
Maryland Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects
Business Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, July 21, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

LOCATION: 100 S. Charles St.
Tower 1
Baltimore, MD 21201
(*Teleconference via Google Meet*)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher Schein, *Chair*
Grace Fielder, *Secretary*
Heather English, *Landscape Architect*
Michelle Brown, *Consumer Member*
Melvilynn L. Allen, *Consumer Member*

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Zevi Thomas, *Executive Director*
Raquel Meyers, *Assistant Executive Director*
Faith Green, *Board Administrator*
Dorian Price, *Board for Professional Engineers*
Matthew Venuti, *Board Counsel*

OTHERS PRESENT: Teddy Ziolkowski

Meeting Called to Order

Chris Schein, Chair, called the Board for Examiners of Landscape Architects meeting to order, virtually, at 1:33 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The members reviewed the minutes of the business meeting held on April 21, 2025. Motion (I) was made by Ms. Fielder, seconded by Ms. English, and unanimously carried by the board to approve the April 21 meeting minutes.

Correspondence

None

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Thomas announces that the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) special meeting will hold a virtual meeting on August 12 to discuss the council's bylaw amendments in preparation for CLARB's annual business meeting.

The Interorganizational Council on Regulations (ICOR) will host its annual orientation for new board members. The session will be offered virtually on July 29. All board members and staff are welcome to attend irrespective of years of service.

CLARB annual meeting will be held from September 17 – 20 in Lexington, KY. The Maryland board should designate the elector(s) to vote on the 2025 proposed resolutions.

Mr. Thomas also notified the board that Faith Green will be transferring to Maryland Real Estate Commission within the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing. Effective July 23, Mr. Dorian Price will assume the role as Administrator for the Boards of Landscape Architects and the Board of Land Surveyors.

Board Counsel's Report

Mr. Venuti reported that the amendment to introduce an emeritus status designation for landscape architects, as well as the modernization of the title act were not included among the bills sanctioned by the Office of the Secretary.

Mr. Thomas notified the members that although the Agency would not be putting forth these bills, there's still interest to identify other agencies, professional associations, that could possibly sponsor these bills on behalf of this board.

New Business

No report

Old Business

Regulatory Committee Report for Statute and Regulation Review

The committee recommend a compressive revision to the current statute and regulations.

Mr. Schein recommended to be more consistent with other states and inquired if the changes will bring the Maryland Board closer to CLARB's Model Law.

The committee among other items recommended that the statute should reflect the expanding the list of colleges and universities with accredited programs in landscape architecture. The board's title and designation be updated from Maryland Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects to the Maryland Board for Professional Landscape Architects.

Ms. Fielder advised that this board should maintain the option for candidates applying directly to the Maryland Board if they do not hold a CLARB record, since the added cost of a council record could represent an added burden for emerging professionals.

Ms. Fielder recommends voting on the committee's proposals. Motion (II) was made by Ms. English, seconded by Mr. Schein, and unanimously carried by the board to approve the committee's recommendations.

Annual Review of CEU Providers

Mr. Schein inquires if specific numbers for CEUs should be in regulations. Mr. Venuti agrees that it would be practical in the event the board wished to make changes at a future date. For reference Mr. Thomas shared that the Board of Architects and the Board Professional Engineers include the continuing education requirements in their respective statute, not their regulations. Ms. Fielder stated that based on the latest surveys landscape architects did not desire to change the number of CEU required as a condition of licensure. .

CEU-Provider list- Ms. Fielder recommends the board continue with the current list with an understanding that they be reviewed again in 2026. Motion (III) was made by Ms. Fielder, seconded by Ms. English, and unanimously carried by the board to approve these recommendations.

Digital Signature and Regulation Review

Ms. Fielder recommends that this board should mirror guidelines of the other Design Boards, in particular the PE and PLS Boards.

Emeritus (Retired) Status- Mr. Venuti explains that the proposed amendments to to include an emeritus status in the board's title act was not included in the list of approved bills under the Divion or the Department of Labor. Mr. Schein considers that the emeritus status should be the board's priority.

Complaint Committee Report

None

Review Applications

Motion (IV) was made by Ms. English, seconded by Ms. Fielder and unanimously carried by the board to approve (6) L.A.R.E applications and (6) reciprocal applications for licensure.

Adjournment

Motion (V) was made my Ms. English, seconded by Ms. Fielder, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

Chair's Signature: Signature on File

Date: _____