as we set the stage for a dynamic and insightful conference.

*This tentative agenda is subject to change.  
Last updated June 19, 2025.*

### Registration & Coffee

8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

### Opening Session: Setting the Stage

9:00-9:30 A.M.

Join CLARB President Joel Kurokawa and CEO Matt Miller as we officially kick off the Annual Meeting, highlighting key themes, objectives and expectations for the discussions ahead. Learn how this year's focus on global insights will shape the future of landscape architecture regulation.

### Keynote Session

9:30-10:30 A.M.

An inspiring keynote address where attendees will hear global perspectives on landscape architecture education, practice and regulation around the world.

### Networking Break

10:30-11:00 A.M.

### The Changing Face of Landscape Architecture: Demographic Insights

11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Explore the latest data on landscape architecture, from shifts in education and professional practice to demographic trends affecting the workforce. Gain insights into how these changes impact the future of licensure and regulation.

### Lunch

12:00-1:00 P.M.

### Beyond the Traditional Route: Multiple Paths to Practice

1:00-2:30 P.M.

This session examines alternative pathways to achieving CLARB Certification, including non-traditional backgrounds and new experience evaluation guidelines designed to promote consistent assessment of applicants across jurisdictions.

### Networking Break

2:30-3:00 P.M.

## Crossing Borders:

3:00-4:00 P.M.

### Advancing International Mobility in Professional Licensure

As the demand for cross-border practice grows, the ability to navigate international mobility is becoming increasingly important for licensed professionals. This panel will bring together leaders from other regulated professions who have implemented strategies to facilitate global mobility, along with international partners in landscape architecture who will share real-world needs and challenges faced by professionals seeking recognition across jurisdictions. Join this dynamic conversation to explore the opportunities, obstacles and frameworks shaping the future of licensure — and why advancing mobility in landscape architecture is essential for protecting people and the environment.

## Recognition of Landscape Architecture Globally

4:00-5:00 P.M.

How is landscape architecture recognized in different countries around the world? This session examines the international landscape of licensure, mobility and regulatory alignment, shedding light on efforts to create a more unified global standard.

## Walking Tour of Gatton Park on the Town Branch

5:30-7:00 P.M.

Discover how a surface parking lot behind Rupp Arena was transformed into Gatton Park on the Town Branch, Lexington's newest public space and urban "living room." This guided walking tour will highlight the park's innovative approach to climate resilience, hydrology and inclusive community design. Learn how landscape architects integrated regional geology, daylighted the historic Town Branch Creek and designed flexible spaces that connect over 22 miles of urban and rural trails. Participants will explore how public-private partnerships and ecological planning shaped this landmark project and brought new life to the city's core. *The tour departs from the hotel lobby promptly at 5:30 p.m.*

# Friday, September 19

LOCAL IMPACTS

## Registration & Coffee

8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

## Business Session

9:00-9:30 A.M.

Join us as we announce the results of the 2025 elections and introduce our new volunteers who will help guide CLARB into the future.

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## **Supporting Licensure Defensibility:**

9:30-10:30 A.M.

### **ARPL Research and Findings**

Defending professional licensure is more important than ever. This session presents the latest research from the Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing (ARPL), showcasing data-driven insights on the impact and necessity of responsible professional licensure standards.

## **Networking Break**

10:30-11:00 A.M.

## **Navigating Licensing Reform:**

11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

### **Trends, Threats and Best Practices to Defend Your Board**

As regulatory boards face growing scrutiny and evolving political landscapes, it's essential to stay ahead of the curve. This session explores key challenges facing licensing boards and effective strategies to demonstrate your board's value. Whether it's proposed consolidation, transitioning to an agency model, or responding to a sunset review, learn best practices and the resources ready to help you navigate these issues to defend your board.

## **Lunch**

12:00-1:00 P.M.

## **The Critical Role of Licensure Enforcement in Professional Regulation**

1:00-2:00 P.M.

Enforcement is a key pillar of professional regulation. This session explores the importance of enforcement in maintaining public trust, ensuring ethical practice and addressing disciplinary cases within landscape architecture.

## **ICOR Practice Overlap Guidance & Resources**

2:00-3:00 P.M.

The Interdisciplinary Council on Regulatory Oversight (ICOR) is working to clarify acceptable overlap and practice boundaries between the design professions. This session reviews the latest guidance and resources available to help navigate regulatory challenges.

## **Networking Break**

3:00-3:30 P.M.

## Expanding the CLARB Community:

3:30-5:00 P.M.

### Exploring Opportunities for Increased Connection and Engagement

As professional regulation continues to evolve, CLARB is exploring new ways to broaden its reach and enhance its impact. This session will examine emerging opportunities to expand the CLARB community in support of deeper collaboration and sustained engagement, all while maintaining a strong regulatory foundation. Participants will explore the long-term benefits, potential challenges and strategic implications of reimagining how CLARB connects with current and future stakeholders.

## Volunteer Recognition Reception

6:00-8:00 P.M.

Join us in celebrating the dedicated volunteers whose leadership and expertise have shaped CLARB's success. The evening will also feature the presentation of the prestigious President's Award, honoring outstanding contributions to the organization.

# Saturday, September 20

SHAPING THE FUTURE

## Registration & Coffee

8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

## Keynote: Artificial Intelligence and Design

9:00-10:30 A.M.

A thought-provoking keynote on the transformative role of artificial intelligence in design. Gain insights into how AI is reshaping the landscape architecture profession and the potential impacts on licensure.

## Networking Break

10:30-11:00 A.M.

## Path to CLARB Volunteer Leadership

11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

CLARB offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for individuals who are passionate about advancing landscape architecture regulation. These roles provide opportunities to influence the organization's direction, develop leadership experience, and engage with peers across the profession. This session will provide an overview of these opportunities, outline the nominations and elections process, highlight impacts of the bylaws changes, and share how you can get involved in shaping CLARB's future.

## Lunch

12:00-1:00 P.M.

## L.A.R.E. Development, Performance and Future Enhancements

1:00-2:30 P.M.

Stay informed on the latest developments in the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (L.A.R.E.). Delve into the comprehensive process behind developing exam items and hear firsthand from exam committee members on the lifecycle of an exam item. Other topics include the latest data on candidate performance, provisional exam feedback, and new initiatives aimed at increasing exam accessibility.

## Networking Break

2:30-3:00 P.M.

### CE Trio

3:00-6:00 P.M.

Engage in in-depth discussions on critical topics and emerging issues impacting landscape architecture practice. These 50-minute sessions, with breaks in between, provide valuable CE opportunities for landscape architect members of the CLARB community. *Additional registration required.*

- **Session #1: Details coming soon**
- **Designing for Impact:  
Climate Change Mitigation in Landscape Architecture**  
Join Pamela Conrad, founder and executive director of Climate Positive Design, for a powerful session on how landscape architects can lead in mitigating climate change. This session will explore the profession's role in carbon emissions and outline actionable strategies to reduce embodied and operational emissions while maximizing carbon sequestration. Attendees will gain insights into available tools for measurement and accountability and learn from real-world project examples that demonstrate climate-positive practices in action.
- **Session #3: Details coming soon**

# Allison Fleury

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

PRINCIPAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT,  
INSIDE OUT LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

OLD BUSINESS

CLARB ANNUAL  
MEETING

ELECTIONS

## Licensure information

Licensed landscape architect in Wyoming and Idaho.

## Service information

### CLARB Service

- Director-At-Large (2022—Present)
- Treasurer (2019—2021)
- Secretary (2016—2018)
- Regional Director (2011—2015)
- Chair, Leadership Development Workgroup (2022—2023)
- LA CES liason (2012—2015)
- Grading committee (2010—2012)

### Board Service

- Wyoming Board of Architects and Landscape Architects (2009 – Present)

### Additional Service, Awards or Experience

- ASLA CO WY Liason (between WY and CO)

## Questions from the Leadership Advisory Council

### **What interests you about volunteering with CLARB?**

I care deeply about landscape architecture and am drawn to CLARB's mission and values. Volunteering with CLARB is a way for me to give back to this profession, and it allows me to view landscape architecture through a different lens than as a sole practitioner in my career.

### **When thinking about your role in CLARB leadership, what would success look like to you?**

Success in CLARB leadership would involve moving CLARB 2.0 forward, attracting and engaging new volunteers, and ensuring that our members truly value their membership.

### **What unique qualifications or experiences will you bring to CLARB leadership that we might not otherwise know about?**

In addition to my experience on the Board of Directors, I bring a strong background in team collaboration, which has been instrumental in my business success. I have a proven ability to build relationships across diverse groups, fostering cooperation and open communication. Additionally, my experience managing complex projects has equipped me with skills in organizational efficiency and driving initiatives forward. These qualities, along with a deep passion for CLARB's mission, enable me to contribute fresh perspectives and innovative approaches to leadership within the organization.

# Craig Coronato

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT SUPERVISOR,  
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

## Licensure information

Licensed landscape architect in Colorado.

## Service information

### CLARB Service

- Grading Committee
- Task Analysis Work Groups
- Leadership Advisory Committee
- Board Director-at-Large
- Board Treasurer

### Board Service

- Colorado State Board of Landscape Architecture
- City of Littleton Planning Commission
- ASLA Licensure Committee
- New York/Colorado/Wyoming/Arizona Chapter ASLA leadership roles

## Additional Service, Awards or Experience

- Fellow, ASLA
- Member ASLA, APA, and NRPA

## Questions from the Leadership Advisory Council

### **What interests you about volunteering with CLARB?**

I am interested in continuing in a leadership role at CLARB because I can commit my time, energy and passion to help the organization evolve, both by adapting and implementing the strategic vision of CLARB 2.0, and by utilizing a stewardship mindset, applying foresight to identify societal changes that impact the profession.

### **When thinking about your role in CLARB leadership, what would success look like to you?**

Success to me is showing up prepared, actively participating, gaining trust, and collaborating with Board, staff and members to help guide and advance CLARB to build upon its current successes.

### **What unique qualifications or experiences will you bring to CLARB leadership that we might not otherwise know about?**

I have had the opportunity to live and practice landscape architecture in different states (CO, NY and AZ) and countries (US, China, Italy), and in different aspects of practice (small private LA firm, large multidiscipline firm, design/build construction, and government service/client). I have traveled to all 50 US states and much of Canada and Europe. I recognize the importance of considering differing cultural needs and priorities, which I believe is why I consider various viewpoints before forming an opinion.

# Zara Brown

CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

ASSOCIATE MANAGER, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE,  
ARCADIS

## Licensure information

Licensed landscape architect in New York and Ontario.

## Service information

### CLARB Service

- Section 4/Grading, Drainage and Stormwater Management Exam Committee (2019—Present); Chair (2023—Present)

### Board Service

- N/A

## Additional Service, Awards, or Experience

- Co-Chair, Ontario Association of Landscape Architects Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee



## Questions from the Leadership Advisory Council

### **What interests you about volunteering with CLARB?**

Furthering the reach of the profession and promoting the value of the profession by supporting licensure.

### **When thinking about your role in CLARB leadership, what would success look like to you?**

A growing number of members from a variety of locations and backgrounds licensed and engaged in promoting the discipline.

### **What unique qualifications or experiences will you bring to CLARB leadership that we might not otherwise know about?**

I currently sit in Ontario Canada, and I am also an immigrant (first to the US and then Canada) which adds to the perspectives to be shared at the table.

# Erin Jennings

CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

PRINCIPAL, LUMINAUT

## Licensure information

Licensed architect in Indiana and registered interior designer in Indiana.

## Service information

### CLARB Service

- Member, CLARB Bylaws Work Group (2023—Present)
- ICOR leadership collaboration

### Board Service

- Past President, CIDQ
- Past President, IIDA Indiana Chapter
- Past Chair, AIA National Interior Architecture Knowledge Community
- Philanthropy Advisor, Alpha Chi Omega Kappa Omega
- Board Member, Ball State University College of Architecture and Planning, Interior Design Advisory
- Co-Chair, Architecture for Humanity Indianapolis Chapter

### Additional Service, Awards or Experience

- Ball State University College of Architecture & Planning Outstanding Alumni Award (2025)
- ALA / IIDA International Library Design Awards Juror (2024)
- AIA National Awards Task Group (2022)
- Adjunct Instructor of Interior Design, Ball State University College of Architecture & Planning (2020—Present)
- AIA Interior Architecture Knowledge Community Advisory Board Member (2018—Present)
- AIA National Conference IAKC Forum Facilitator & Moderator (2018—Present)

- IIDA Ohio Kentucky & Delta Chapters Awards Competition Juror
- AIA Young Architects Forum Member
- AIA Indiana Chapter Member
- IIDA Indiana IDEA Awards Committee Volunteer
- IIDA Indiana Chapter Fashion Show, Co-Creator & Event Participant
- Interior Design Coalition of Indiana (IDCI), Leaders in Design Roundtable Panelist (2016—Present)
- Interior Design Coalition of Indiana (IDCI), Pulse IN Design Advocacy Event, Event co-Creator
- Ila M. Badger Community Service Award, Cripe Architects & Engineers, 2010 (Juried)
- Indyhub Professionals Member & Industry Collaborator
- Wilsonart Laminate Surfacing, Product Development & Research Participant
- Patcraft Flooring, Product Development & Research juror and white paper author
- Ball State University College of Architecture & Planning Desk Crit Reviewer (2010—Present)
- Ball State University College of Architecture & Planning Portfolio Reviewer (2015—Present)
- Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis Desk Crit Reviewer

## Questions from the Leadership Advisory Council

### **What interests you about volunteering with CLARB?**

CLARB is a fantastic organization doing incredible things. I desire to continue to contribute to our ICOR partners in very effective and meaningful ways, for the best interest of CLARB and our entire allied industry. The advancement of regulation within the discipline of Landscape Architecture not only strengthens this area of practice, but strengthens the interdisciplinary approach of public protection of the built environment.

### **When thinking about your role in CLARB leadership, what would success look like to you?**

Success is when everyone and everything around you is thriving and succeeding. When we contribute intentionally, for the best interest of the organization, that's when success happens.

### **What unique qualifications or experiences will you bring to CLARB leadership that we might not otherwise know about?**

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I am dual degreed and dually licensed, in architecture and interior design. I come from an experienced lens of credentialing board service (through my 5 year service on CIDQ's BOD) and also professional association board service for a number of years. I bring the perspective of licensed allied professionals to help diversify and elevate CLARB's mission and organizational direction into the future.

# Mónica Pallares

CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, OWN PRACTICE

## Licensure information

Landscape architect in Mexico.

## Service information

### CLARB Service

- Director-at-Large (2022—Present)
- Chair, CLARB/IFLA Global Job Task Analysis Work Group

### Board Service

- President IFLA Americas Region (2022-2024)
- Delegate to IFLA for the Mexican Society of Landscape Architects (2010—2020)
- Chair, IFLA Communications & External Relations Standing Committee (2018—2022)
- Secretary General IFLA Americas Region (2014—2018)
- Mexican Society of Landscape Architects (SAPMx)
  - Secretary General (2007—2009)
  - Vice President (2010—2012)

## Additional Service, Awards or Experience

- More than 25 years of experience in the practice of landscape architecture developing mainly projects at the urban and regional scale.
- Own practice since 2008, focused in sustainability principles and working with communities.
- Coordinator of the Diploma-Course on Sustainable Garden Design at the Department of Continuing Education of Faculty of Architecture at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).
- Professor of the Design Studio in the Landscape Architecture school at the UNAM.

- Former member of the Advisory Council on Public Space in Mexico City.

## Questions from the Leadership Advisory Council

### **What interests you about volunteering with CLARB?**

It has been an enriching experience learning about licensure and sharing my experience in the international environment.

### **When thinking about your role in CLARB leadership, what would success look like to you?**

Getting to know people and learning from them. Gaining further experience and building leadership.

### **What unique qualifications or experiences will you bring to CLARB leadership that we might not otherwise know about?**

The perspective of a person from another country with different experiences and dealing with different challenges for the profession.

# Tim Bargainer

CANDIDATE FOR LEADERSHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC MARKETS,  
RVI PLANNING + LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

## Licensure information

Licensed landscape architect in Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

## Service information

### CLARB Service

In the 1990s, I had the opportunity to serve as a grader for the L.A.R.E. exam on two or three occasions, which gave me a strong foundation in the licensure process early in my career. After a period of focusing on other professional responsibilities, I re-engaged with CLARB through my role on the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners. Over the last five years, I've actively participated in CLARB's annual conferences to stay connected with evolving industry standards, an experience that has inspired me to take a more active volunteer role within the organization.

### Board Service

I've had the privilege of serving on a variety of boards and commissions that have shaped my leadership and deepened my commitment to advancing the profession. These include six years on the City of Georgetown Planning and Zoning Commission, where I gained valuable experience navigating regulatory frameworks and engaging with public process, and five years on the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners, where I've helped uphold licensure standards as the Landscape Architecture Board Member. My leadership roles within the Texas Chapter of ASLA—including Chapter President, Secretary, and Section Chair—further developed my advocacy and governance experience. I also served on the Board of Directors at Halff Associates, a 1,500-member multidisciplinary firm, where I worked alongside senior leadership to guide strategic planning, promote cross-discipline collaboration, and support professional excellence. Across these roles, I've built a reputation for thoughtful leadership,

accessibility, and consensus-building, all qualities I look forward to bringing to my service with CLARB.

## **Additional Service, Awards or Experience**

Throughout my career, I've been fortunate to receive several honors that reflect my commitment to impactful landscape architecture and community development. Notably, I received the 2019 TX ASLA Distinguished Member Award and the 2010 Kay Tiller Award for Service to Society. My project work has earned multiple merit and honor awards from TX ASLA for places like Blackland Heritage Park, Brushy Creek Regional Trail, and Austin Bergstrom International Airport—projects that exemplify my focus on public engagement and environmental stewardship. Additional recognition, such as the 2006 Texas Forest Service Urban Forestry Award and the 2004 American Trails Organization National Trail Award, highlight my dedication to sustainable, thoughtful design that enhances the natural environment.

## **Questions from the Leadership Advisory Council**

### **What interests you about volunteering with CLARB?**

I'm excited to volunteer with CLARB because I believe in expanding access to licensure and creating pathways that support the next generation of landscape architects. Having served on various boards, I understand the importance of aligning standards across regions, and CLARB's commitment to uniform licensure standards strongly resonates with me. The partnership with IFLA and the Global Job Task Analysis are particularly inspiring, as they support a future where landscape architects can practice more freely across borders. I'm eager to help shape this global vision and contribute to CLARB's forward-thinking initiatives.

### **When thinking about your role in CLARB leadership, what would success look like to you?**

Success in a CLARB leadership role, for me, would mean making a real, tangible impact on the future of the profession. I would see success in helping create clearer, more accessible pathways to licensure, so that aspiring young landscape architects feel supported from the start. It would also be about helping foster stronger collaboration between member boards and international organizations, so that we can make global licensure a reality. To me, success is not just about the big-picture goals, but also about making the process better for the individual, whether that's streamlining the licensure process or advocating for more consistency in standards. At the end of the day, success would mean knowing I helped smooth



the path for those entering the profession and contributed to a more globally connected future for landscape architecture.

### **What unique qualifications or experiences will you bring to CLARB leadership that we might not otherwise know about?**

What I believe sets me apart is my approach to leadership, which focuses not only on the technical and regulatory aspects of our profession but also on human connection and collaboration. While many of us share similar experiences in board service and professional leadership, my focus has always been on fostering meaningful relationships, whether it's with clients, teams, or future professionals entering the field. I pride myself on being approachable and accessible, both to my peers and to emerging landscape architects, offering mentorship and guidance whenever possible. This ability to build strong relationships has been key to my success in both public and private roles, and it's something I'm eager to bring to CLARB leadership. Another aspect that I feel distinguishes me is my extensive involvement in multidisciplinary teams and my ability to translate complex project challenges into collaborative solutions. Having worked on a wide range of projects across public and private sectors, I've developed a knack for bringing diverse groups together to solve problems creatively. It's this blend of technical expertise, strategic oversight, and a people-first leadership style that I believe will make a unique contribution to CLARB.

# Ryan McEnroe

CANDIDATE FOR LEADERSHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL

SENIOR ASSOCIATE, QUINN EVANS

## Licensure information

Licensed landscape architect in New York, and licensed architect in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and New York.

## Service information

### CLARB Service

- Section 4/Grading, Drainage and Stormwater Management
  - (2022—2023) Chair
  - (2017—2023) Exam Item Writer

### Board Service

- American Institute of Architects – National Young Architects Forum (2015—2021)
  - Vice-Chair (2019); Chair (2020); Past-Chair (2021)
  - Knowledge Director (2017-2018)
  - Mid-Atlantic Regional Director (2015 – 2016)
- National Architectural Accrediting Board (2007—2009)
- American Institute of Architecture Students (2004—2005)

## Additional Service, Awards or Experience

### COMMITTEES AND WORK GROUPS:

- American Institute of Architects (National)
  - Center for Civic Leadership – Leadership Institute
    - Washington, DC . Regional Hub Planning Committee Advisor (2017)
    - Washington, DC . Regional Hub Planning Committee Chair (2016)
    - Washington, DC . Regional Hub Planning Committee Vice-Chair (2015)
- American Institute of Architects (Washington, DC Chapter)

- Co-founder and Chair. Christopher Kelley Leadership Development Program Outreach Steering Committee (2016 – Present)
- Christopher Kelley Leadership Development Program
  - Past Chair (2015-2016)
  - Co-founder and Chair (2013-2015)
- National Architectural Accrediting Board
  - Visting Team Member (2005 – present)
    - 17 total site visits
  - Visiting Team Chair (2015 – present)
    - 5 total site visits as team chair
  - Chair, Team Training Task Force (2018-2019)
  - ACSA-NAAB Path Forward Task Force (2015)
- National Council of Architectural Registration Board
  - ARE Forms Assembly Task Force (2017)
  - Education Committee (2014–2015\_
  - ARE Test Specifications Task Force (2013)
  - Internship Committee (2012)

#### **HONORS:**

- AIA – College of Fellows (2023)
- AIA - Young Architects Award (2018)
- Building Design + Construction – 40 under 40 (2018)
- AIAS – Emerging Professional Honor Award (2018)
- ENR Mid-Atlantic – Top Young Professionals (2018)
- AIAS 60th Anniversary Legacy (2016)
- DCCEAS - Young Architect Award (2015)
- AIA|DC - Emerging Architect Award (2014)
- Faculty Award for Excellence in Service - UVA, School of Architecture (2010)

## **Questions from the Leadership Advisory Council**

### **What interests you about volunteering with CLARB?**

Having served for 6 years on the Exam Committee, I value the mission and values of CLARB. Volunteering is a great way to give back to the profession where I feel my skillset can be best

utilized. I enjoy the comradery of the CLARB community, and also the respect we show when questioning one's opinion.

**When thinking about your role in CLARB leadership, what would success look like to you?**

Having a positive impact on the next generation. I take great honor in mentoring the next generation. Change takes time, but I have seen that when we plant a seed now, we can have a great impact on the profession for years to come.

**What unique qualifications or experiences will you bring to CLARB leadership that we might not otherwise know about?**

I am the co-founder of the AIA|DC Christopher Kelley Leadership Development Program (CKLDP). The program was founded in 2013 and now has over 1,000 alumni over 12 different cities. <https://www.ckldp.com/>

**To:** Landscape Architecture Board Members

**Date:** July 29, 2025

**From:** Robert Lopez

**Subject:** Future CLARB Visit

**In reply to:**

Matt Miller, the Chief Executive Officer of the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB), will be attending the State Board's next meeting on December 3, 2025.

In preparation for his visit, Board members are encouraged to consider key topics they would like Matt to address and to prepare any questions they may have about CLARB's work, initiatives, and strategic direction.

Below are suggested topics to guide the Board's discussion with Matt:

#### **Overview of CLARB**

- Mission
- Vision
- Preferred Future
- CLARB 2.1 Strategy

#### **Current Initiatives**

- Implementation of the Uniform Standard for Licensure
- CLARB Model Continuing Education Standard
- Efforts to address overlap between professional practice areas

#### **Upcoming Initiatives**

- Timeline and scope for the next Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) update

#### **Questions for CLARB**

- When is the next Job Task Analysis (JTA) scheduled to be conducted?
- How many jurisdictions have adopted CLARB's Uniform Standard for Licensure?
- What volunteer opportunities are available through CLARB for State Board members?

Board members are encouraged to review the above items and identify any additional subjects they would like Matt to address during the meeting. Your input will help ensure a productive and engaging conversation.

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

To: Landscape Architecture Board Members

Date: July 29, 2025

From:

Robert Lopez **R.L.**

Subject: ASLA Annual Meeting CE Review

In reply to:

I'd like to thank Vice Chair Weremchuk along with Member Lorenz for taking the time and for their efforts to review this year's ASLA Annual Meeting continuing education (CE) offerings.

Included in the Board package or attached as a separate document are the following items:

- Spreadsheet summarizing the findings of the review of the offerings
- 2025 ASLA NY submission of CE course outlines and descriptions (*attached separately due to file size*)
- New York's acceptable CE subject matter for the Board's reference
- SUN-A04 – *Innovative Community Engagement: Digital and Map-Based Techniques* detailed course outline

Immediately after this memo is a spreadsheet summarizing the findings of the review as follows:

- Items highlighted in yellow require the Board's review
- Items highlighted in blue are those offerings where NY disagreed with ASLA's findings of HSW vs. non-HSW
- Items in red are for those offerings that will not receive any continuing education credit for a NY licensee; and
- Items without highlights are those CE offerings where NY is aligned with the ASLA

While you are welcome to review all of the CE offerings, I ask that you focus specifically on those items in yellow in preparation for the Board meeting to give your feedback:

- FRI-D11 – To DBE or not to DBE: Leveraging Diversity as a Strategic Advantage
- SAT-B05 - Inside the LA Studio—Phyto Studio
- SAT-C07 - Inside the LA Studio—Spackman Mossop Michaels
- SUN-A03 - Healthy Team, Healthy Site: People-First Approach to Integrated Project Delivery
- SUN-A04 - Innovative Community Engagement: Digital and Map-Based Techniques
- SUN-A11 - Witches and Wizards of the Landscape
- SUN-B05 - Inside the LA Studio—Dana Brown & Associates
- SUN-B10 - Uncharted Paths: Women of Color Are Redefining Landscape Architecture Through Micro Practices
- SUN-C04 - Emergent AI in Professional Practice

Session Builder Code	Pres. Number	PresentationTitle	Date	StartTime	EndTime	Hours	ASLA HSW	AW	KL	RL	RL NOTES	KL NOTES	AW NOTES	FINAL after Teams
Deep Dive	FRI-DD-01	Decarbonization in Practice: Tools, Materials, and Industry Collaboration	10/10/2025	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	2.50	Yes							
Deep Dive	FRI-DD-02	Managing It ALL: Exploring the Role of Project Manager	10/10/2025	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	2.50	No	?			OK; NOT HSW FINAL	no credit - firm development		
Deep Dive	MON-DD-01	Nature as Client: Co-creating with More-than-Human Species	10/13/2025	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	2.50	Yes				Received speaker - ok; non HSW		Who are the speakers?	
Deep Dive	SAT-DD-01	UrbanPlan Lighting Round Simulation: Exploring Market and Non-market Forces Shaping Urban Development Today	10/11/2025	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	3.00	No	?	Non-HSW?					
Deep Dive	SAT-DD-02	Place-based Technical Assistance Strategies to Advance Climate-Resilient Solutions	10/11/2025	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	2.50	Yes					enough for 2.5 credits		
Deep Dive	SUN-DD-01	New Realms of Possibility: Advocating for Landscape Architecture in the New Normal	10/12/2025	2:30 PM	5:00 PM	2.50	No	No Credit			NO CREDIT AT ALL FINAL	no credit - firm development		no credit
Field Session	FRI-FS-01	Exploring the Atchafalaya Basin: History, Conservation, and Restoration	10/10/2025	7:00 AM	3:00 PM	3.25	Yes							
Field Session	FRI-FS-02	Between Source and Sink: Tracing Carbon Across Coastal Louisiana	10/10/2025	7:15 AM	5:00 PM	5.25	Yes							
Field Session	FRI-FS-03	Louisiana's Coastal Program: Following the Steps from Model to Field	10/10/2025	7:15 AM	5:00 PM	5.00	Yes							
Field Session	FRI-FS-04	Photographing in NOLA: Imaging Beyond the Limits of Architecture and Landscape Photography	10/10/2025	7:30 AM	4:45 PM	5.25	No	No Credit	non-HSW?	no credit	p. 10 photography: NO CREDIT FINAL FOR REDS			no credit
Field Session	FRI-FS-05	Working Landscapes: The Living Coast of Terrebonne Parish	10/10/2025	7:45 AM	5:00 PM	5.50	Yes							
Field Session	FRI-FS-06	Garden Design in New Orleans Does Not Have to Be a Secret	10/10/2025	8:15 AM	1:00 PM	2.25	Yes	No HSW			HSW - FINAL			
Field Session	FRI-FS-07	Community-Led Climate Action: Experimental Planting Projects in New Orleans' Central Wetlands	10/10/2025	8:15 AM	4:30 PM	4.00	Yes							
Field Session	FRI-FS-08	Water as Conduit of Violence: How the Mississippi River Shaped Cancer Alley	10/10/2025	8:15 AM	4:30 PM	4.50	Yes							
Field Session	FRI-FS-09	Souful Sketching Where Jazz Was Born	10/10/2025	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	4.00	No	No Credit	non-HSW?		p. 26-OK but no HSW last year; OK NO HSW FINAL			
Field Session	FRI-FS-10	Living With Water: History and Future of Resilience in New Orleans	10/10/2025	9:15 AM	5:00 PM	5.00	Yes							
Field Session	FRI-FS-11	Mandeville Parks: From Regional Plans to Local Projects	10/10/2025	12:15 PM	5:00 PM	2.75	Yes							
Field Session	FRI-FS-12	Beyond the Swamp: Paddling Manchac's Ecology, History, and Culture	10/10/2025	12:45 PM	5:00 PM	2.50	Yes							
Field Session	FRI-FS-13	Last Trees Standing: Walking Amid Ancient Oaks, Developing Trajectories Toward Regenerative Futures	10/10/2025	12:45 PM	5:00 PM	3.00	Yes							
Field Session	MON-FS-01	Land, Water & Art: Making NOMA's Sculpture Garden within Historic City Park	10/13/2025	7:00 AM	2:00 PM	3.00	Yes							
Field Session	MON-FS-02	Crosby Park Revital: A Regenerative Landscape	10/13/2025	7:30 AM	2:00 PM	3.50	Yes							
Field Session	MON-FS-03	Bike Tour of New Orleans: Low-Stress Bikeways to Bike Easy	10/13/2025	7:45 AM	11:00 AM	2.00	Yes							
Field Session	MON-FS-04	Regional Planning, Local Adaptation: Climate Action in the City of Gretna	10/13/2025	7:45 AM	12:30 PM	2.00	Yes							
Field Session	MON-FS-05	Louisiana Children's Museum: A Joyous and Resilient Landscape in City Park	10/13/2025	8:15 AM	2:00 PM	2.50	Yes							
Field Session	MON-FS-06	Sankofa Wetland Park and Nature Trail: Ecological Restoration and Community Resilience	10/13/2025	8:45 AM	12:30 PM	3.00	Yes							
Field Session	MON-FS-07	Living & Working with Water: Green Infrastructure and Workforce Development on Lafitte Greenway	10/13/2025	8:45 AM	1:30 PM	2.00	Yes							
Field Session	MON-FS-08	Into the Streets—Queer and Antiracist Histories in New Orleans' French Quarter	10/13/2025	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	2.50	Yes					ok - story telling		
Field Session	MON-FS-09	Longue Vue House and Gardens: Exploring the Legacy of Ellen Biddle Shipman	10/13/2025	9:15 AM	12:00 PM	2.25	Yes	No HSW			HSW - FINAL			
Concurrent Session	FRI-A01	Bees, Butterflies, Beetles—Oh My! Science-Backed Framework for Urban Pollinator Conservation	10/10/2025	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-A02	Beyond the Sample Closet: Strategies for Smarter Materials Management	10/10/2025	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	1.25	No	No Credit	Non-HSW?		OK; NO HSW FINAL	materials library		
Concurrent Session	FRI-A03	Building a Bigger Table: Participatory, Low-Tech Design Strategies for Designing Healthy Agroecosystems	10/10/2025	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-A04	Finance, Market, Entitlements, Placemaking: Essential and Knowledgeable Ingredients of the Development Process	10/10/2025	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	1.25	No	No Credit	Non-HSW?	no credit	about firm organization issues about real estate development	no credit - firm development		no credit
Concurrent Session	FRI-A05	From Lab to Landscape: Opportunities for Scaling Biochar in Landscape Practice	10/10/2025	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-A06	Living in a Reclaimed Material World: Benefits, Friction, and Landscape Project Precedents	10/10/2025	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-A07	Play It Cool: Designing the Future of Play in a Warming World	10/10/2025	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-A08	Public Housing as Place: Landscape Architecture's Role in Urban Housing Renewal	10/10/2025	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-A09		10/10/2025	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-A10	The Available Landscape: Designing Beyond the Normative Cityscape Toward an Inclusive Future	10/10/2025	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	1.25	Yes	No?			HSW - FINAL		Is this selling a product? Also 20min Q&A	
Concurrent Session	FRI-A11	Unlocking Potential: Activating Vacant Parkland for Inclusive Communities	10/10/2025	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-B01	Answering the Call to Action: Transforming Practice for Co-creation	10/10/2025	10:15 AM	11:30 AM	1.25	No					no HSW - firm focus		
Concurrent Session	FRI-B02	Coastal Hazards Overlay District Guide: Creating More Resilient Communities	10/10/2025	10:15 AM	11:30 AM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-B03	Cultivating Joy in Landscape Architecture	10/10/2025	10:15 AM	11:30 AM	1.25	No				p. 53 about work / professional setting	no credit - personal focus		no credit
Concurrent Session	FRI-B04	Designing Biodiversity Through Landscape Interactions: Applied Science at Varied Scales	10/10/2025	10:15 AM	11:30 AM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-B05	Designing with Purpose: Three Unique Perspectives on Achieving Functional Beauty for Residences	10/10/2025	10:15 AM	11:30 AM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-B06	Envision Platinum: Circular and Sustainable Approaches at the Battery	10/10/2025	10:15 AM	11:30 AM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-B07	Feral: Making Wild Landscapes	10/10/2025	10:15 AM	11:30 AM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-B08	Go the Distance: Envisioning, Implementing, and Curating Great Linear Landscapes	10/10/2025	10:15 AM	11:30 AM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-B09	Landscape Architects in Use Expanded World: Lessons From Working with Infrastructure	10/10/2025	10:15 AM	11:30 AM	1.25	Yes						howling is open discussion?	
Concurrent Session	FRI-B10	Planning, Measurement, and Implementation: Climate Action in a Historic Urban Park	10/10/2025	10:15 AM	11:30 AM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-B11	Speak Up & Sound Smart: Effective Communication Strategies for Landscape Architects	10/10/2025	10:15 AM	11:30 AM	1.25	No	No Credit		no credit	p. 82 - public speaking: communications	no credit - personal focus		no credit
Concurrent Session	FRI-C01	20 Years Later: Spatial, Economic, and Civic Lessons Learned Since Katrina	10/10/2025	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-C02	Beyond Off-the-Shelf: Material Innovations that Create Value and Place	10/10/2025	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	1.25	Yes	No HSW			HSW; FINAL			
Concurrent Session	FRI-C03	Beyond Water Conservation—A Holistic Approach to Designing "Great Places"	10/10/2025	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-C04	Building Capacity with Frontline Communities: Resilience Hubs for All	10/10/2025	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	1.25	Yes						20 min Q&A	
Concurrent Session	FRI-C05		10/10/2025	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	1.25	Yes				NO CREDIT - FINAL: HIGHLIGHT FOR BOARD AT AUGUST MEETING; DESIGN BUILD			
Concurrent Session	FRI-C06	From Selfback to Comeback: Rewiring an Urban Icon	10/10/2025	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	1.25	Yes	No Credit				ok - some design build	Design Build	no credit
Concurrent Session	FRI-C07	How Urban Parks Can Transform Cities and Connect People with Cultural History	10/10/2025	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-C08	Nature at the Water's Edge: Designing Resilient and Bidiverse Urban Waterfronts	10/10/2025	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-C09	Nightlife Newsworthy: Amplifying Landscape Architecture's Reach	10/10/2025	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	1.25	No	No Credit		no credit	p. 111 - communications, PR pitches	no credit - marketing	Marketing & PR	no credit
Concurrent Session	FRI-C10	The Vocabulary of Roberto Burle Marx Revisited	10/10/2025	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	1.25	No		Non-HSW?		OK; NO HSW FINAL			
Concurrent Session	FRI-C11	Unhoused, Unseen: The (In)visibility of Homelessness in "Public" Space	10/10/2025	2:00 PM	3:15 PM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-D02	Beyond Planting Plans: Seeing, Communicating, and Constructing with Plants	10/10/2025	3:45 PM	5:00 PM	1.25	No		Non-HSW?		OK; NO HSW FINAL			
Concurrent Session	FRI-D03	Bridging Boundaries: Adapting for Climate Through Collaborative Design	10/10/2025	3:45 PM	5:00 PM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-D04	Disrupting the System: L.A.'s Waterways as Community Catalyst	10/10/2025	3:45 PM	5:00 PM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-D05	Hurricane Resilience on the Gulf Coast: Two Parks Meeting the Challenge	10/10/2025	3:45 PM	5:00 PM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-D06	Listening to the Land: Integrating Indigenous Perspectives for Restoration and Healing	10/10/2025	3:45 PM	5:00 PM	1.25	No							
Concurrent Session	FRI-D07	Not Your Garden/Variety Landscapes Architects: Leading Nontraditional Careers	10/10/2025	3:45 PM	5:00 PM	1.25	No	No Credit	Non-HSW?	no credit				no credit
Concurrent Session	FRI-D08	Rethinking Participation and Power: Expanding the Potential of Design for Everyone	10/10/2025	3:45 PM	5:00 PM	1.25	Yes	No HSW			HSW; FINAL		Maybe No Credit?	
Concurrent Session	FRI-D09	Rewilding New York City—History, Design & Ecology	10/10/2025	3:45 PM	5:00 PM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-D10	Tapping into Ecological Memory: A Key to Resilient Design	10/10/2025	3:45 PM	5:00 PM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	FRI-D11	To DBE or not to DBE: Leveraging Diversity as a Strategic Advantage	10/10/2025	3:45 PM	5:00 PM	1.25	No	No Credit			p. 149 - bring to Board? Is this about practice? BRING TO BOARD FINAL	no credit - firm focus	Good topic but does not qualify	
Concurrent Session	SAT-A01	ADA Construction Issues—Designed Right, Built Wrong!	10/11/2025	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	SAT-A02	Bridging Climate Divides: Integrating Research, Teaching, and Practice	10/11/2025	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	SAT-A03	Ecological Citizens: Bottom-Up Climate Leadership in Southeast Louisiana	10/11/2025	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	SAT-A04	Inner-City Revival: Building Community Through Placemaking and Urban Recreation	10/11/2025	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	SAT-A05	Islas y Canales Verdes: Land Conservation + Intercultural Design in South America	10/11/2025	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	SAT-A06	Magical Mistakes: Embracing Unexpected Moments of Joy in the Urban Landscape	10/11/2025	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	1.25	No							
Concurrent Session	SAT-A07		10/11/2025	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	1.25	No							
Concurrent Session	SAT-A08	Making Space for Culture: Strategies for Supporting Cultural Programming in Public Landscapes	10/11/2025	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	1.25	Yes		Non-HSW?		OK; NOT HSW - FINAL	some focus on funding and partnerships		OK; no HSW
Concurrent Session	SAT-A09	Measuring What Matters: The Social Value and Economic Benefits of Public Interventions	10/11/2025	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	1.25	Yes							
Concurrent Session	SAT-A10	The Founders: Professional Perspectives at Three Stages of Practice	10/11/2025	11:00 AM	12:15 PM	1.25	No	No Credit		no credit		no credit - firm focus		no credit

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# SUN-A04: Innovative Community Engagement: Digital and Map-Based Techniques

## Session Marketing Statement

Whether it's public comments or community workshops, community engagement is your project's ultimate test. To help you pass with flying colors, three community engagement experts from research, tech, and landscape practice share their insights. We'll focus on how digital, map-based methods integrate into the design process, supporting lovable, community-driven places.

## Learning Outcomes:

1. Identify the types of spatial and qualitative data that contribute to meaningful and inclusive community engagement.
2. Describe how digital, map-based engagement methods support diverse stakeholder involvement in design processes.
3. Evaluate real-world case studies that integrate participatory mapping into planning and landscape architecture projects.
4. Anticipate future trends in engagement technology and understand how evolving tools may impact participatory design practices.

## Session Outline:

### I. Introduction & Session Overview (5 minutes)

*Presenter: Maarit Kahila*

- Welcome and framing the session
- Introduction of speakers and sectors represented (research, practice, technology)
- Overview of key session themes: digital engagement, participatory mapping, and inclusivity

### II. Research Perspective: The Science Behind Participatory Mapping (20 minutes)

*Presenter: Prof. Marketta Kyttä*

- Overview of digital participatory mapping as a tool for engagement
- Strengths and limitations of spatial data collection in community engagement
- Case studies illustrating participatory mapping in diverse urban contexts
- Reflections on how research partnerships can strengthen engagement processes

### III. Practice Perspective: Integrating Engagement into Design (20 minutes)

*Presenter: Beth Poovey, LandDesign*

- Defining “good” community engagement and how it’s evolving  
Shifts in the role of data and visualization in community input
- Why LandDesign incorporates map-based platforms into projects
- Key lessons: Flexibility, inclusivity, and offering multiple feedback pathways
- Examples of successful community-driven design outcomes

#### **IV. Technology Perspective: The Future of Engagement Tools (15 minutes)**

*Presenter: Maarit Kahila*

- How digital platforms are advancing influential public participation
- Turning community input into usable design data
- New frontiers in engagement tech: AI, machine learning, and beyond
- Scaling tools for diverse communities and project types

#### **V. Q&A and Closing Discussion (10 minutes)**

- Audience questions
- Final thoughts from each presenter on advancing equitable, data-informed design

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## Introduction

Licensed landscape architects work in a world of evolving technology, increased consumer expectations and other emerging issues. Practice in this changing environment requires ongoing development of knowledge and skills. It is critical that licensees remain current with changes and developments in the profession to render quality services and to ensure public protection. The Office of the Professions is committed to helping professionals stay up-to-date and informed throughout their professional lives.

To renew your registration as a landscape architect, New York State Education Law will require you to complete 36 hours of continuing education (CE) in each three-year registration period, as of January 1, 2007. The information below is provided to respond to frequently asked questions about the continuing education requirements. It is not a substitute for reading the provisions of law, rule or regulation.

The statutes and regulations that apply to this requirement are [available on this site](#). In addition you may request them by email at [larchbd@nysed.gov](mailto:larchbd@nysed.gov), by phone 518-474-3817 ext. 110, fax 518-486-2981, or by writing to the New York State Education Department, Office of the Professions, State Board for Landscape Architecture, State Education Building - 2nd Floor, 89 Washington Ave., Albany, New York 12234.

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## General Information

1. Is there a difference between "licensure" and "registration"?

## Continuing Education Requirements

2. Am I required to take continuing education?

3. What if there are circumstances that make it impossible for me to comply?

4. When will I be required to begin reporting completion of continuing education?

5. I just passed all divisions of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) and received my license. Since I am in my first registration period, do I need to begin completing continuing education immediately?

6. I am currently practicing in another state and just received my first New York State license and registration. Do I need to begin completing continuing education immediately?

## Amount of Continuing Education Required

7. How many continuing education credits must I take?

8. I just received my registration certificate and notice that the registration period is less than three years. Am I required to complete a total of 36 contact hours of continuing education for this period?

9. If I complete more hours of continuing education than is required during my current registration period can I "carryover" the excess continuing education hours to my next registration period?

10. What is an hour of continuing education?

11. I am licensed in New York State but am not registered (my registration is inactive) and I am practicing my profession in another jurisdiction. Do I need to complete continuing education before I can reactivate my New York State registration?

12. I am licensed in New York State but am not registered (my registration is inactive) because I have not been practicing my profession in any jurisdiction. Do I need to complete continuing education before I can reactivate my registration?

13. Must I take a specific number of continuing education courses each year during my registration period?

## Subjects and Providers of Continuing Education

14. What is acceptable continuing education?

15. What courses of learning are acceptable for continuing education?

16. Who are approved sponsors (providers)?

17. Is there any limitation on the subject matter of the courses of learning and/or educational activities?

Yes. **Not all courses and educational activities offered by an approved sponsor are acceptable for continuing education credit in New York State.** The subject area must contribute to the professional practice of landscape architecture. Of the 36 hours required, at least two-thirds (24 hours) must be in the areas of health, safety and welfare (HSW). However, no more than one-third (12 hours) will be accepted in other topics, which contribute to the professional practice of landscape architecture as such practice is defined in section 7321 of the Education Law. The key is the subject matter's relationship to professional practice. You must also make sure that a minimum of 18 hours are in courses of learning, and no more than 18 hours consist of educational activities.

- code of ethics
- codes, acts, laws, and regulations governing the practice of landscape architecture
- construction administration, including the administration of construction contracts
- construction documents
- environmental process and analysis
- erosion control methods, including storm water management as is incidental and necessary to the practice of landscape architecture
- design of environmental systems and use of site materials and methods of site construction
- grading and natural drainage
- horticulture
- irrigation methods
- land planning and land use analysis
- landscape preservation, landscape restoration and adaptive reuse
- natural hazards - impact of earthquake, hurricane, or flood related to site design
- New York State Building Code as it affects landscape architecture
- resource conservation and management
- site accessibility, including American with Disabilities Act standards for accessible site design
- site and soils analysis
- site design
- site security and safety
- specifications writing
- surveying methods and techniques as they affect landscape architecture
- sustainable design, including techniques related to energy efficiency
- vegetative management
- wetlands
- zoning as it relates to the improvement and/or protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public
- other matters of law and ethics which contribute to the health, safety and welfare of the public
- Other topics, which contribute to the professional practice of landscape architecture as such practice is defined in section 7321 of the Education Law, except for non-acceptable subjects listed below.

### Non-acceptable subjects:

Subject areas that do not contribute to the professional practice of landscape architecture as defined in section 7321 of the Education Law, such as, risk management, limiting the design professional's liability, project management related to profitability and maximizing fees, marketing and public relations, insurance, laws related to arbitration, mediation, liens (unless they relate to safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of the public), real estate, real estate development, expanding a design professional's business, basic AutoCAD, personal development, general office management, accounting/financial planning, succession planning, zoning as it relates to increasing a developer or landscape architect's profitability, design build (unless 75% of the course content relates to the laws related to design build in New York State) are **not acceptable** subjects.

Service on Boards and/or professional committees, and active participation in technical and/or professional organizations are **not** eligible for continuing education credit.

18. Can I study on my own rather than take a course or educational activity?

19. Am I required to take educational activities?

20. Are courses limited to a traditional "classroom setting" in which I am in the same room with the instructor?

21. May I count toward my requirement a continuing education course taught or technical presentation given through an approved sponsor?

22. May I count toward my requirement a college level course that I teach?

### Recordkeeping and Reporting

23. What records should I expect to receive from the continuing education provider and how long am I required to keep them?

24. What information must I provide the Education Department when I renew my registration?

25. Do I have to send my continuing education records to the Department when I reregister?

26. What documentation must I provide if my continuing education records are audited?

27. What if the audit reveals discrepancies?

28. What if I fail to complete the required number of hours?

29. What if I do not meet the continuing education requirement and simply do not renew my registration?

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**2026 MEETING  
DATES**

**To:** Landscape Architecture Board Members

**Date:** July 28, 2025

**From:** Robert Lopez

**Subject:** Proposed 2026 Board Meeting Dates

**In reply to:**

The below dates and locations are proposed for next year's Landscape Architecture Board Meetings:

Wednesday, April 29	NYC
Wednesday, August 12	NYC
Wednesday, December 2	NYC

These dates will be discussed at the upcoming Board meeting, so please bring your calendars.