

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

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DECEMBER 10, 2013

The Board of Landscape Architects held a regular meeting on December 10, 2013, which was called to order by Chairman Vincent McDermott at 9:30 AM in Room No 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

**Board Members Present:**

Vincent C. McDermott	Chairman
W. Phillips Barlow	Board Member
Stephen Wing	Board Member

**Board Members Not Present:**

None

**Vacancy:**

Three (Public Members)  
One (Landscape Architect)

**Others Present:**

Robert M. Kuzmich	Department of Consumer Protection
Peter R. Huntsman	Attorney General's Office
Steven Schwane	Staff Attorney
Robert R. Grosop	Himself

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## **1. Old Business**

1A. Minutes of the September 10, 2013 meeting of the Board; for review and approval. Mr. McDermott noted that at the time of the last meeting, he believed that Ms. Nancy Rudek resigned from the Board and questioned whether she should still be listed as a Board Member. Mr. Kuzmich clarified that she submitted her intention to resign but it had not become official yet which is why he still listed her as a member of the Board. This clarification being noted, the Board voted unanimously, to approve the minutes as submitted. (Wing/Barlow)

1B. Reconsideration of Application of Ms. Dary S. Thach for licensing by written examination; Ms. Thach is applying with a *CLARB Council Record (No. 34725)* and has passed the *Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards*. Mr. Kuzmich reviewed this matter for the Board noting that her application was denied due to her lack of an accredited degree. However, the program she completed became accredited immediately after her graduation. Mr. McDermott noted that this accreditation process involves a lag in time between when the first class graduates and the program becomes formally approved. Ms. Thach got caught in this lag. A representative from the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board confirmed this to the Board in writing as a part of the correspondence presented to the Board today.

Therefore, the Board reconsidered their previous vote of denial based upon the this new information presented to them in the interim and now voted unanimously to recommend her application for approval to the Commissioner for licensing in Connecticut as a Landscape Architect in Connecticut. (Wing/Barlow)

1C. Continuation of discussion and update from Mr. Vince McDermott regarding status of matter concerning the Town of Greenwich and their Storm Water Drainage Manual. Mr. McDermott noted to the Board that Mr. Dave Thompson had suffered a heart attack and was out of communication for a period of time. Subsequent to this, Mr. McDermott has communicated with him by sending him a memorandum outlining the Board's position on this matter within the past week or so. Mr. Thompson agreed to present the Board's case to his staff with the intention of making modifications. The Board is now waiting for a response from the Town of Greenwich.

## **2. Comments or Concerns of Any Person Present Today**

No one scheduled before the Board today. In addition, there were no additional requests from anyone present at today's meeting.

### 3. New Business

3A. Appearance before the Board by Mr. Robert R. Grosf, at his request, concerning the reinstatement of his former Connecticut's Landscape Architect license; for discussion with the Board. Mr. Grosf thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak with them today. He presented the Board with a letter he received from the Board in 1999 to allow his license to lapse and remain inactive. Mr. Grosso gave the Board his resume and reviewed his qualifications and work history outlined therein.

He is presently a System Analyst for Danbury Hospital and asking the Board for the opportunity to reinstate his license. He stated that he occasionally has the opportunity to occasionally take on volunteer projects involving landscape architecture. He does not plan to sign or seal any drawings and does not carry any liability insurance.

The Board reviewed the law regarding the requirements Mr. Grosf must comply with in order to reinstate his license. The focus of the discussion centered on the continuing education requisite part of the reinstatement process and the Board's option's regarding what they will require Mr. Grosf to complete. Because his license lapsed in 1999 and represents a significant period of time, Mr. McDermott suggested to the Board that they structure the courses Mr. Grosf complete in accordance with the changing landscape architecture environment since during the time his license lapsed. Mr. Huntsman clarified the Board's options by hypothetical example and reminded the Board of their duties relative to their profession.

After more discussion, the Board agreed that they will require Mr. Grosf to complete twenty four (24) hours of continuing education in accordance with the Statute and Regulation directive. The Board recommends that all Continuing Education (CE) courses be provided by LA CES (Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System) approved providers. In addition, the Board requires that all courses must be health, safety, and welfare related. In summary, the applicant must submit a new application, make payment of reinstatement fee, and submit the required continuing education credits. Mr. Grosf must come before the Board when he is ready to make his reinstatement application.

3B. Application of Mr. Chris L. Alter for licensing by written examination; Mr. Alter is applying with a *CLARB Council Record (No. 4005)* and has passed the *Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards.* ***Upon a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Altar's application. (Wing/Barlow)***

3C. Application of Mr. Scott R. Black for licensing by written examination; Mr. Black is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 24109) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. Upon a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Black's application. (Wing/Barlow)

3D. Application of Mr. Martin T. Harwood for licensing by written examination; Mr. Harwood is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 37510) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. Upon a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Harwood's application. (Wing/Barlow)

3E. Application of Mr. Teng Teng Wang for licensing by written examination; Mr. Wang is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 41709) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. Upon a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Wang's application. (Wing/Barlow)

3F. Application of Ms. Amy M. Winberg for licensing by written examination; Ms. Winberg is applying with a CLARB Council Record (No. 28922) and has passed the Landscape Architect Registration Examination with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. Upon a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Ms. Winberg's application. (Wing/Barlow)

3G. Updated list of applications processed for licenses subsequent to the March 12, 2013 meeting of the Board. The Board acknowledged this information and thanked the Department for this update.

NAME	METHOD OF LICENSURE	DEPT. APPR'D
Gowen, Dean W.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 2365; Florida	August 30, 2013
Myers, Ray	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 24209; Georgia	November 19, 2013
Hammerberg, Thomas A.	Waiver of Exam; CLARB Council Record No. 5152; Minnesota	November 26, 2013

Application for License for Corporate Practice of Landscape Architecture

CPH Design, Inc.  
 520 Hartford Turnpike, Unit J-2  
 Vernon, Connecticut 06066

3H. Report from Trade Practices Division concerning complaints acted upon relative to the jurisdiction of the Board of Landscape Architects; for the Board's information. No report was presented.

3I. Update from the Department's Legal Staff regarding any Board issues or otherwise.

No items were discussed.

3J. The Department has set the following dates for the Board of Landscape Architects for the Calendar Year 2014: the Board reviewed these dates and accepted the dates without noting any apparent conflicts.

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| 1. March 11, 2014 | 3. September 9, 2014 |
| 2. June 10, 2014  | 4. December 9, 2014  |

3K. Any correspondence and/or business received in the interim.

1. The Department will post on their website an update regarding the corporate practice of landscape architecture. The announcement will be brief and provide a link to the application form. Once this announcement is posted, Mr. Kuzmich will provide the same information to the Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of landscape Architects. The Department will also try to send this information out with next renewal cycle for individual licenses.

**4. Comments or Concerns of Any Person Present Today:**

No one scheduled before the Board today. In addition, there were no additional requests from anyone present at today's meeting.

*The meeting adjourned at 10:38 AM. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 9:30 AM, Room 117, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.*