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**State Board for Landscape Architecture Meeting**  
1411 Broadway (between 39<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> Streets) – 10<sup>th</sup> Floor – Regent’s Room-Manhattan

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**  
**10:00 am start time**

Public Session

1. Introductions, Welcome new Board Member, Board Departure
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Board Chair Report
4. Board Office Report
5. Old Business
  - Continuing Education Update
  - LARE Transition Conclusion Update
  - Landscape Architect Statistics by Degree Type
  - Board Member Search
6. New Business
  - Volunteer - 2024 CLARB Mid-Year Update – April 18
  - 2024 CLARB Annual Meeting – September 18-21
  - Elections – Chair and Vice Chair
  - Volunteers – ASLA Annual Conference CE Review
  - CLARB/ASLA Spring Licensure Summit Summary
7. Adjournment

**Next Meeting**  
*August 14, 2024 – New York, NY*

**Minutes of the Meeting  
State Board for Landscape Architecture**  
1411 Broadway; Regents' Room  
New York, NY 10018

Present: Stacy Paetzel, Chair  
Adrienne Weremchuk, Vice Chair  
Andrew Lavallee  
Kimberly Lorenz  
Christopher Nolan

Absent: Valerie Aymer  
Christine Colley  
Nate Harris

Staff: Robert Lopez, Executive Secretary  
Marci McKenna, Assistant in Professional  
Education

**November 29, 2023**

**OPEN SESSION**

1. **Motion:** Nolan/Weremchuk: That the minutes of the August 16, 2023 State Board meeting be approved as written. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
2. **Board Chair Report:** Chair Paetzel stated that the items she wanted to discuss were included in the meeting agenda.
3. **Board Office Report:** The Executive Secretary stated that the number of licenses granted so far in 2023 is similar to the past few years. The law allowing expanded ownership of DPCs by ESOPs will take effect in July 2024. A new legislative session starts in early January.
4. **Old Business:**  
**Continuing Education (CE) Update:** NYSCLA has informed the Department that they have completed a draft of modifications to the CE requirements. The Executive Secretary has put NYSCLA leadership in touch with SED's Government Affairs' staff.. Board members will have the opportunity to offer technical assistance on potential modifications.

**Board Member Search:** Member Colley's term ends on June 30, 2024, and interviews have occurred for her potential replacement.

**2023 CLARB Regional Meeting Summary:** The Executive Secretary virtually attended the CLARB Regional Meeting in August. An outline of the topics discussed was included in the Board package. Highlights included:

The CLARB Annual Meeting agenda was reviewed by CLARB leadership.

LARE updates were shared by CLARB. Due to the next version of the LARE being introduced in December 2023, scoring will likely be delayed until the number of administrations is sufficient to establish cut scores.

CLARB continues to offer multiple virtual opportunities to learn about and to encourage leadership opportunities and development for future leaders of the organization.

CLARB expects that exam revenue will drop in the coming year given the exam transition. To better balance its budget requirements, CLARB will look at its budget in a two-year cycle.

CLARB Annual Meeting: The Executive Secretary and Vice Chair Weremchuk attended the CLARB Annual Meeting in September. Member Weremchuk cited the differences between New York's Board and other multidisciplinary Boards organization as an excellent learning experience. Additional highlights included:

CLARB's efforts continue with respect to diversity, equity and inclusion in the profession of landscape architecture, including, among other efforts, its new partnership with ASLA to assist women of color in the profession and engagement with the Black Landscape Architect Network and NOMA.

CLARB hired Frameworks, a consultant, to better frame the discussion of what landscape architecture is, and what landscape architects do, for the public.

A Global Task Analysis was conducted in 10 different languages that included responses from over 100 countries to better understand the state of landscape architecture on a global scale.

ICOR, a consortium of the design professions, is studying the overlap in scopes of practice between the design professions. It is hoped that updates will be provided in 2024 that may help to inform the scopes of practice for the design professions. Board members commented on the varied design professions scopes of work, and that oftentimes, it is the landscape architect who is best able to lead certain scopes of work for site design.

Landscape Architecture has been designated a STEM profession by the US Department of Homeland Security, a significant development that recognizes the profession.

**5. New Business:**

2024 CLARB Annual Meeting: This meeting will be held in Buffalo, New York. Additional conversations regarding attendance at this meeting will occur at the April 2024 meeting of the State Board. Given her familiarity with the area, Member Lorenz will work on potential places of interest for landscape architects.

NJASLA Annual Meeting CE Review: After discussion of the courses brought before the State Board, the following recommendations were made:

4KN – OK for HSW  
5KN – OK for HSW  
6B – OK, no HSW  
7C – OK, no HSW  
8A – OK, no HSW  
8B – no credit  
10KN – OK, no HSW  
11A – OK, no HSW

The Board agreed with the NJASLA's findings regarding acceptability of the other courses to be offered at the Annual Meeting.

LARE Updates: The new version of the LARE will debut in December. CLARB is now offering practice exams for a \$25 fee.

ARPL Legislative Recap and 2024 Outlook: The Executive Secretary attended an ARPL (Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing) webinar in November. Among other efforts, ARPL is focused on

crafting effective messaging on and expanding awareness of the importance of licensure via various media channels.

CLARB Request for Volunteers: An overview of various volunteer opportunities was included in the Board package.

Multiple Pathways to Practice in Architecture: NCARB has endorsed multiple pathways to licensure and has given its Boards preliminary guidance on how such pathways may be regulated. The State Board for Architecture will be reviewing its current recommendations on licensure pathways considering this endorsement. The Executive Secretary noted that the State Board for Landscape Architecture had performed a review of its experience requirements given CLARB's recommendation for a universal licensure standard and that it may want to study its requirements in the future.

6. **Motion:** Weremchuk/Lavallee moved to adjourn. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Next meeting Wednesday, April 17, 2024; in NYC**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Lopez, RA  
Executive Secretary

**NEW YORK STATE BOARD  
FOR  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE**

**BOARD REPORT**

**Licensing Statistics**

Current Resident Registrants:	926
Current Non-Resident Registrants:	619
Total Number of Registrants as of <b>January 1, 2024</b>	<b>1,545</b>

**Licenses Issued**

**2024 (thru 2/29/24) – 13; 2023 – 81; 2022 – 74; 2021 – 76; 2020 – 61; 2019 – 86**

**Licenses Issued between November 11, 2023 – March 27, 2024**

Endorsement	via Education, Experience, Exam
1	46

**OP/Staff Activities**

The Board of Regents appointed David Hamilton as the new Deputy Commissioner and Owen Donovan as Assistant Commissioner, Professional Licensing & Practice, on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Deputy Commissioner Hamilton’s letter is included in the Board package. Sarah Benson, the former Deputy Commissioner of the Office of the Professions, retired at the end of February 2024.

Recruitment efforts continue to replace the former Assistant in Professional Education in the Board office. It is hoped that a new Assistant in Professional Education will be in place prior to the next meeting of the State Board.

Member Lavalley, the Executive Secretary, and CLARB staff conducted a virtual licensure presentation on February 5, 2024 to City College students, former students, and interested licensure candidates. Approximately 50 people attended the presentation.

**Legislative / Regulatory Activity**

The NYS Legislature is in a new two-year session that will run from January 2023 through December 2024. Legislation of interest follows:

**S5664 / A4720 – Relates to public employees’ supervision, examination, review, and determination of acceptability of public works projects performed by contractors (New bill – see board package for bill language and for the Executive’s Veto)**

Requires certain public employees to be on the site for the duration of public works projects completed by contractors; requires such certain public employees to review a contractor's work on public works projects and determine whether the work performed is acceptable.

*Bill has passed in the Senate and has passed in the Assembly but was vetoed by the Executive.*

**A1891-D / S5261-B – Expanded ownership in design professional corporations by employee stock ownership plans and non-licensed employees**

Provides for expanded ownership in design professional corporations by employee stock ownership plans and non-licensed employees

*Bill was signed as Chapter 439 of the Laws of 2022; effective date 7/21/24.*

**A9500 / No Same As – Relates to the requirements for certification for certified interior designers**

Relates to the educational and examination requirements for certification as a certified interior designer; provides an exemption from the education requirements for architects licensed under Article 147 of the NYS Education Law.

*(New bill – see Board package for bill language)*

*Bill is referred to Higher Education in the Assembly*

**S1049 / A5051 – Relates to an engineering technology degree**

Provides that an applicant with a bachelor's degree or higher in engineering technology and an applicant with a bachelor's degree or higher in engineering shall have the same number of education and experience credit requirements, shall have the same eligibility for an identification card as "an engineer in training", as well as examination and examination eligibility requirements.

*Bill is referred to Higher Education in the Senate and is referred to Higher Education in the Assembly*

**S5614 A / A4202 A – Relates to building permits**

Authorizes a city, town or village to establish a program whereby a building permit may be issued based upon certification by a registered architect or professional engineer.

*Bill is referred to Local Governments in the Senate and is referred to Local Governments in the Assembly*

**S3295 / A3389 – Relates to the establishment of the water-based fire protection licensure act**

Establishes water-based fire protection licensure act, setting forth licensure requirements for contractors engaged in the business of the layout, installing, repairing, inspecting, testing, or maintaining of water-based fire protection systems and components.

*Bill is referred to Consumer Protection in the Senate and is referred to Economic Development in the Assembly*

**S5049 / No Same As– NYC DoB False Documents**

Relates to false statements in documents submitted to the department of buildings of the city of New York

*Bill is referred to Cities in the Senate*

**A4327 / No Same As – Increases to \$50,000 for cost of construction threshold**

Increases to \$50,000 the cost of the construction of a building, structure or public work, above which a professional engineer, land surveyor or architect must be utilized to plan and supervise the construction thereof.

*Bill is referred to Higher Education in the Assembly*

**S3312 / A8066 – New York Emergency Responder Act**

Enacts the New York emergency responder act limiting the liability of certain emergency responders.

*Bill is referred to Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs in the Senate and is referred to Governmental Operations in the Assembly*

**S8122 / A9575 - Authorizes Public Authorities and Public Benefit Corporations to negotiate with QBS**

Authorizes public authorities and public benefit corporations to negotiate with professional firms providing architectural or engineering services in order from the most qualified with regard to the provisions of services to the authority or corporation.

*Bill is referred to Corporations, Authorities and Commissions in the Senate and is referred to Corporations, Authorities and Commissions in the Senate*

**S / A– Establishes a program where a municipal department of buildings may accept certain construction documents for code compliance**

Establishes a program where a municipal department of buildings may accept construction documents required to be filed in relation to code compliance prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy with less than a full examination by such municipal department of buildings based on a professional certification of an applicant who is an architect or professional engineer; makes related provisions.

*Bill is not yet introduced*

**S / A – Requires certain engineering plans that could pose a material risk to public safety to bear a stamp of approval of a professional engineer**

Requires certain engineering plans or specifications for engineering work or services that could pose a material risk to public safety to bear a stamp of approval of a professional engineer and authorizes the public service commission to promulgate rules and regulations relating to such requirement.

*Bill is not yet introduced*

**A / No Same As – Interior Design/State Contracting**

Adds interior design services as a type of contract that can be entered into and negotiated by the state

*Bill is not yet introduced*

**A / No Same As - Licensing consequences for serious abuse of self-certification privileges**

Relates to licensing consequences for architects or engineers who seriously abuse their self-certification privileges

*Bill is not yet introduced*

**Office of Professional Discipline**

N/A





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March 19, 2024

Dear State Board members:

I write to update you on transitions within the Office of the Professions. As you may know, after more than 35 years in State government, including 19 years with the Education Department and the last four as Deputy Commissioner, Sarah Benson retired on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Sarah's time as Deputy coincided with the COVID-19 pandemic and she provided steady guidance that allowed the Office of the Professions to seamlessly continue its operation and support of the important work of the licensed professions.

On Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Regents appointed me as Deputy Commissioner and Owen Donovan as Assistant Commissioner, Professional Licensing & Practice, for the Office of the Professions. Both appointments took effect immediately. In addition to his new responsibilities as Assistant Commissioner, Owen will continue to serve as Executive Coordinator for Professional Practice as recruitment efforts for that position move forward.

As State Board members, you provide an essential role in advising and assisting OP, the Department, and the Board of Regents. Whether you are participating in moral character, disciplinary and restoration proceedings; providing guidance about professional practice in an evolving environment; or supporting efforts to encourage a diverse pool of prospective students into the licensed professions, your contributions are critical to our shared mission of public protection through sound professional practice.

The OP leadership team looks forward to working with you in the coming years. If you have any thoughts or questions, please reach out to the Executive Secretary for your State board.

Sincerely,

David H. Hamilton, Ph.D., LMSW  
Deputy Commissioner

C: State Board Executive Secretaries

**S5664** KENNEDY Same as [A 4720](#) McDonald

Public Works

TITLE....Relates to public employees' supervision, examination, review, and determination of acceptability of public works projects performed by contractors

**This bill is not active in the current session.**

03/13/23 REFERRED TO PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS

05/22/23 1ST REPORT CAL.1198

05/23/23 2ND REPORT CAL.

05/24/23 ADVANCED TO THIRD READING

06/08/23 SUBSTITUTED BY A4720

**A04720 McDonald**

02/22/23 referred to governmental operations

02/28/23 reported referred to ways and means

05/23/23 reported referred to rules

05/24/23 reported

05/24/23 rules report cal.228

05/24/23 ordered to third reading rules cal.228

06/08/23 passed assembly

06/08/23 delivered to senate

06/08/23 REFERRED TO RULES

06/08/23 SUBSTITUTED FOR S5664

06/08/23 3RD READING CAL.1198

06/08/23 PASSED SENATE

06/08/23 RETURNED TO ASSEMBLY

11/29/23 delivered to governor

12/08/23 vetoed memo.85

12/08/23 tabled

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KENNEDY, MANNION

Amd Part F §§15-a & 15-b, Chap 60 of 2015

Requires certain public employees to be on the site for the duration of public works projects completed by contractors; requires such certain public employees to review a contractor's work on public works projects and determine whether the work performed is acceptable.

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VETO MESSAGE - No. 85

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 4720, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the infrastructure investment act, in relation to public employees' supervision, examination, review, and determination of acceptability of public works projects performed by contractors"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would require a public employee or public employees to be on-site for contracts awarded pursuant to a competitive procurement under the Infrastructure Investment Act and approve of any work done in accordance with the contract.

While I recognize the need for oversight over procurement, this legislation is duplicative and unnecessary. Existing law already requires that ongoing projects be assigned individuals who are responsible for ensuring that operations are performed within the terms of the contract. Requiring a state employee to provide an additional level of supervision would not be an effective use of state resources and time. Additionally, this bill would carry a cost to the state of several million dollars that is unfunded.

Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved. (signed) KATHY HOCHUL

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

### IN SENATE

March 13, 2023

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Introduced by Sens. KENNEDY, MANNION -- read twice and ordered printed,  
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Procurement and  
Contracts

AN ACT to amend the infrastructure investment act, in relation to public  
employees' supervision, examination, review, and determination of  
acceptability of public works projects performed by contractors

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Sections 15-a and 15-b of part F of chapter 60 of the laws  
2 of 2015, constituting the infrastructure investment act, as added by  
3 section 5 of part DD of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020, are amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 § 15-a. Any contract awarded pursuant to this act shall be deemed to  
6 be awarded pursuant to a competitive procurement for purposes of section  
7 2879 of the public authorities law, provided that all contracts awarded  
8 shall require a public employee or public employees, as defined by para-  
9 graph (a) of subdivision 7 of section 201 of the civil service law and  
10 who are employed by authorized entities as defined by paragraph (i) of  
11 subdivision (a) of section two of this act and who are licensed under  
12 articles 145, 147 and 148 of the education law to be on the site of the  
13 project for the duration of such project to the extent deemed appropri-  
14 ate by such public employee or employees. Such requirement shall not  
15 limit contractors' obligations under design-build contracts to issue  
16 their own initial certifications of substantial completion and final  
17 completion or any other obligations under the design-build contracts.

18 § 15-b. Public employees as defined by paragraph (a) of subdivision 7  
19 of section 201 of the civil service law and who are employed by author-  
20 ized entities as defined in paragraph (i) of subdivision (a) of section  
21 two of this act shall examine [~~and~~], review [~~certifications provided by~~  
22 ~~contractors for conformance with~~], and determine whether the work  
23 performed by contractors is acceptable and has been performed in accord-

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[~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

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1 ance with the applicable design-build contracts. Such examination,  
2 review, and determination shall include, but not be limited to material  
3 source testing, certifications testing, surveying, monitoring of envi-  
4 ronmental compliance, independent quality control testing and inspection  
5 and quality assurance audits. Such public employees may accept contrac-  
6 tors' substantial or final completion of the public works as applicable.  
7 Performance by authorized entities of any review described in this  
8 subdivision shall not be construed to modify or limit contractors' obli-  
9 gations to perform work in strict accordance with the applicable  
10 design-build contracts or the contractors' or any subcontractors' obli-  
11 gations or liabilities under any law.  
12 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
13 the amendments to part F of chapter 60 of the laws of 2015 made by  
14 section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such part and  
15 shall be deemed repealed therewith.

**NEW YORK STATE SENATE  
INTRODUCER'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT  
submitted in accordance with Senate Rule VI. Sec 1**

**BILL NUMBER:** S5664

**SPONSOR:** KENNEDY

**TITLE OF BILL:**

An act to amend the infrastructure investment act, in relation to public employees' supervision, examination, review, and determination of acceptability of public works projects performed by contractors

**PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL:**

The purpose of this bill is to clarify that contracts awarded pursuant to a competitive procurement for purposes of section 2879 of the public authorities law shall require a public employee or public employees to be on site and approve of the work done in accordance with the contract.

**SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:**

Section 1 amends section 15-a of part f of chapter 60 of the laws of 2015, as added by section 5 of part dd of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020 to require public employees to be on site for the duration of the project to the extent deemed appropriate by such public employee or employees.

Section 1 also amends section 15-b of part f of chapter 60 of the laws of 2015, as added by section 5 of part DD of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020 'to require that a public employee must sign off on whether the work performed by contractors is acceptable and has been performed in accordance with the requirements of applicable design-build contracts. The language also clarifies that a public employee may accept a contractor's substantial or final completion requirements.

Section 2 is the effective date.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Public employees have the experience and expertise to make sure that projects in New York State meet the standards that have been agreed to. By requiring their presence on site, and final approval, there is a greater level of protection afforded to the residents of the state. During the performance of a project, any potential issues may be identified, and before completion of a project the public employees will perform an examination to make sure the project complies with expectations and is acceptable.

**PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

S.7244/A.6664A of 2021-22

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:**

To be determined.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect immediately; provide, however, that the amendments to part F of chapter 60 of the laws of 2015 made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such part and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

March 14, 2024

Introduced by M. of A. McDONALD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the requirements for certification for certified interior designers

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 8305 of the education law, as added by chapter 905  
2 of the laws of 1990, paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 as amended by chap-  
3 ter 653 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as follows:

4 § 8305. Requirements for certification. 1. To qualify for certifi-  
5 cation to use the title "certified interior designer", an applicant  
6 shall fulfill all the following requirements:

7 (a) Application: file an application with the department;

8 (b) Education: have [~~received at least seven years of professional~~  
9 ~~training consisting of academic study and work experience relating to~~  
10 ~~interior design and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations.~~  
11 ~~These seven years shall contain at least two but not more than five~~  
12 ~~years of post secondary education, including an associate degree or the~~  
13 ~~equivalent, in an approved program of interior design]~~ met the educa-  
14 tional requirements required to sit for an examination offered by a  
15 national certifying organization for interior design professionals,  
16 provided that such certifying organization is approved by the commis-  
17 sioner;

18 (c) Experience: have met experience [~~satisfactory to the board and in~~  
19 ~~accordance with the commissioner's regulations]~~ requirements deemed  
20 necessary to sit for an examination offered by a national certifying  
21 organization for interior design professionals provided that such certi-  
22 fying organization is approved by the commissioner;

23 (d) Examination: (1) pass an examination satisfactory to the board in  
24 accordance with the commissioner's regulations, and (2) [~~pass a separate~~  
25 ~~examination satisfactory to the board relative to the fire, safety and~~  
26 ~~building codes of the state]~~ provide a verification from a national  
27 certifying organization for interior design professionals that an appli-  
28 cant has passed an examination offered by such certifying organization

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1 for interior design professionals, and that the applicant is a certifi-  
2 cate holder in good standing from such certifying organization for  
3 interior design professionals, provided that such certifying organiza-  
4 tion is approved by the commissioner;

5 (e) Age: be at least twenty-one years of age;

6 (f) Citizenship: meet no requirements as to United States citizenship;

7 (g) Character: be of good moral character as determined by the depart-  
8 ment; and

9 (h) Fees: pay a fee of three hundred dollars to the department for  
10 admission to the two department conducted examinations and for an  
11 initial license, a fee of one hundred fifty dollars for each reexamina-  
12 tion, a fee of one hundred thirty-five dollars for an initial license  
13 for persons not requiring admission to a department conducted examina-  
14 tion, and a fee of two hundred ten dollars for each triennial registra-  
15 tion period.

16 2. On recommendation of the board, the department may exempt:

17 (a) from the requirement of subparagraph one of paragraph (d) of  
18 subdivision one of this section, an applicant who holds a license of  
19 certification to practice as an interior designer issued to [~~him or her~~]  
20 the applicant upon examination by a legally constituted board of examiners  
21 in any other state or political subdivision of the United States,  
22 provided that at the time the license or certificate was issued by such  
23 state or political subdivision the applicant met the requirements of  
24 paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section for certification to  
25 use the title "certified interior designer" established by this article;  
26 [~~or~~]

27 (b) from the requirements specified in paragraph (b) of subdivision  
28 one of this section provided the applicant submits, prior to January  
29 first, nineteen hundred ninety-six, satisfactory evidence that the  
30 applicant has [~~held himself or herself out as~~] presented the applicant  
31 to be an interior designer and has prepared interior design documents in  
32 accordance with the requirements set forth in section eighty-three  
33 hundred three of this article for a minimum of seven years, has received  
34 a secondary school diploma or equivalent, and has passed the examina-  
35 tions required under paragraph (d) of subdivision one of this  
36 section[~~+~~]; or

37 (c) from the requirements of subparagraph one of paragraph (b) of  
38 subdivision one of this section, an architect licensed under article one  
39 hundred forty-seven of this chapter.

40 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
41 ing the date upon which it shall have become a law. Effective imme-  
42 diately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation  
43 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are  
44 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.



**To:** Landscape Architecture Board Members  
**From:** Robert Lopez  
**Subject:** LARE Exam Transition Conclusion Update  
**In reply to:**

**Date:** March 27, 2024

On January 4, 2024, I attended a presentation by Rebecca Moden, the COO of CLARB, regarding the conclusion of the recent LARE transition. Below is a summary of the key points Rebecca mentioned during the presentation:

- CLARB had just finished its first administration of the new LARE blueprint
- The exam transition was originally publicly announced in September 2022; the last division of the old LARE was completed in October 2023
  - 7,000 postcards were sent out about the transition during those 13 months
  - 38 varied email communications went out
  - 5 informational webinars were held
- Results
  - 2,568 candidates tested over the last year
  - 33% of those candidates finished the LARE
  - 67% of those candidates still in pipeline
  - 4% of candidates came back who hadn't tested since 2012
  - 21% of candidates passed Section 1 but not 4
  - 30% of candidates passed Sections 1 & 4.
- Remaining transition timeline
  - Dec 2023 – first administration of new LARE
  - Jan 8, 2024 – registration opens for April 2024 administration
  - Jan 26/27 – Cut Score Committee Meeting
  - Feb 2024 – December 2023 scores will be available in mid-February
  - April 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> administration of new LARE blueprint.
- What's next
  - For Dec 2023 candidates, feedback will be available by sub-domain
  - April 2024 - last opportunity for free section
  - Winter 2024 – automatic scores coming
  - Winter 2024 – CLARB will kick off determinants of success research – last done in 2011
  - There was a 10% drop in number of candidates from last administration to the new December 2023 version of the LARE. CLARB had anticipated a 20% drop.

**To:** Landscape Architecture Board Members **Date:** March 27, 2024  
**From:** Robert Lopez  
**Subject:** Landscape Architect License Statistics by Degree Type  
**In reply to:**

At its November 29, 2023 meeting, the State Board asked the Executive Secretary for statistics of New York landscape architects by degree type.

New York's current landscape architect statistics are as follows:

- 91.2% - LAAB-accredited program
- 4.0% - combination of some education but mostly experience or all experience
- 2.0% - architecture or engineering degree
- 1.1% - foreign degree
- 1.7% - other types of degree; i.e. Associates, Bachelors, or Masters level

The above information is being provided to the Board for its information.



**2024 CLARB  
ANNUAL  
MEETING  
AGENDA**



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# Empowering Opportunity

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# Opportunity INTO ACTION

CLARB ANNUAL MEETING **2024**

## Schedule

**Monday, September 16**

Evening	Licensure Summit Reception
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**Tuesday, September 17**

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Licensure Summit Day One
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Licensure Summit Site Tour

### Wednesday, September 18

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Licensure Summit Day Two
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Continuing Education Sessions or Member Board Executive Session
Evening	CLARB Annual Meeting Reception

### Thursday, September 19: CLARB Annual Meeting Day One

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Setting the Stage: CLARB 2024 Annual Meeting Opening Session
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Opportunity into Action: Three Keys to Success Keynote Address
	<i>Networking Break</i>
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Impacts of Artificial Intelligence on Practice and Regulation
	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Future of Landscape Architecture Education
1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Impacts of STEM Designation for Landscape Architecture: What's Next?
	<i>Networking Break</i>
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Demonstrating Competency: Understanding the L.A.R.E.
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Connect with CLARB: Your Questions Answered

### Friday, September 20: CLARB Annual Meeting Day Two

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Keynote Address
	<i>Networking Break</i>
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Elevating Landscape Architecture Around the World
	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	ICOR Practice Overlap: Member Input Session

	<i>Networking Break</i>
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	CLARB Bylaws Review: Results of the 2019 Changes and Opportunities for Refinement
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Exploring Specialty Credentials: Enhancing Public Health, Safety and Welfare Beyond Licensure

### Saturday, September 21: CLARB Annual Meeting Day Three

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Business Session
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	<p>MBE Session and Working Lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Past, Present and Future of Landscape Architectural Licensure (History and Demographic Trends in the Profession)</li> <li>• Comparing Similarities and Differences Across the Membership</li> <li>• Addressing the Business Side of Boards</li> </ul>
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	<p>MBM Session and Working Lunch</p> <p>Lessons Learned: Educating Local Governments and Municipalities on Landscape Architecture</p>
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Seizing the Moment: Opportunity into Action

*Details subject to change.*

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**To:** Landscape Architecture Board Members **Date:** March 29, 2024  
**From:** Robert Lopez  
**Subject:** CLARB/ASLA Spring Licensure Summit Summary  
**In reply to:**

On March 13, 2024, I virtually attended the CLARB/ASLA Spring Licensure Summit. Zach Druga of CLARB was joined by Bradley Rawls and Matthew Gallagher of ASLA for this virtual event that updated CLARB's Member Boards and ASLA Chapters on legislation and issues affecting the profession.

Below is a summary of the key points made during the presentation:

- 2024 Legislative Update
  - There were 152 bills affecting licensure
  - No bills involving deregulation; last year there were 3 bills involving deregulation
  - 25 universal licensure bills
  - 13 Military spouse bills
  - 6 sunset bills
- Maine
  - Maine has passed legislation allowing a candidate to apply directly to CLARB, removing the requirement that Maine pre-approve candidates for the LARE
- New Hampshire
  - HB 1408 – efforts to merge the LA Board with the Architecture Board
  - ASLA held off and took neutral stance on this – may not be advanced
- Utah
  - HB 534 – efforts to merge the LA Board with the Architecture Board
- Iowa
  - Review Board looked at consolidation of Boards
  - SF 2385 – efforts to merge the LA Board with the Architecture Board
- California
  - Sunset review for Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) and the California Architects Board (CAB)
  - Possibility of combining the LATC and the CAB – more discussion needed on this
- Other jurisdictions undergoing sunset review
  - Washington
  - Arizona
  - New Mexico
- CLARB Uniform Licensure Standard updates
  - 7 jurisdictions have adopted uniform standard
  - 14 jurisdictions discussing adoption of uniform standards

- Alabama – has begun process to make statute more generic and moving licensure requirements to their regulations
  - Nebraska – has begun drafting regulatory changes to align with uniform standards. Targeting 2025 for legislative change
  - Oklahoma – only need to change regulations. Board beginning process shortly
  - Hawaii – targeting 2025 for uniform standard legislation
  - Alaska – awaiting Lt. Governor’s signature on regulation update
- ARPL – Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing
  - ARPL 2024 Focus – webinar next week
    - 2024 Legislation & Policy Trends
    - Supporting the role of the Boards
    - Developing new public research
    - Exploring new areas of focus
      - Workforce development
      - AI
- Freedom to Invest in Tomorrow’s Workforce Act – national effort
  - Partnering with ASAE
  - HR 1477/S722 – sponsored by Wittman, Spanberger, Klobuchar, and Braun – bill is very bipartisan
  - Make licensure more affordable and more attainable
  - Expands eligible expenses under 529 savings plans to cover postsecondary costs including:
    - Licensure prep courses, practice exams, study materials
    - Licensure exams
    - CE and licensure renewals
    - Other costs required to obtain and maintain a license
  - Bill has a cost to taxpayers of \$85 million over 10 years
  - ASAE legislative fly-in – nearly 100 fly-in participants; met with 113 congressional offices on this legislation
- Additional dates of Interest
  - March 19 – ARPL webinar
  - March 21 – ASLA Federal Advocacy Update Webinar
  - June 5 – Web Licensure Summit
  - Sep 17-18 – ASLA/CLARB Licensure Summit