Nebraska State Board of Landscape Architects
**Board Meeting Notes – August 7, 2025, 9:30 a.m.**
215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln NE

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Seacrest called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and noted the location of the Open Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on August 2nd 2025, and on the Board's website in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

**Roll Call:** Jennifer Seacrest, Chairperson; Bradley Swerczek; Kristina Engler; Dennis Bryers; Absent: Jonathan Hauck, Vice-Chairperson; Derek Miller

**Staff Present:** Cole Gressley, Administrative Programs Officer (APO); Jean Lais, Administrative Programs Officer (APO)

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

## PUBLIC COMMENT/APPOINTMENTS

No members of the public were present.

## A. CONSENT AGENDA

### April 29, 2025, Meeting Minutes

> *Motion by Bryers, second by Swerczek , to approve the consent agenda. Voting Yes: Swerczek, Engler, Bryers, Seacrest; Voting No: None; Absent: Miller; Hauck*

## B. MEETING REPORTS

### CLARB

#### In the Know Webinar Series

A copy of the upcoming *In the Know* webinars was provided. Seacrest informed the Board about the relevant web meetings. August 12th CLRB membership meeting was mentioned.

#### Office/Staff

APO Gressley informed the Board of the change in staff and hired a new Office Specialist, Ariel Born

## C. OLD BUSINESS

### CLARB – *None*

### Legislative

#### Introduced Bills of Interest

- **LB29** would revise the mandatory rules and regulations required in the Occupational Board Reform Act from five to three years.
- **LB190**—Provides duties for the Legislative Performance Audit Committee—The bill would require all agencies to undergo a performance audit every five years.
- **LB221** – Provides a procedure to fill unfilled gubernatorial appointments.
- **LB261** – 2025-27 Biennium Budget Bill – The Governor's recommendation does not include any of the additional funds requested and retains the appropriations for each year at $30,214.00.
- **LB317** – Merges the Department of Natural Resources with the Department of Environment and Energy to create the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment.
- **LB346** – Provides for the termination of boards, commissions, committees, councils, funds, panels, task forces, and acts, and eliminates funds, and powers and duties of departments and agencies. The State Board of Landscape Architects is not included in the bill.
- **LB472** – Adopts the Regulatory Management Act
- **LB565** – Provides and changes requirements related to agency guidance documents.
- **LB634** – Adopts the Legislative Sunset Review Act. The Act would require a sunset review of agencies every five years.

- **LB664** – Changes the Administrative Procedures Act to require agencies to allow for public comment and submissions on proposed rules and regulations and change the permissible venue for civil actions challenging rules and regulations.

### Statute Revisions to the Professional Landscape Architects Act

APO Gressley reinformed the Board LB 696 passed with a final vote count of 47-2 and was approved by Governor Pillen on May 15th, 2025. The legislative session ended June 2nd 2025, and an effective date of September 3rd 2025.

### Title 231 Proposed Rules Revisions

Member Bryers informed the Board that he has reviewed the proposed revisions and has no issues. Chairperson Seacrest commented on clerical issues. Changes were discussed and the rules were reviewed. Chairperson Seacrest requested more information on CLARB procedures rearding initial licensure with the possibility of a new licensure pathway for applicants in the future. APO Lais recommends the Board table discussion over an alternate initial pathway without CLARB for next year.

*Member Bradley Swerczek exited the meeting at 10:09 am.*

### Fee Revision Projections

APO Lais projected fee revisions to the Board, with the scenarios for fee revisions including reductions of application fees and renewal fees as demonstrated within the Board book under section C Old Business. APO Lais recommends scenario 2 for the Board approval. The Board agreed and voted in favor of fee revision scenario 2 as presented by APO Lais.

*Motion by Engler, second by Bryers, to approve the scenario 2 fee revisions and proposed rules revisions as presented. Voting Yes: Bryers, Engler, Seacrest; Voting No: None; Absent: Miller; Hauck; Swerczek*

### Strategic Plan Review

A copy of the current Strategic Plan was provided – Discussion over reservation of capitol building rotunda to promote the profession of landscape architecture by member Bryers was held.

## Other Old Business – *None*

## D. NEW BUSINESS

### CLARB

### CLARB Annual Meeting Lexington, Kentucky, September 17th-20th 2025

### CLARB Annual Meeting Approval of Delegates

*Motion by Bryers, second by Engler, to approve Seacrest and Gressley for the MBE exchange and annual meeting. Voting Yes: Bryers, Engler, Seacrest; Voting No: None; Absent: Miller; Hauck; Swerczek*

### CLARB Voting Delegate

*Motion by Bryers, second by Engler, to approve Seacrest as the voting delegate. Voting Yes: Bryers, Engler, Seacrest; Voting No: None; Absent: Miller; Hauck; Swerczek*

### CLARB Bylaws Resolutions

*Motion by Bryers, second by Engler, to direct voting delegate to vote in favor of the Bylaws Resolutions. Voting Yes: Bryers, Engler, Seacrest; Voting No: None; Absent: Miller; Hauck; Swerczek*

### CLARB Board of Directors Election

*Motion by Bryers, second by Engler, to approve voting delegate to vote for Ryan McEnroe and Robert Lopez in the CLARB Board of Directors election. Voting Yes: Bryers, Engler, Seacrest; Voting No: None; Absent: Miller; Hauck; Swerczek*

### Other New Business – *None*

## E. COMPLIANCE – *None*

## F. APPLICATIONS

### Administratively Approved

Licensure by CLARB Certificate

LA 479 Zane K. Busbee; LA 482 Mark W. Johnson; LA 480 Aarne P. Seck; LA 481 Johnathan D. Spencer

Initial Licensure – *None*

### Licensure/Examinations

Licensure by Comity – *None*

Licensure by Reinstatement – *None*

LARE Applications without an LAAB/LAAC-accredited degree – *None*

*Motion by Bryers, second by Engler, to approve the applications as presented. Voting Yes: : Bryers, Engler, Seacrest; Voting No: None; Absent: Miller; Hauck; Swerczek*

## G. FINANCIAL MATTERS

### Financial Reports – October, November, December

Budget Status Report

MTD General Ledger Detail Reports

Fund Summary Reports

FY24-25 Financial Profile

FY24-25 Financial Summary

APO Lais reported the Board spent 77.7.% of approporaited expenditures and received 130% of projected revenue as of June 2025. As of June 30th the Board was under $99,000 for available funds.

*Motion by Engler, second by Bryers, to approve the financial reports as presented. Voting Yes: : Bryers, Engler, Seacrest; Voting No: None; Absent: Miller, Hauck, Swerczek*

### Other Financial Matters – *None*

## H. GENERAL INFORMATION

A schedule of upcoming meetings and events was provided. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 28th 2025, 9:30 a.m. at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE.

### Other Information

A copy of the Board's approved policies as of January 30, 2024, was provided.

## ADJOURNMENT

*Chairperson Seacrest adjourned the meeting at 10:42 am.*

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Board Member