

Georgia State Board of Landscape Architects

Board Meeting Open Session Minutes

February 7, 2024

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Landscape Architects met on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024** via WebEx.

<p><u>Board Members Present:</u> Rebecca Kirk, Chairperson Jon Williams Jon Calabria Betsy Norton Chad Baker</p> <p><u>Attorney General Representative present:</u> Alison Spencer, Assistant Attorney General</p>	<p><u>Board Staff Present:</u> Laurie Elander, Executive Director Brandy Griffin, Licensing Analyst Ava Walker, Licensing Analyst</p> <p><u>Visitor:</u> Josh Beckler</p>
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Open Session:

At 9:33 a.m., Chairperson Rebecca Kirk established that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Jon Calabria made a motion for the Board to accept the agenda as presented. Betsy Norton seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Open Session Minutes:

Chairperson Rebecca Kirk presented a draft of the February 7, 2024 Open Session meeting minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Jon Williams made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Jon Calabria seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Jon Calabria made a motion for the Board to approve the list of licenses issued and licenses reinstated from October 26, 2023, to February 1, 2024. Betsy Norton seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Issued

License Number	Licensee
LA001966	Andrew Michael Cheatham
LA001967	Brian Collins Howell
LA001965	James Paul Anderson
LA001969	Jamil Mohamed Fatti
LA001968	John Phillip Donnelly
LA-T000084	Noppon Kichanan
LA001970	Samuel Allen Kennemer

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LA001971	Saretta Lucyle Griner
LA-T000085	Thomas Lenoir Woltz

Reinstated

License Number	Licensee
LA001048	Mark Christian Brostrom

Josh Beckler joined the call as a visitor, he wanted to speak to board in reference to his career aspirations.

Executive Session:

Jon Calabria moved, Betsy Norton seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 09:44 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and to hear the Attorney General’s Report.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Rebecca Kirk, Chair, declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq., at 10:13 a.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

Open Session:

Chad Baker joined the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Jon Williams moved, Chad Baker seconded, and the motion was carried by the Board to ratify the following recommendations made during the Executive Session:

Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

Approved the October 25, 2023, Executive Session Board minutes as presented.

Applications:

- 3128732: Approved
- 2982439: Approve upon receipt of an updated application.

Attorney General Report

Assistant Attorney General Alison Spencer presented the AG Report, the board voted to accept as presented.

Executive Director Report

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Laurie Elander gave an update on the new computer system.

Other Business:

The Board discussed application fees. Jon Williams made a motion to keep application fees the same, Chad Baker seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Rebecca Kirk, Chairperson, declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be on April 17, 2024.

Minutes recorded by:

Laurie Elander, Executive Director

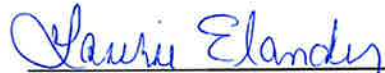
Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Laurie Elander, Executive Director



Rebecca Kirk, Chairperson

Signed by Laurie Elander on behalf of Rebecca Kirk
with expressed permission



Laurie Elander, Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: April 17, 2024

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COUNTY OF BIBB

AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specified exemptions relied upon. O.C.G. A. 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meetings in question.

Comes Rebecca R. Kirk, the Board Chair identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Landscape Architects.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and subject to penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On April 17, 2024, this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of members present voted to close the meeting or a portion hereof of the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The legal authority for closure of this meeting was: O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k).
5. The subjects discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are as follows:

Applications and other personal information submitted by the applicants, information, Favorable or unfavorable, submitted by a reference source concerning an applicant; and Deliberations of the Board with respect to an application, an examination, a complaint, an Investigation, or a disciplinary proceeding.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Rebecca R. Kirk
PRESIDING OFFICER
Rebecca R. Kirk
Signed by Laurie Elander with expressed permission of Rebecca R. Kirk

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd
Day of April, 2024.
Wanda M. Jaffe
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 04-16-27

