

Georgia State Board of Landscape Architects

Board Meeting Open Session Minutes

July 20, 2016

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Landscape Architects met on **Wednesday, July 20, 2016**, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Board Members Present:

Rebecca Kirk, Chairperson
Tim Lake, Vice Chairman
Jaydee Ager
Chad Baker
Scott Weinberg

Board Staff Present:

Darren Mickler, Executive Director
Charlotte Mason, Licensure Supervisor
Sommer Stafford, Licensure Analyst
Regina Saponari, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General Representative present:

Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General

Open Session:

At 9:37 a.m., Chairperson Rebecca Kirk established that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

The Board welcomed Assistant Attorney General Betsy Cohen as the new Attorney General for the Georgia State Board of Landscape Architects.

Approval of Open Session Minutes:

Chairperson Rebecca Kirk presented a draft of the April 20, 2016 Open Session minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Jaydee Ager moved to approve the minutes as presented, Scott Weinberg seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

News Letter Discussion:

Chairperson Rebecca Kirk and Vice Chairman Tim Lake presented a draft of the first News Letter to be issued in November 2016. The target release date for each News Letter hereafter will be two weeks following each Board meeting.

Executive Session:

At 10:11 a.m., Chad Baker moved to enter into Executive Session, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) and 50-14-2(1), to deliberate on applications and investigative matters and to receive an investigative report. Vice Chairman Tim Lake seconded. Voting in favor of the motion were those members present who included: Chairperson Rebecca Kirk, Jaydee Ager and Scott Weinberg.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Landscape Architects meeting was closed at 11:19 a.m. and Chairperson Rebecca Kirk declared the Georgia State Board of Registration for Landscape Architects to be “open” pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. The following Board Members were present: Vice Chairman Tim Lake, Chad Baker, Jaydee Ager, and Scott Weinberg. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Open Session:

Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

Jaydee Ager motioned, Scott Weinberg seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 20, 2016 Executive Session minutes as presented.

Applications:

Scott Weinberg made a motion, Chad Baker seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following list of applicants:

Applicant(s) approved for temporary licensure:

Applicant No.	Name
2623020	Verdicchio, Peter Robert

Applicant(s) approved to take the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (L.A.R.E.):

L.A.R.E.	
Applicant No.	Name
2624968	J.H.H.
2614222	R.S.
2620442	A.B.
2615910	S.M.L.

Applicant(s) approved for licensure by reciprocity, pending passage of the Georgia Landscape Architect License Exam:

Reciprocity	
Applicant No.	Name
2619667	E.J.L.
2623750	B.T.B.
2629186	J.R.D.
2629006	E.A.C.
2630108	R.W.
2618086	J.I.

Applicant(s) approved for licensure reinstatement:

Reinstatement	
License No.	Name
LA001354	King, Eric Harold

Vice Chairman Tim Lake made a motion, Chad Baker seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to issue a Letter of Acknowledgement stating that the Board may consider reducing the continuing education requirements, contingent upon the applicant completing a reinstatement application, paying the reinstatement fee, and completing a waiver request form:

Applicant No.	Name
26640	M.S.

Chad Baker made a motion, Vice Chairman Tim Lake seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to refer the following applicant to Attorney General’s Office to offer licensure under a public Consent Order with terms and conditions:

Applicant No.	Name
2613579	J.C.Y.

Attorney General Report

Jaydee Ager made a motion, Chad Baker seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to modify the Attorney General Report section from both the Open and Executive Session Minutes from the January 20th, 2016 minutes to read as:

- **Applicant No. 2468620** – Applicant’s request for licensure reinstatement was reviewed by the Board. Vice Chairman Tim Lake made a motion, Jaydee Ager seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to refer to the Attorney General’s office to offer a public Consent Order for licensure with a \$10,000 fine and reprimand for unlicensed practice.

Vote to Post Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 310-9-.03, Sec. 2:

Scott Weinberg made a motion, Jaydee Ager seconded, and the Board voted to post the addition of Section 2 to the Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 310-9-.03.

- **310-9-.03 Continuing Education**

- (2) The Board may, upon request, waive the continuing education requirement for individuals who have held a valid active license for 30 years.

Authority O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-23-7.1.

Licenses Issued from April 20, 2016 – July 19, 2016:

Vice Chairman Tim Lake motioned, Scott Weinberg seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to ratify the following list of licenses issued:

License No.	Name
LA-T000056	Peter Robert Verdicchio
LA-T000054	Mark Louis Kaltsas
LA-T000055	Lea Ann Macknally
LA001764	Melissa Holcombe Branen
LA001765	Virginia Lynn Rudder
LA001766	Laura Jeanne Ballock
LA001767	Eric J. Lalone
LA001768	Douglas McClure
LA001762	Daniel Thomas Anderton
LA001763	John Benjamin Bricken, III
LA001769	Brian Thomas Bolen
LA001770	Kathryn Anne Medina
LA001771	Clara Yongjin Kwon

Complaints:

The Board reviewed the following complaint(s):

LA150011 - This complaint involves the allegations of unlicensed practice by the Respondent. Vice Chairman Tim Lake made a motion, Jaydee Ager seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to refer the complaint to the Attorney General's office to offer licensure under a public Consent Order with terms and conditions.

LA170001 – This complaint involves the allegations of unethical conduct by the Respondent. The Board voted to close this case with a letter explaining the Board has no jurisdiction and based upon the evidence the Respondent did not hold himself out as a professional Landscape Architect.

Other Business:

The Board discussed the implementation of a spreadsheet to keep up-to-date with open Complaints.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be on October 19, 2016 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

Minutes recorded by: Regina Saponari, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Darren Mickler, Executive Director

Rebecca Kirk
Rebecca Kirk, Chairperson

Darren Mickler
Darren Mickler, Licensure Supervisor

These minutes were approved on: October 19, 2016