

STATE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order on May 20, 2025 at 9:32 am by Acting Chairman Celtruda via Microsoft Teams.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dominick Celtruda	Landscape Architect
Janice Parker	Landscape Architect
Maureen Nicholson	Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mark R. Arigoni, Chairman	Landscape Architect
W. Phillips Barlow	Landscape Architect

BOARD VACANCIES (2) Public Members

DCP MEMBERS PRESENT

Marguerite Poisson	License and Applications Specialist
Rachelle Hyburg	Board Coordinator

PUBLIC PRESENT

Mathilda Otto
Resham Bagaria

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1. Review of minutes from the previous Board of Landscape Architects Meeting

- February 18, 2025, meeting minutes
 - Acting Chairman Celtruda moved to approve the minutes. Board Member Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed (2-0-1).

2. Comments or Concerns of any Person Present Today

3. DCP Investigation Division Complaint Status Report

- Review of complaint status report
 - There are no new complaints, no report for review.

4. Old Business

- Mathilda Otto - needs approval to sit for examination
 - The Board discussed the applicant's experience that is not documented in the experience records provided.
 - She provided some clarification on the unverified experience and gaps in experience.
 - Board Member Nicholson moved to approve contingent on receipt of an updated verified CLARB record. Board Member Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. New Business

Acting Chairman Celtruda moved to add two new applicants, Resham Bagaria and Michael Ritacco, for review in today's agenda. Board Member Parker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5A. Applications for licensing by written examination:

1. Lauralee Williams
 - a. Acting Chair Celtruda moved to approve but wanted to note that the correct process was not followed. Board Member Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Xinyi Zhou
3. Resham Bagaria
4. Michael Ritacco
 - a. Acting Chair Celtruda moved to approve Zhou and Ritacco for licensure and Bagaria to sit for the exam. Board Member seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5B. Applications for licensing by waiver of examination:

Credential Number	Contact Name	First Effective Date	Method of Licensing
LAR.0001725	JOHN VALENTINE HAMILTON	5/5/2025	EXAM WAIVER CLARB NY
LAR.0001720	LISA SUSAN DECKER	4/11/2025	EXAM WAIVER CLARB CT
LAR.0001722	MADHAVI SONAR	4/11/2025	EXAM WAIVER CLARB TX
LAR.0001719	DENNIS ANTHONY STATON	4/7/2025	EXAM WAIVER CLARB RI
LAR.0001710	GREG J MARETT	3/25/2025	EXAM WAIVER CLARB NY
LAR.0001718	THEODORE WEBER	3/25/2025	EXAM WAIVER CLARB NM
LAR.0001711	TRICIA MARTIN	3/20/2025	EXAM WAIVER CLARB NY
LAR.0001716	FRANK JOSEPH IGNATIUS MADER	3/19/2025	EXAM WAIVER CLARB NY
LAR.0001714	TIMOTHY BROWN	2/18/2025	EXAM WAIVER CLARB RI

- DCP's Maggie Poisson and the Board discussed the changes in the reinstatement timeline, capping reinstatement to up to 3 years after license expiration. And if a licensee is outside of the 3-year window, they will have to reapply for licensure. But applicants could still pursue a new license through reciprocity.
 - The Board noted their concerns with applicants circumventing the continuing education requirements.

5C. Applications for License for Corporate Practice of Landscape Architecture

1	DESIGN OUTSIDE, LLC 1041 MAIN RD WESTPORT, MA 02790-4412	TIMOTHY BROWN CT License No. 1714 DENNIS ANTHONY STATON CT License No. 1719
2	FUSS & O'NEILL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE INC 1 FINANCIAL PLZ FL 15 HARTFORD, CT 06103-2601	STEPHANIE J WHITE CT License No.1227 GREGORY M WILSON CT License No.1414

6. Correspondence

7. Comments or Concerns of anyone present today

- Board Member Parker inquired if CLARB is going to provide additional clarification to applicants regarding the requirement that applicants have 2 years of employment and then sit for the exam
 - DCP's Maggie Poisson commented that she could use some assistance from the Board regarding the proposed website changes.

8. Adjournment

Acting Chairman Celtruda adjourned the meeting at 10:02 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachelle Hyburg
Board Coordinator

2025 Scheduled Meetings

August 19

November 13