

September 14, 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 9:45 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 open and closed session minutes from the August 3, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

The Board accepted the Treasurer's report as presented.

Members were reminded that the 2012 meeting schedule was recently sent out. After reviewing the schedule, they should contact the Exams & Licensing Unit with any discrepancies.

As a result of recent inquiries, copies of the employment verification page of the application were distributed. The form will be reviewed along with the application to determine whether or not changes are required.

The Board received correspondence from an applicant that had taken the exam in April 2010. The applicant was inquiring why they had achieved a 70% with 50 % in each of the categories, but still failed the exam. A discussion was held. It appears that this was the first exam given, where the cut-scores had changed. The Board was not aware of the change at the time. The applicant will be contacted and issued a certificate upon receipt of the appropriate fees.

Members were provided with a draft "warning letter" prepared as a result of case 460. A discussion was held. The Board members agreed to refer this case to the enforcement contractor rather than sending out further correspondence

A copy of draft correspondence to be used when it appears a company is advertising irrigation work without registering a certificate holder was reviewed and discussed. The letter was approved and will be sent.

The Board reviewed applications on file for the October 2011 examination. Motion made and approved to accept 8 initial/re-applications, conditionally approve 2 pending additional information, deny 3 based on insufficient documentation. Rick LiSanti seconded the motion, the remainder of the Board approved. The Board was informed that 17 applicants were already scheduled for the upcoming exam.

As a result of additional information obtained since their last meeting, the Board reviewed an application for reciprocity. A discussion was held. Correspondence will be sent to the applicant requesting third party verification that he has three years of irrigation experience. In addition, it appears that Texas does not have reciprocity with New Jersey. Correspondence from the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality will be required indicating that they recognize New Jersey's certification program.

The Board motioned to enter into a closed session in order to discuss enforcement matters.

The Board returned to open session.

Motion made and approved to close cases 456, 082/154, and refer cases 461 and 083 to the enforcement contractor for investigation.

The Board reviewed and discussed modification to the enforcement section of the pending rules and regulations.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. at 3:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2011.

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