

Minutes LICEB March 20 2015
Minutes Taker- Joanne Taroco
Start Time: 11:35 AM
End Time: 2:22 PM

LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION CONTRACTORS EXAMINING BOARD

Meeting Location: DEP Building
401 E. State Street
4th Floor Conference Room (4E005)
Trenton, NJ

Attendees:

Board Members

Robert Dobson
George M. McCarthy
William Frederick Rapp
Ken Scherer

Affiliation

Middletown Sprinkler (left early)
Spring Irrigation Co. Inc.
Atlantic
Hillsborough Irrigation

Legal Council

Gene Rosenblum

Deputy Attorney General (arrived late)

DEP Staff

Trish Conti
Joanne Taroco

Bureau of Licensing and Pesticide Operations-NJDEP
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Absent

Gaetano Virone

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Joanne Taroco read aloud the Open Public Meetings Act statement for the Landscape Irrigation Contractors Examining Board (LICEB) and announced that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the Secretary of State and designated newspapers, as well as posted in Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

The minutes from the 2/5/2015 were reviewed. Ken Scherer Motioned to accept minutes Bob Dobson seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to accept meeting notes.

Treasurer's report was not reviewed for this meeting.

Discussion began with conversation about Continuing Education Credits (CEC) and correspondence received about CEC's:

1. **Phil Horowitz**- Sent a letter stating that he disagreed with the Board's assessment of CECs he sent in for review. Send Letter to Mr. Horowitz stating that he provided no evidence of Water Conservation and that he must do so or that he should take additional courses that are related to Water Conservation.
2. **Rocco Incorvaia**- Requested an extension to complete CECs due to hardships. - Send invoice with letter. (George McCarthy to write letter)
3. **Jeffrey Silet**- Requested an extension to complete CECs due to hardship - Send invoice with letter.

Determination to send letters was based on the hardships as defined in the regulations. It was determined that conditionally approval of hardship allowed for invoices to be sent, however the CECs must be completed by a given date.

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For future: Waiver Requests should be received at least 30 days prior to expiration of the license, and include the application to renew as defined by the regulations.

4. There are currently 107 individuals who have not submitted CECs- the LICEB ultimately decided that they will enlist the Investigator contracted by the board to reach out and call each individual and inform them that they are not eligible to renew their license.

Bob Dobson excused himself from the board meeting at 12:30

Exam Application Review:

There are 15 applicants requesting re-examination.

There are 11 applicants submitting initial application.

The board conditionally approved the 15 re-examinations contingent on the receipt of the examination fee.

The board reviewed and discussed all 11 initial applications.

-9 applicants were approved for the examination, pending receipt of examination fee.

- 2 applicants were rejected because the applicant failed to provide adequate support of work experience demonstrating a minimal of 3 years working with a licensed Landscape Irrigation Contractor as is defined in the regulations.

Ken Scherer motioned to accept determinations made by the LICEB

Fred Rapp Seconded the motion.

Ken Scherer motioned to move to close session

Fred Rapp seconded the motion.

Closed session began 1:25 P.M.

Open Session Resumed 2:20 P.M

Fred Rapp motioned to adjourn meeting.

Ken Scherer seconded the motion.

Unanimous approval to adjourn at 2:22 P.M.