

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
CONFERENCE CALL
September 9, 2009**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Landscape Architects was held via conference call on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following Board Members were present:

Michael Breedlove, Chairperson
Rebecca Kirk, Vice-Chairperson
Jaydee Atkins Ager
Paul J. Brickey, Jr.

Others present were:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Brandi Howell, Board Support Specialist
Janet Wray, Assistant Attorney General
Pledger Wood, LA000271

Chairperson Breedlove established that a quorum was present at 9:30 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Breedlove called for any changes/revisions to the July 8, 2009 Conference Call minutes. A motion was made by Rebecca Kirk, seconded by Jaydee Atkins Ager, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2009 meeting as presented.

2010 Board Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Jaydee Atkins Ager, seconded by Rebecca Kirk, and the Board voted unanimously to set the calendar for the following 2010 meeting dates:

January 13, 2010	July 14, 2010
April 14, 2010	October 13, 2010

Executive Director's Report

Board Rule 310-2-.01 Applications: The Board discussed revisions pertaining to Rule 310-2-.01 Applications. A motion was made by Paul Brickey, Jr., seconded by Jaydee Atkins Ager, and the Board voted unanimously to post Rule 310-2-.01 Applications as follows:

(1) An application for licensure as a Landscape Architect by examination shall be submitted on a form provided by the Board and may be received at any time during regular business hours at the office of the Board. ~~The deadlines for submission of applications to the Board office are:~~

~~June examination: March 1st for first-time applicants;~~

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~~March 15th for re-exam applicants.~~

~~December examination: September 1st for first-time applicants;~~

~~September 30th for re-exam applicants.~~

(a) Each applicant sitting for the examination must obtain written approval from the Board prior to taking any portion (written and/or computer based) of any examination offering that occurs at any time during the year. Scores obtained by an applicant from an examination for which there was not prior written approval by the Board will not be accepted by the Board for the purpose of licensure.

(2) An examination/application fee shall accompany the application.

(3) All portions of the application must be completed and the Board reserves the right to require the applicant to furnish proof of the statements made therein. Failure to supply additional evidence within the dates prescribed by the Board, or failure to appear before the Board, if requested, may be considered just and sufficient cause for denial of the application as an incomplete application.

(4) The Board reserves the right to retain any and all documents submitted.

(5) The Board may require evidence to support the adequacy of the training required. Successive periods of employment of less than 10 weeks may not be considered as part of a training described on the application.

(6) In order to be acceptable to the Board, the 18 months of training required in O.C.G.A. 43-23-7 as a prerequisite for the examination must be in the actual full-time practice of landscape architecture under the direct supervision of a registered landscape architect. Exceptions to the supervision requirements provided for in this paragraph will be considered by the Board on a case by case basis. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide adequate documentation to show evidence of having met the training requirement provided for in this paragraph. Full-time is defined as a minimum of 40 hours worked per week. In order for part-time work to fulfill the training requirement, 36 months of training with a minimum of 20 hours worked per week is required.

(7) Applicants who hold a Master of Landscape Architecture degree or a Master of Science degree in landscape architecture but who do not hold a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree or a Bachelor of Science degree in landscape architecture, must complete the training requirements provided for in O.C.G.A. 43-23-7 as a prerequisite for the examination.

(8) The Board or its designated provider will provide reasonable accommodation to a qualified applicant with a disability in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. The written request for an accommodation by an individual with a disability must be submitted to the ~~made in writing and received in the~~ Board office with the application by the

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~~application deadline~~ along with appropriate documentation, as indicated in the Request for Disability Accommodation Guidelines.

A motion was made by Paul Brickey, Jr., seconded by Rebecca Kirk, and the Board voted unanimously that the formulation and adoption of this new rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2, 43-1-3, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-23-2, 43-23-4, 43-23-6, 43-23-7, and 43-23-8.

A motion was made by Jaydee Atkins Ager, seconded by Paul Brickey, Jr., and the Board voted unanimously that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2, 43-1-3, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-23-2, 43-23-4, 43-23-6, 43-23-7, and 43-23-8 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of landscape architecture.

List of Applicants Licensed Since Last Review

The Board reviewed the following list of Landscape Architects licensed since the last review. A motion was made by Rebecca Kirk, seconded by Paul Brickey, Jr., and the Board voted unanimously to approve the list of licensees.

License #	Name	Issue Date	License Method
LA001588	Hill, David Matthew	7/31/2009	Reciprocity
LA001589	Gjertson, David Raymond	7/31/2009	Reciprocity
LA001590	Spencer, Dane Kaplan	7/31/2009	Reciprocity
LA001591	Cormier, Elise Cardin	8/28/2009	Examination
LA001592	Justice, Jason Matthew	9/3/2009	Examination
LA001593	Toothaker, Michael Adrian	9/3/2009	Examination
LA-T000027	Rankin, Bruce A	7/8/2009	Application

The Board reviewed the following list of Landscape Architects whose licenses were reinstated since the last review.

License #	Name	Reinstated
LA000639	Howard, John Paul, Jr	8/7/2009
LA001010	Cole, Michael S	8/18/2009
LA001036	Burke, Brian P	8/24/2009

Executive Session

A motion was made by Paul Brickey, Jr., seconded by Jaydee Atkins Ager, and the Board members present: Ager, Breedlove, Brickey, and Kirk, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session, in

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accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to act on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Vote on Discussions from Executive Session

Open Session was declared by Chairperson Breedlove.

A motion was made by Paul Brickey, Jr., seconded by Rebecca Kirk, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendations made during Executive Session.

The recommendations made during Executive Session are as follows:

Examination:

The following applicants were approved to take the L.A.R.E.:

- Applicant #1205283
- Applicant #1205611
- Applicant #1205765
- Applicant #1206143
- Applicant #1206278
- Applicant #1206598

The following applicant was disapproved to take the L.A.R.E.:

- Berle, David Christian

The Board tabled the following application and directed staff to send a letter to the applicant regarding the use of “senior landscape architect” on letterhead:

- Applicant #1206873

Reinstatement:

The following was approved for reinstatement of an expired Landscape Architect license:

- LA001010 Michael S. Cole

Complaints

LA090001: The Board voted unanimously to close the case with no action.

Board Attorney Report

There was nothing to report at this time.

Storm Water Management

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There were no updates relating to Storm Water Management at this time.

CLARB

There were no updates relating to CLARB at this time.

Old/New Business

The Board discussed scheduling a conference call for the rule hearing and adoption of Rule 310-2-.01 Applications. The conference call will be held on October 14, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

With no other business for the Board to discuss, a motion was made by Rebecca Kirk, seconded by Paul Brickey, Jr., and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Brandi Howell, Board Support Specialist

Minutes Edited/Reviewed by:

Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director