

**COMMITTEE OF THE RI BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTS
OF THE UNIFIED BOARD OF DESIGN PROFESSIONALS DIVISION
WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION (DBR)**

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE 20 February 2008

**PLACE 1 Capitol Hill, 2nd Floor Conference Room C, Providence,
RI**

MEMBERS PRESENT Mr. Carter, Ms. Bradford and Mr. Pilz

**OTHERS PRESENT Ms. Christina Styron, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Richard W. Berstein, Legal Counsel**

**AGENDA ITEM 1 Chairman Carter called the meeting to order at 2:10
PM.**

Call to Order

**AGENDA ITEM 2 Secretary/Treasurer Pilz made a motion, seconded
by Vice Chair Bradford, to Approval of Minutes recommend approval
of the Open Session Minutes of the 29 January 2008**

minutes to the Unified Board. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Unified Board will also be approving the forthcoming minutes of this 20 February 2008 meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 3. The Committee did not move to go into Executive Session.

Executive Session

AGENDA ITEM 4 1. A letter was received from PlayCore, regarding offering continuing Correspondence education course for landscape architects. Ms. Styron will send them a letter

informing them that Continuing Education is not required for RI registered

Landscape Architects.

2. A response was received from James Lee, Assistant Attorney General, Division Chief, to Chairman Carter's letter asking that Thomas Palombo, Special Assistant Attorney General, be allowed to continue to advise this Committee and/or attend the next several meetings to assist in the reorganization transition. Mr. Lee responded that Mr. Palombo will only be available to advise the Department of Business Regulation's legal staff.

AGENDA ITEM 5 1. A reciprocity application for Patrick Maguire was

reviewed.

Applications–LA & COA Vice Chair Bradford made a motion, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Pilz, to

approve Mr. Maguire’s application. Mr. Maguire will not be required to take the RI

State Exam. The motion was passed unanimously.

Per previous discussion about whether the State of Massachusetts Board extends the same privilege to RI registered Landscape Architects, the Committee members recalled that this question had come up in the last year or so and that they believe that this Committee received a response from the MA Board. It is the Committee’s recollection that MA requires RI registered LAs to take the MA state exam. Ms. Styron will research the Board’s file for this correspondence. A letter will be sent to the MA Board stating that due to the fact that they will not extend the same privilege to RI registered applicants, this Committee will require MA registered applicants to take the RI state exam.

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Per RIGL § 5-51-7 Reciprocity – Waiver of requirements for examination. – (a) The board may waive the requirements for examination of a competent landscape architect holding a license in another state, territory, or possession of the United States, or in a foreign country, provided that state, territory, possession, or country grants equal rights and has at least equal standards, and provided that the applicant's license shall be based on comparable written examinations and that his or her qualifications meet all of the requirements of this chapter based on verified evidence satisfactory to the board. (b) The board shall establish standards for the determination and implementation of reciprocity with other states.

Upon further discussion, Vice Chair Bradford made a motion, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Pilz, to amend the above motion to require Mr. Maguire to take the RI state exam and include an explanation to him that the MA Board does not extend the same privilege and he; therefore, must take the exam. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chairman Carter made a motion, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Pilz, to modify the action taken on Agenda Item 5. 1. of the 29 January 2008 meeting, Michael Radner, MA LA application, and require Mr.

Radner to take the RI state exam and include an explanation to him that the MA Board does not extend the same privilege and he; therefore, must take the exam. The motion was passed unanimously.

2. An amended Certificate of Authorization application for Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc. was reviewed. This application requests the addition of Thomas Benjamin as a person in responsible charge along with existing person in responsible charge, Frank Stewart. Ms. Styron noted to the Board that the application will have to be returned to them to have it notarized.

Vice Chair Bradford made a motion seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Pilz, to approve Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc.'s amended COA application pending receipt of their corrected application. The motion was passed unanimously

AGENDA ITEM 6 a. Board reorganization

Attorney Berstein clarified his comments from the 29 January 2008 meeting, that each Committee of the Unified Board of Design Professionals will meet as usual and make recommendations to the Unified Board which will, in turn, adopt, reject or modify each committee's recommendations. If there is an impasse or the Unified Board fails to act, the DBR Director will make the decision.

AGENDA ITEM 7 a. New Examination Process

New Business

There was discussion about CLARB's requirements for taking any of the sections of the exams compared to RI's requirements. The Committee requested that Ms. Styron print out the requirements and have them available at the next meeting.

It was noted that there are many conflicts between this committee's Rules and Regulations and past administration of the exam and the CLARB administered exam.

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b. Exam Purchase Agreement

Ms. Styron gave Attorney Dennehy the agreement to review previously. Attorney Dennehy will advise the Committee as soon as possible.

c. Determine date for RI State exam

The Committee set 17 June 2008 as the date the RI State exam will be given. The deadline for the completed application to be received will be 11 April 2008. Ms. Styron will request that the website be updated as soon as possible to reflect these dates.

d. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for discussion.

e. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for 19 March 2008 at 2:00 PM.

AGENDA ITEM I. Secretary/Treasurer Pilz made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Bradford, to Adjournment adjourn at 3:35 PM. The motion was passed unanimously.

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