

August 3, 2011
LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION CONTRACTORS
EXAMINING BOARD

The Landscape Irrigation Contractors Examining Board held their meeting at the DEP building, Trenton, NJ. George McCarthy called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. The following members were in attendance:

MEMBER	AFFILIATION
Linda Cantwell	NJDEP
Patric LiSanti	Growing Concern Inc
George McCarthy	Spring Irrigation
Robert Dobson	Middletown Sprinkler

Mike Schuit, DAG, Gene Rosenblum, DAG, and Charlie Maack, DEP were also in attendance.

Linda Cantwell read the Open Public Meetings Act statement for the Landscape Irrigation Contractors Examining Board and announced that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the Secretary of State and designated newspapers, as well as posted in DEP.

The minutes from the June 29, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

Correspondence from the Irrigation Association concerning the exam and exam content were reviewed a discussed. These changes will take place beginning in October 2011. The Board agreed that that passing score will remain 70% with 50% in each category.

An application for reciprocity with a Texas license was received. Board members were informed that Texas does not use the same exam as New Jersey. Linda Cantwell offered to contact Texas to obtain additional information concerning their exam.

The Board was informed that an exam applicant recently denied, was appealing their decision. Members were informed that the department was recommending that the Board accept this application due to the fact that is was acceptable prior to regulatory changes. A discussion was held and it was recommended that the Board enter into a closed session in order to discuss this matter further.

The Board returned to open session.

Rick LiSanti motioned to contact the Office of Dispute Resolution informing them that the Board will participate in mediation as a result of an appeal concerning an exam application. George McCarthy will be their representative; finalize and send a settlement offer letter to case #456 for advertising without a certification; close case #457, refer case #458 to the investigator; send letter of inquiry to various companies advertising irrigation work. Bob Dobson seconded the motion. The remainder of the Board approved.

The Board reviewed and discussed the most recent draft of rules and regulations. Additional changes were made.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George McCarthy". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

George McCarthy, Chairman
Landscape Irrigation Contractors Board