

Nebraska State Board of Landscape Architects
Board Meeting Minutes
August 30, 2016
215 Centennial Mall South, Small Conference Room, Lincoln, NE

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall South, Fifth Floor, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chairperson Bryers called the meeting to order at 8:34am and noted the location of the Open Meetings Act. Notice of the Meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star and on the Board's website in accordance to the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call: Eileen Bergt, Dennis Bryers, Todd Maiellaro, Gayle Malmquist, Gary Wells;
Absent: David Ciaccio

Staff Present: Jean Lais, Administrative Assistant (AA); Sandra Weaver, Business Manager (BM)

Appointments/Public Comments

No members of the public were present.

Meeting Notice Publication provided for review

A Governance Issues

Draft Legislative Bill

A copy of the current language in §81-8,194 and §81-8,200 was provided for review along with proposed language for §81-8,200.

The members agreed to add the word "yearly" in front of "renewals" on Page 7/Line 22 of the Bill Draft dated July 7, 2016. On Page 12/Line 4, "2017" will be replaced with "2018" as there will not be ample time to promulgate the necessary rules prior to the 2017 renewal cycle.

The language on Page 12, Lines 25-30, for §81-8,200 was revised as follows:
"...one year after expiration date. Expired licenses may be renewed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the board. The board may require individual licensees to obtain professional development hours in accordance to the rules and regulations of the board." This will allow the Board to decouple the professional development from the renewal process as there is a national trend to keep this as an annual requirement.

Action Motion by Wells, second by Malmquist to approve the draft bill languages as presented and discussed. Voting Yes: Maiellaro, Malmquist, Wells, Bergt, Bryers; Voting No: None; Absent: Ciaccio

BM Weaver entered the meeting at 8:43 am.

B 2017-2019 Biennium Budget Request

A copy of the Biennium Budget Request draft was provided for review. A spreadsheet was also provided showing projected expenditures.

BM Weaver reviewed the areas of the budget request noted as issues. These include the following:

- 3% annual increase in the annual dues as projected by CLARB.
- An increase in funding for CLARB meeting registration and board and lodging expenses to meet the Board's goal to send at least two board members and the administrative assistant to the annual meetings. The last several years, CLARB has reduced the registration for one staff member by 50% if at least one board member also attends the meeting.
- A request for funding to implement online license renewals in the second year of the biennium.

