

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Board Meeting: June 8, 2011
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A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Landscape Architects was held via conference call on Wednesday, June 8, 2011.

The following Board members were present:

Becky Kirk, Chairperson
Chad Baker
Chip Brown
Gregg Hudspeth

Others present:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Janet Wray, Assistant Attorney General
JoAnne Sims, Board Support Specialist

At 2:32 p.m. Chairperson Kirk established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Vote to Post Amended Rule

A motion was made by Gregg Hudspeth, seconded by Chip Brown, and the Board voted unanimously to post the following amended rule:

310-9-.04 Approved Programs. Amended.

(1) Courses or programs offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty societies, professional organizations and government agencies will be considered acceptable provided that they are developed and conducted by qualified persons, provide the registrant with evidence of attendance or satisfactory completion, and consist of subject matter which contributes directly to the professional competence of a registrant in the practice of landscape architecture.

(2) Correspondence Courses. Correspondence courses and independent study programs which meet the criteria provided in (1) above are permitted if the course provides for interaction between the participant and instructor or administrator. This usually takes the form of periodic examinations and must be documented.

(3) Academic Courses. University and college courses offered in a degree program which meet the criteria provided in (1) above are permitted so long as the course is not taken to meet the education requirements for registration as a landscape architect.

(4) Independent Research and Publications. Credit may be awarded for published articles and books provided they contribute to the professional competence of the applicant. Credit for preparation of such publications may be given on a self-declaration basis up to 50% of the total hours required. In exceptional circumstances an applicant may request additional credit by submitting the article(s) or book(s) to the Board with an explanation of the circumstances which justify a greater credit.

(5) Service to the Profession and/or Public Service. Rendering service to the profession and/or the public through appointment, election or volunteerism on city/county/state/national

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commissions or boards, professional societies, councils or committees will be considered acceptable provided the positions held and activities conducted consistently relate to issues considered relative to the practice of landscape architecture. Tasks include, but are not limited to: registration examination grading and question writing; advocacy; public awareness; policy, etc. Documentation must be retained and submitted verifying length of service, position/title, description and function of entity, meeting dates and agenda. Credit for such service may not exceed 4 contact hours per renewal cycle.

A motion was made by Chad Baker, seconded by Gregg Hudspeth, 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 §43-23-7.1.

A motion was made by Chip Brown, seconded by Gregg Hudspeth, and the Board voted unanimously that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A §43-23-7.1 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.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Chad Baker, seconded by Gregg Hudspeth, and the Board members present: Chip Brown and Becky Kirk, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to discuss investigative matters and for application discussion.

Open Session

Open Session was declared.

Vote on Discussions from Executive Session

A motion was made by Chip Brown, seconded by Gregg Hudspeth, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendations made during Executive Session.

The recommendations made during Executive Session are as follows:

The Board voted unanimously to accept, upon receipt, a consent order for reinstatement of licensure with a fine of \$1,000 for unlicensed practice. In the same motion, the Board voted unanimously to grant Tanja Battle express permission to sign the consent order for:

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The Board voted unanimously to approve the reinstatement of:

Applicant #26656

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With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

JoAnne R. Sims, Board Support Specialist

Minutes Edited/Reviewed by:

Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director