

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
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REGISTERED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE REGISTRATION BOARD

**Open Minutes**

Registered Landscape Architecture Registration Board

Date: February 22, 2024  
Convened: 10:18 am  
Adjourned: 11:53 am  
Location: Springfield/Chicago/WEBEX

Members Present: Neil Brumleve, Member  
Clifton Caldwell, Public Member  
Susan L B Jacobson, Member  
Patricia King, Member  
Robert Reuland, Member

Member(s) Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager  
Ron Almiron, DPR General Counsel

Guests Present: None.

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:18 am.  
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**I. New Business**

**A. Board member introductions**

Mr. Lazell asked the members to introduce themselves.

Member Brumleve stated he started working at Massie & Massie in 2006 currently owns 80% of the company is excited to be on the board.

Member Jacobson stated she's worked in the Chicago area for the past 40 years and is the Head of Site Planning & Design at the Morton Arboretum.

Member Reuland stated he is a principal at Site Design Group, practiced in the Chicago & tri-state area for the past 17 years, and is happy to be on the Board.

Member Caldwell shared that he is the Senior Pastor at New Prospect MB Church in Chicago, has a background in social work emphasis with mental health issues, and graduated with a masters and PhD from the Michigan State University.

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Member King shared that she's been in the business about 40 years and currently works as the senior landscape architect at Wight & Company.

**B. Election of Officers**

Mr. Lazell shared the Statutory Board officer term and duty requirements.

Call for nominations for Board Chair.

Member King nominated member Jacobson to be appointed for Chair. Member Jacobson accepted the nomination. Motion was made, seconded (Caldwell/King) to close the nominations for Chair. The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Member Jacobson was elected as Board Chair for 2024.

Call for nominations for Board Vice-Chair.

Member Jacobson nominated member King to be appointed for Vice-Chair. Member King accepted the nomination. Motion was made, seconded (Caldwell/Jacobson) to close the nominations for Vice-Chair. The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Member King was elected as Board Vice-Chair for 2024.

**II. Guest**

**Announcements/Comments** *None presented.*

**III. Board Liaison Report**

**A. 2023 Year in Review**

Mr. Lazell shared the 2023 statistics for the profession.

**B. Proposed Rules**

Mr. Lazell shared that the draft Rules packet was shared with ILASLA for their comment on the proposed changes. ILASLA submitted 11 comments/questions. DPR reviewed them and drafted a revised Rule packet based on several of ILASLA's comments. Mr. Lazell presented the revised draft to the members for review and indicated that he will send ILASLA a reply to their comments and include the revised draft based on

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their comments. DPR will review and discuss any further changes with ILASLA if needed prior to finalizing the draft and submitting it for insertion unto the next available Illinois Register publication through the Illinois Secretary of State for public reviewing and comment.

C. HB 5608

Mr. Lazell shared that this bill proposes to change statutes for all professions regulated by DPR. Named the "Universal License bill" and would changes how boards would issue reciprocal (endorsement) registrations and would supersede the existing reciprocity requirements.

D. SB 3767

Mr. Lazell shared that this bill proposes to change the Registered Landscape Architect Act.

Adds a new Endorsement section to the Act to enable DPR/Board to accept an application if the applicant is licensed/registered in a foreign country – and meets the requirements specified by Rule.

**IV. Closed Session**

*No items to discuss.*

**V. Motions & Reminders**

A. Reminder

Mr. Lazell mentioned the next scheduled Board meeting has not yet been selected but he would provide the FY25 Board schedule in the next month or so.

**VI. Adjournment**

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:53 am.