

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

DATE 28 April 2010

**PLACE 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 69-1 Conference Room,
Cranston, RI**

**MEMBERS PRESENT Chairman John C. Carter, Vice Chair Sara
Bradford, and Secretary Steven Pilz**

MEMBERS ABSENT Scott Millar and Susan Votta

**OTHERS PRESENT Ms. Christina M. Styron, Administrative
Assistant**

Mr. Richard W. Berstein, Legal Counsel

Mr. Brian J. Riggs, DBR Department Budget Administrator

Mrs. Lois A. Marshall, Administrative Assistant

**AGENDA ITEM 1 Chairman Carter called the meeting to order at 2:04
PM.**

Call to Order

AGENDA ITEM 2 Secretary Pilz made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Bradford, to approve the Approval of Minutes minutes of 24 March 2010 meeting. The motion was passed: four

in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Carter, Vice Chair Bradford, and Secretary Pilz.

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

Executive Session

AGENDA ITEM 4 1. CLARB March 2010 LARE Score Report for RI Examinees was received.

Correspondence

2. An e-mail from CLARB regarding Score Availability was received.

AGENDA ITEM 5 a. Review & update Rules & Regulations

Old Business

Attorney Bernstein has an intern working on the proposed Rules and Regulations.

b. CAVU

Ms. Styron, Ms. Marshall, Mr. Riggs and Attorney Bernstein gave a

brief update on the CAVU project.

c. Legislation

Attorney Bernstein gave an update on pending legislation.

Bill S2664 & Bill 7691 fines & penalties for unregistered activity – urged the Board

members to call their local Senators & Representatives asking them to support this

bill. Sub A will include an ISDS exemption.

d. Twin Farms Landscaping and Design, Inc. – The Board had instructed Ms. Styron check the RI Secretary of State’s database to see if Twin Farms Landscaping and Design, Inc. applied as a corporation. Ms. Styron reported that Steven Ricci registered with the name A-Twin Landscaping & Design, Inc. and filed a disclaimer that the company “Is not engaging in landscape architecture. We are currently involved in maintenance, construction and design.” This matter is closed.

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e. Hessford Landscaping –Ms. Styron mailed a letter on 27 April 2010. Mr. Hesford has twenty days to respond.

f. Board membership – The Board asked Ms. Styron to draft a letter to RI Builders

Association, RI Nurserymen, RIPA and RIAICP asking for assistance in recruiting

individuals who may be interested in serving on this Board as the Public Member.

AGENDA ITEM 6 a. Miscellaneous

New Business

1. Ground Flora – This company’s advertisement brochure was brought to the Board’s attention. It is the Board’s decision that this company does not appear to be advertising landscape architecture services and that no action will be taken.

2. Magma Design Group, Inc. – A copy of a business card for Samantha Best, Certified Horticulturalist, RINLA Member of Magma Design Group, Inc. with a notation of “Could not find this firm listed on the state website for landscape architects” was received anonymously on 5 April 2010.

Magma Design Group, Inc. does hold a current, valid Certificate of Authorization #LA23,114 which is valid through 30 June 2010 listing Neal A. Best, LA #452. It is the Board's decision that Samantha Best is not holding herself as a Landscape Architect and that no action will be taken.

b. The next Board meeting is scheduled for 26 May 2010 at 2:00 PM

AGENDA ITEM 7 LA applications

Applications–LA & COA

The following applicants are applying to take the RI State exam:

Timothy E. Brown

Patrick J. Sweeney

Secretary Pilz made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Bradford, to approve the

above listed applicants to take the 17 June 2010 RI State Exam. The motion was

passed; three in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Carter, Vice Chair Bradford and Secretary Pilz.

The exam will be given on 17 June 2010. Vice Chair Bradford is

asking for additional questions from the other Board members.

Secretary Pilz will

assist Vice Chair Bradford in setting up for the exam.

COA applications

The Board reviewed the following COA application for exemption from the COA requirement as they have indicated that they will not be offering services in Rhode Island at this time:

Marybeth Murphy

Chairman Carter made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Bradford, to approve the above listed individual as exempt from the COA requirement for the period of 28 April 2010 through 30 June 2010. The motion was passed; three in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Carter, Vice Chair Bradford and Secretary Pilz.

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The Board reviewed the following new COA applications applying as a Sole

Proprietorship:

Mark J. Butler, Jr. Thomas S. Benjamin Richard C. DeFusco

Arthur J. Eddy Dean W. Gowen Robert Hoover

Marc Peter Keane John Palcso Thomas R. Tavella

Chairman Carter made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Bradford, to approve the

above listed COA applications. The motion was passed; three in favor. Voting in

favor were Chairman Carter, Vice Chair Bradford and Secretary Pilz.

The Board reviewed the following new COA applications applying as a Corporation:

Clark Farms, Inc.

Chairman Carter made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Bradford, to conditionally approve the above listed COA application pending receipt of a Certificate of Good Standing issued by the RI Secretary of State's office. The motion was passed; three in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Carter, Vice Chair Bradford and Secretary Pilz.

The Board reviewed the following new COA applications applying as a LLC:

Gardner and Gerrish, LLC

Chairman Carter made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Bradford, to conditionally approve the above listed COA application pending receipt of a Certificate of Legal Existence issued by the RI Secretary of State's office. The motion was passed; three in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Carter, Vice Chair Bradford and Secretary Pilz.

COA On-line renewal – The on-line renewal has been launched.

AGENDA ITEM 8 Chairman Carter made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Bradford, to adjourn at Adjournment 3:03 PM. The motion was passed unanimously; three in favor. Voting in favor were Chairman Carter, Vice Chair Bradford and Secretary Pilz.

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