

California Architects Board
Landscape Architects Technical Committee
August 7, 2026





NOTICE AND AGENDA OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING Landscape Architects Technical Committee

Appearing virtually:

Pamela S. Brief, Chair
Martin Armstrong, Vice Chair
Susan M. Landry
Patricia M. Trauth
Jon S. Wreschinsky

***Action may be
taken on any
item listed on
the agenda.***

**The Landscape Architects Technical Committee
(LATC or Committee) will hold a meeting
at the meeting location below and via Webex Events
at 10 a.m., on August 7, 2026, at the following
primary physical location:**

**Landscape Architects Technical Committee
Conference Room
2420 Del Paso Road #105
Sacramento, CA 95834**

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AGENDA

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(or until completion of business)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THIS AGENDA.

- A. Call to Order – Roll Call – Establishment of a Quorum
- B. Chair's Procedural Remarks and Committee Member Introductory Comments
- C. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
The Committee may not discuss or take action on any item raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to refer the item to the Committee's next Strategic Planning session and/or place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting (Government Code sections 11125 and 11125.7(a)).
- D. Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Update and Discussion
- E. Presentation by DCA Budget Office Regarding LATC Budget and Discussion
- F. Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend Legislation on Retired License Option for Landscape Architects
- G. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve May 8, 2026, LATC Meeting Minutes
- H. Program Manager's Report
 - 1. Committee's Administrative/Management, Examination, Licensing, and Enforcement Programs Update and Discussion
 - 2. Strategic Plan Item 2.4: Explore How Artificial Intelligence (AI) May Impact the Profession and Licensure Update and Discussion
 - 3. Strategic Plan Item 3.4: Promote Landscape Architecture's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S.T.E.M.) Designation to Increase Awareness of its Importance Update and Discussion
- I. Discussion on the use of Artificial Intelligence in Landscape Architecture
- J. Discussion on Outreach and Community Colleges

- K. Update and Discussion on Current Events and Committee Activities for Council of Landscape Architects Registration Boards (CLARB) and Other Relevant Professional Organizations
- L. Update and Discussion on California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, Zone Zero Committee
- M. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Future Committee Meeting Dates and Topics to Set for a Future Agenda.
- N. Adjournment

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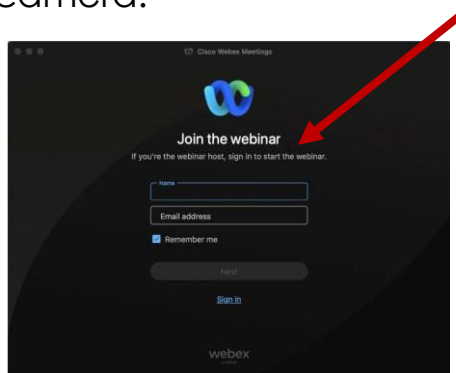
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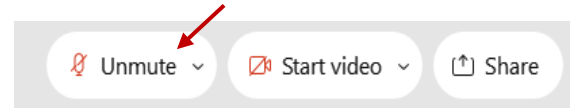
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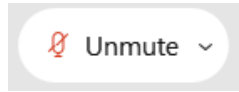


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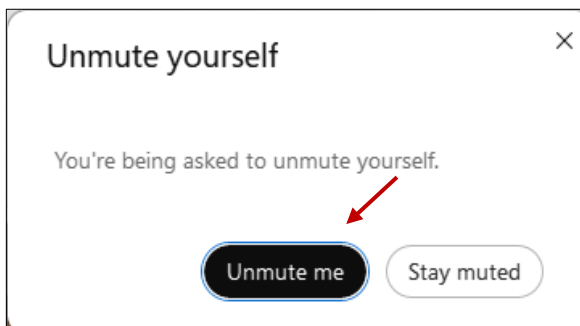
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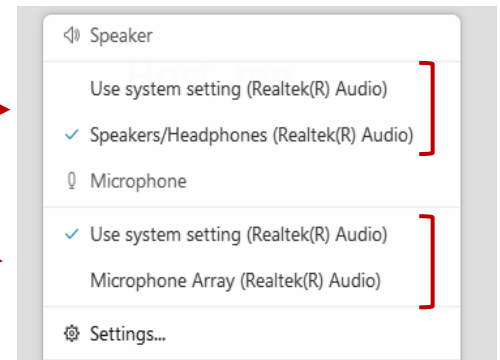
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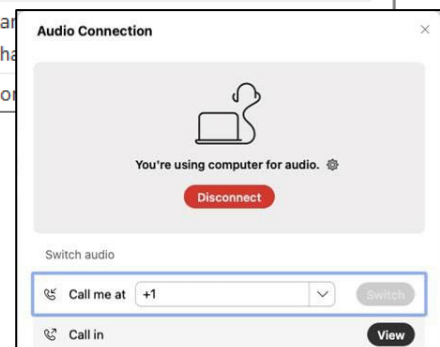
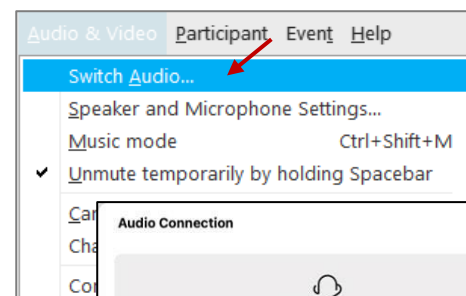
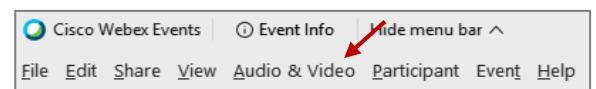
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- Repeat this process to lower your hand.



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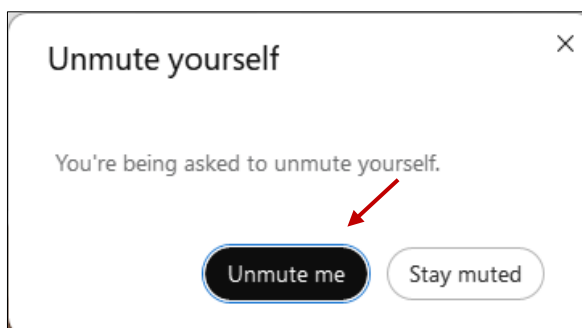
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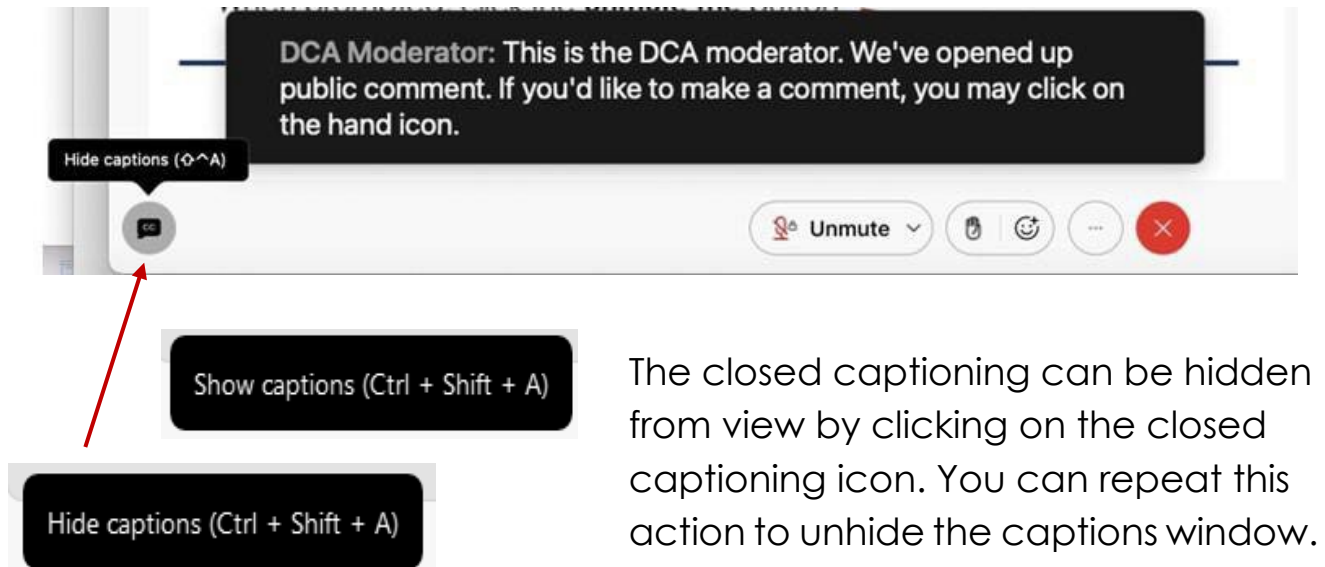


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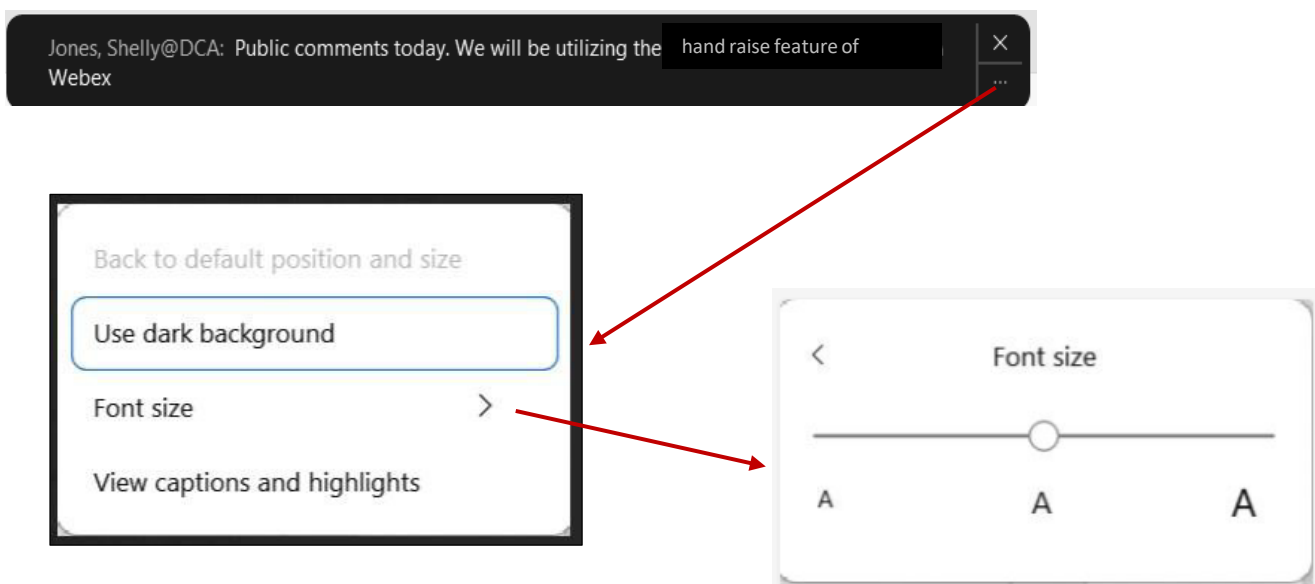


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AGENDA ITEM A: CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Roll is called by the LATC Vice Chair or, in their absence, by an LATC member designated by the LATC Chair.

LATC Member Roster

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AGENDA ITEM E: PRESENTATION BY DCA BUDGET OFFICE REGARDING LATC BUDGET AND DISCUSSION

Summary

DCA Budget staff will present an update on the Committee's current fiscal status.

Attachments

1. Expenditure Projection Report
2. Analysis Fund Condition Statement
3. Revenue Projection Report

Department of Consumer Affairs
Expenditure Projection Report
 California Architects Board
 Reporting Structure(s): 11110320 Landscape Architects Committee
 Fiscal Month: 11
 Fiscal Year: 2025 - 2026
 Run Date: 07/22/2026

PERSONAL SERVICES

Fiscal Code	Line Item	PY Budget	PY FM13	Budget	Current Month	YTD	Encumbrance	YTD + Encumbrance	Projections to Year End	Balance
5100	PERMANENT POSITIONS	\$277,000	\$256,002	\$283,000	\$25,262	\$274,088	\$0	\$274,088	\$299,417	-\$16,417
5100	TEMPORARY POSITIONS	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
5105-5108	PER DIEM, OVERTIME, & LUMP SUM	\$3,000	\$400	\$3,000	\$0	\$2,100	\$0	\$2,100	\$2,600	\$400
5150	STAFF BENEFITS	\$177,000	\$147,264	\$187,000	\$15,569	\$168,237	\$0	\$168,237	\$183,784	\$3,216
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$463,000	\$403,666	\$479,000	\$40,830	\$444,426	\$0	\$444,426	\$485,801	-\$6,801

OPERATING EXPENSES & EQUIPMENT

Fiscal Code	Line Item	PY Budget	PY FM13	Budget	Current Month	YTD	Encumbrance	YTD + Encumbrance	Projections to Year End	Balance
5301	GENERAL EXPENSE	\$59,000	\$10,509	\$53,000	\$0	\$7,632	\$1,200	\$8,832	\$12,386	\$40,614
5302	PRINTING	\$3,000	\$4,198	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,046	\$5,046	\$5,046	-\$2,046
5304	COMMUNICATIONS	\$3,000	\$388	\$3,000	\$66	\$677	\$0	\$677	\$753	\$2,247
5306	POSTAGE	\$2,000	\$1,001	\$2,000	\$0	\$6,576	\$0	\$6,576	\$9,796	-\$7,796
53202-204	IN STATE TRAVEL	\$9,000	\$5,573	\$9,000	\$358	\$3,913	\$0	\$3,913	\$6,000	\$3,000
53206-208	OUT OF STATE TRAVEL	\$0	\$1,099	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,028	-\$1,028
5322	TRAINING	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
5324	FACILITIES	\$15,000	\$52,323	\$15,000	\$4,817	\$49,217	\$4,397	\$53,614	\$53,652	-\$38,652
53402-53403	C/P SERVICES (INTERNAL)	\$24,000	\$5,858	\$21,000	\$0	\$17,435	\$0	\$17,435	\$18,706	\$2,294
53404-53405	C/P SERVICES (EXTERNAL)	\$272,000	\$43,297	\$250,000	\$486	\$23,234	\$7,933	\$31,167	\$31,984	\$218,016
5342	DEPARTMENT PRORATA	\$240,000	\$213,628	\$243,000	\$19,250	\$223,750	\$0	\$223,750	\$243,000	\$0
5342	DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES	\$40,000	\$50,409	\$40,000	\$0	\$26,197	\$0	\$26,197	\$56,997	-\$16,997
5344	CONSOLIDATED DATA CENTERS	\$6,000	\$1,594	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,079	\$3,921
5346	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$15,000	\$26,331	\$12,000	\$0	\$1,346	\$4,616	\$5,962	\$5,962	\$6,038
5362-5368	EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$1,139	\$6,000	\$0	\$42,585	\$0	\$42,585	\$42,585	-\$36,585
54	SPECIAL ITEMS OF EXPENSE	\$0	\$203	\$0	\$0	\$3,826	\$0	\$3,826	\$4,464	-\$4,464
	OPERATING EXPENSES & EQUIPMENT	\$691,000	\$417,549	\$666,000	\$24,977	\$406,388	\$23,192	\$429,580	\$494,437	\$171,563

OVERALL TOTALS	\$1,154,000	\$821,215	\$1,145,000	\$65,808	\$850,814	\$23,192	\$874,006	\$980,238	\$164,762
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REIMBURSEMENTS	-\$1,000	\$0	-\$1,000					\$0	
OVERALL NET TOTALS	\$1,153,000	\$821,215	\$1,144,000	\$65,808	\$850,814	\$23,192	\$874,006	\$980,238	\$163,762

14.31%

Department of Consumer Affairs

Revenue Projection Report

Reporting Structure(s): 11110320 Landscape Architects Committee

Fiscal Month:

Fiscal Year: 2025 - 2026

Run Date: 07/22/2026

Revenue															
Fiscal Code	Line Item	Budget	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	Year to Date	Projection To Year End
	Delinquent Fees	\$13,000	\$1,600	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,600	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$600	\$14,800	\$15,867
	Other Regulatory Fees	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$78	\$0	\$3,078	\$3,078
	Other Regulatory License and Permits	\$171,000	\$13,050	\$6,800	\$18,300	\$19,150	\$15,800	\$12,350	\$18,400	\$14,550	\$16,900	\$17,750	\$11,500	\$164,550	\$175,095
	Other Revenue	\$42,000	\$25	\$0	\$0	\$14,277	\$673	\$0	\$15,608	\$25	\$0	\$14,754	\$16	\$45,378	\$55,378
	Renewal Fees	\$1,176,000	\$97,300	\$103,600	\$167,400	\$189,700	\$84,000	\$65,750	\$74,900	\$96,600	\$108,600	\$77,650	\$33,700	\$1,099,200	\$1,121,033
	Revenue	\$1,405,000	\$111,975	\$111,800	\$187,100	\$224,727	\$101,473	\$80,500	\$109,908	\$112,375	\$129,300	\$112,032	\$45,816	\$1,327,006	\$1,370,451

0757 - Landscape Architects Technical Committee Fund
Analysis of Fund Condition
(Dollars in Thousands)
2026 Budget Act With FM 11 Projections

Prepared 7.2.2026

	Actuals 2024-25	CY 2025-26	BY 2026-27	BY +1 2027-28
BEGINNING BALANCE				
Prior Year Adjustment	\$ 654	\$ 1,151	\$ 1,452	\$ 1,595
Adjusted Beginning Balance	\$ -9	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 645	\$ 1,151	\$ 1,452	\$ 1,595
REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS				
Revenues				
4121200 - Delinquent fees	\$ 13	\$ 16	\$ 13	\$ 13
4127400 - Renewal fees	\$ 1,169	\$ 1,121	\$ 1,188	\$ 1,176
4129200 - Other regulatory fees	\$ 1	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3
4129400 - Other regulatory licenses and permits	\$ 161	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 171
4163000 - Income from surplus money investments	\$ 47	\$ 55	\$ 62	\$ 71
4171400 - Escheat of unclaimed checks and warrants	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Totals, Revenues	\$ 1,392	\$ 1,370	\$ 1,441	\$ 1,434
TOTALS, REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 1,392	\$ 1,370	\$ 1,441	\$ 1,434
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 2,037	\$ 2,521	\$ 2,893	\$ 3,029
Expenditures:				
1111 Department of Consumer Affairs (State Operations)	\$ 821	\$ 980	\$ 1,190	\$ 1,226
9900 Statewide General Administrative Expenditures (Pro Rata) (State Operations)	\$ 65	\$ 89	\$ 108	\$ 108
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES AND EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 886	\$ 1,069	\$ 1,298	\$ 1,334
FUND BALANCE				
Reserve for economic uncertainties	\$ 1,151	\$ 1,452	\$ 1,595	\$ 1,695
Months in Reserve	12.9	13.4	14.4	14.8

NOTES:

1. Assumes workload and revenue projections are realized in BY+1 and ongoing.
2. Expenditure growth projected at 3% beginning BY+1.

Previous Months in Reserve balance as of 1.2026: 12.0

2024-25: 12.9

2023-24: 8.9

2022-23: 7.6

2021-22: 9.8

2020-21: 13.9

2019-20: 18.0

AGENDA ITEM F: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND LEGISLATION ON RETIRED LICENSE OPTION FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Summary

This item proposes that the Committee review and discuss the possibility of creating a “retired license” category for landscape architects.

Background

Current practice for a landscape architect wanting to retire their license is letting the license “expire”. Several Boards under the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), including the California Architects Board (CAB), offer a retired license status to honor licensed professionals that are no longer practicing. A retrospective projection based on CAB’s experience of implementing a retired license, depicted in **Table A** shows that approximately 2-5% of licensees would be expected to retire their license within the first five years of implementation. After that, it is projected that 1-2% of licensees would be expected to retire their license.

Table A. LATC Historical Retired License Projections Based on CAB Actuals, FY 2014/15 - FY 2024/25												
	Fiscal Year	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
LATC	Active	3507	3509	3607	3675	3868	3729	3711	3655	3714	3588	3,544
	Projection %	5	5	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Projection #	175	175	144	110	77	37	37	37	37	36	35
	Projection \$	\$122,745	\$122,815	\$100,996	\$77,175	\$54,152	\$26,103	\$25,977	\$25,585	\$25,998	\$25,116	\$24,808

Action Requested

The Committee is asked to review and discuss the possibility of establishing a “retired license” category for landscape architects.

Attachment

Retired License Projections Based on Non-Renewal/Delinquency Status, 2020-25

**Agenda Item F. Attachment****Retired Licensee Projections based on Non-renewal/Delinquency¹ Status, 2020-25**

- 1. Licensees self-reporting they have retired² has fluctuated over these five years.**

A total of 68 individuals self-reported retirement status during the last 5 years:

Table A: Self-reported Retirements by Year

Year	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Self-Reported Retired Count	4	17	22	17	8	0

- 2. There has been an increase in non-renewals since 2024 (first year of fee increase from \$400 to \$700).**
 - Table B** shows that from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2025, 814 licenses were not renewed.
 - Non-renewals show a steady increase from 68 (4% of total renewals) in 2020, to 221 (13% of total renewals) in 2025.
 - The years 2024 and 2025 had the two highest numbers for non-renewals, 210 and 221 respectively.

Table B: Total delinquent licensees, January 1, 2020, - December 31, 2025

Calendar Year	Delinquent	Self-Reported "Retired"	Renewed	% of Licenses "Lost"
2025	221	4	1704	13%
2024	210	17	1620	13%
2023	103	22	1767	6%
2022	96	17	1728	5.5%
2021	116	8	1894	6%
2020	68	0	1734	4%
Total	814	68		

- 3. The average age of retirement (measured by non-renewal) across the five years is 67.**

¹Non-renewal status is used as a proxy for retirement in this document and is used interchangeably with the term "delinquency".

²LATC does not have a retired license status. These individuals voluntarily notify LATC they are retiring and their status shows "Expired" on the online database: <https://search.dca.ca.gov/>.

**4. The non-renewal rate among the youngest age group (32-45) has steadily increased (Table C).**

- From 2020-25, 47 licensees in the age range 32-45, did not renew their license (**Table D**).
- Table D** shows how non-renewals increase among this age group from 3 in 2020, to a high of 15 in 2025.

Table C. Delinquent licensees by **age range and year** January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2025

Age	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
1926 (99) - 1939 (86)	4	5	5	7	9	7
1940 (85) - 1949 (76)	19	28	23	19	33	38
1950 (75) - 1959 (66)	33	59	49	50	99	100
1960 (65) - 1969 (56)	4	13	10	15	31	42
1970 (55) - 1979 (46)	5	6	6	4	25	19
1980 (45) - 1993 (32)	3	5	3	8	13	15
Total	68	116	96	103	210	221

Table D: Total delinquent licensees by **age range**, January 1, 2020, - December 31, 2025

Age	Delinquent Licenses	% of Licensees
1926 (99) – 1939 (86)	37	4%
1940 (85) – 1949 (76)	160	20%
1950 (75) – 1959 (66)	390	48%
1960 (65) – 1969 (56)	115	14%
1970 (55) - 1979 (46)	65	8%
1980 (45) – 1993 (32)	47	6%
Total	814	

AGENDA ITEM G: REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE MAY 8, 2026, LATC MEETING MINUTES

Summary

The Committee is asked to review and take possible action on the minutes of the May 8, 2026, LATC meeting.

Action Requested

Approval of May 8, 2026, LATC Meeting Minutes

Attachment

May 8, 2026, LATC Meeting Minutes (Draft)



DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS • BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY

CALIFORNIA ARCHITECTS BOARD

Landscape Architects Technical Committee

Public Protection through Examination, Licensure, and Regulation



DRAFT **MEETING MINUTES**

CALIFORNIA ARCHITECTS BOARD
The Landscape Architects Technical Committee Meeting
Department of Consumer Affairs
May 8, 2026

Landscape Architect Technical Committee (LATC/Committee)

Members Present

Pamela S. Brief, Chair
Martin "Marty" Armstrong, Vice Chair
Patricia M. Trauth
Susan M. Landry
Jon Wreschinsky

Staff Present

Laura Zuniga, Executive Officer
Jesse Laxton, Assistant Executive Officer
Kim McDaniel, LATC Program Manager
Gloria Padilla-Todd, LATC Enforcement Analyst
Heather Davis, LATC Special Projects Analyst

Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Staff Present

Helen Geoffroy, Legal Affairs Attorney III
Sam Singh, Legal Affairs Attorney III
Fabiha Aziz, DCA Moderator
Judie Bucciarelli, Supervisor I, Executive Office
Luke Fitzgerald, Budget Analyst
Suzanne Balkis, Budgets Manager

Guests Present

Dave M.
Gün Ünsal, President of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers

A. Call to Order-Roll Call-Establishment of a Quorum

LATC Chair Pamela Brief called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and Vice Chair Martin Armstrong called roll. Five members of LATC were present, thus a quorum was established.

B. Chair's Procedural Remarks and Committee Member Introductory Comments

Chair Brief explained that all motions and seconds will be repeated for the record and votes on all motions will be taken by roll call. Jon Wreschinsky requested adding a new agenda item to include proposed topics for future meetings.

C. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Chair Brief invited members of the public to address LATC.

The Committee may not discuss or act on any item raised during the public comment section, except to decide whether to refer the item to the Committee's next Strategic Planning session and/or place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting (Government Code sections 11125 and 11125.7 (a)).

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no comments from the public.

D. Update and Discussion on Activities of Collateral Organizations, Committee Chair

Chair Brief provided an informational update on legislative items currently being monitored by the California Council of the American Society of Landscape Architects (CCASLA). No discussion of support or opposition occurred, consistent with the agenda requirement. Legislation reviewed included AB 1796: Commercial Interior Design Practice Act, SB 1107: Heat-Reducing Shade Structures at Schools, AB 2106: Certificate of Merit for Landscape Architects, and AB 2946: California Biodiversity/ 30x30 Implementation. Chair Brief directed members with questions about CCASLA's positions to contact CCASLA directly.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dave M., a retired Landscape Architect (not practicing), stated he would like to have a reduced rate for licensing fees including a retired licensee status.

E. Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Update and Discussion

Judie Bucciarelli provided updates on behalf of DCA Board and Bureau Relations, highlighting Public Service Recognition Week, appreciation for timely Form 700 submissions, the re-launch of the Enforcement Academy, establishment of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion subcommittee with its first meeting on July 31, 2026, and the upcoming July 1, 2026, organizational split into the California Health and Human Services Agency and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no comments from the public.

F. Presentation by DCA Budget Office Regarding LATC Budget and Discussion

Kim McDaniel provided a brief update on budget transparency efforts, noting that staff reviewed prior member concerns and supplied a LATC Budget Line-Item Reference Table in the meeting materials along with expanded fund condition history to clarify reserve fluctuations. Budget Analyst Luke Fitzgerald summarized the Committee's expenditure projections and fund condition statement included in the meeting materials. Committee members asked questions about line-item variances, reserve levels, renewal trends, and potential fee adjustments. Staff will provide projections on possible renewal fee reductions and information on the retired license fee model used by the California Architects Board.

Mr. Wreschinsky reported that expenditure for State Operations under line-items 1111 Department of Consumer Affairs and 9900 (Statewide General Administrative Expenditures/Pro Rata) are growing far beyond the standard statewide increase. Mr. Wreschinsky noted significant growth: 49% and 66% from last year to budget year one, and 20% and 37% increases respectively from last year to this year. Mr. Wreschinsky expressed concern about why these state-controlled costs are rising so sharply, especially since the Committee has no authority over them.

Mr. Fitzgerald explained that the 3% increase is built into both the 2025/25 and the 2025/26 budget projections to account for routine cost growth. However, additional factors can cause actual expenditures to rise or fall beyond that baseline, and the 3% serves as a conservative planning estimate.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no comments from the public.

G. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve January 30, 2026, LATC Meeting Minutes

Jon Wreschinsky moved to approve the January 30, 2026, LATC Meeting Minutes as motioned.

Susan M. Landry seconded the motion.

Members Landry, Wreschinsky, Armstrong, Trauth, and Chair Brief voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no comments from the public.

H. Program Manager's Report

1. Committee's Administrative/Management, Examination, Licensing, and Enforcement Programs Update and Discussion

Ms. McDaniel thanked staff for their hard work and efforts. Ms. McDaniel provided updates regarding Strategic Plan progress, outreach, website, and social media updates, examination and licensing updates, and enforcement updates. Ms. McDaniel reported that the Chair attended the Architects Board meeting on February 26, 2026, with the next scheduled meeting for May 21, 2026. Ms. McDaniel shared that staff conducted an outreach presentation for UC Berkeley, with more universities inviting LATC to present during both fall and spring terms. Ms. McDaniel informed the committee that routine website updates will continue, including posting meeting materials. Lastly, Ms. McDaniel shared that social media engagement is expanding, with tailored outreach on LinkedIn for professionals and Instagram for students, including reposted exam-prep content to better reach each audience.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no comments from the public.

2. Review, Discuss, and Possible Action on Strategic Plan Item 4.1: Continue Communication with California Architects Board and LATC as a Way to Continue Increasing Efficiencies

Ms. McDaniel shared that LATC continues strong collaboration with the California Architects Board (CAB), with LATC staff regularly attending CAB meetings and CAB staff participating in LATC meetings. Ms. McDaniel noted that LATC and CAB have coordinated with newsletters, enforcement questions, and regulatory processes, with LATC staff frequently consulting with CAB's larger enforcement and regulations teams for guidance. Ms. McDaniel informed that these ongoing partnerships help ensure consistency across LATC and CAB and support more efficient, streamlined operations.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no comments from the public.

3. Review, Discuss, and Possible Action on Strategic Plan Item 1.3: Research Ways to Better Prepare Candidates for Professional Licensure

Members reviewed progress on efforts to better prepare candidates for licensure, noting strong exam pass rates, particularly on the *Construction Documents* section of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE). Staff reported that students frequently seek clarification on licensure steps, experience documentation, and the distinction between CLARB and state requirements. Financial barriers and test anxiety were identified as potential key reasons graduates may delay testing. Members requested additional data on when candidates apply after graduation and how many begin but do not complete the licensure process.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no comments from the public.

The Committee took a thirty-minute break at 11:45 a.m. and returned at 12:15 p.m. Roll call was taken with five members present, thus a quorum was established.

I. Update and Discussion on California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, Zone 0 Committee

Chair Brief provided an update on the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's Zone 0 Committee meeting held in April 2026. A new draft of the Zone 0 regulation was released prior to the meeting and incorporates significant public, organizational, and local agency feedback. The updated proposal shifts from a one-phase to a two-phase implementation (Phase 1 within three years; Phase 2 within five years) and includes new definitions, allowances for local fire agency discretion, and clarifications related to tree maintenance.

Key changes discussed included introduction of two sub-zones within the first 5 feet of a structure: a non-combustible immediate safety zone and a low-combustible zone, allowance for trees within Zone 0 under specific maintenance conditions, visual diagrams added to improve clarity of requirements, and clarifications on fencing requirements that reduce previous conflicts with property-line setbacks.

Committee members discussed concerns including insurance industry practices, inconsistent local interpretations, enforcement challenges, and potential impacts on existing tree canopy and urban heat conditions. Some members expressed strong reservations about allowing trees or branches overhanging structures, while others referenced scientific findings indicating trees may mitigate ember spread under certain conditions.

The committee discussed whether to issue a follow-up letter to the Board of Forestry. After discussion, members agreed that the updated draft addressed many concerns previously raised by LATC. A motion was made to support the draft regulation with two recommended amendments:

1. Prohibit planting of new trees within Zone 0.
2. Remove the specific plant examples listed in the draft to avoid confusion and allow more general guidance.

Chair Brief shared she will draft a letter and send it to legal counsel to ensure it reflects the committee's intent and then submit once reviewed and approved by legal.

Jon Wreschinsky moved to approve the draft of the letter with two recommended amendments as motioned.

Patricia M. Trauth seconded the motion.

Members Landry, Wreschinsky, Armstrong, Trauth, and Chair Brief voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no comments from the public.

J. Update and Discussion on Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) Current Events and Committees

Laura Zuniga provided updates on CLARB activities, including highlights from the new year meeting and plans for the upcoming annual meeting that will be held in Canada. Ms. Zuniga reported that she is chairing the Member Board Executive Committee, which is currently reviewing CLARB's fee structure and will bring recommendations to the Board later this year. A travel request has been submitted to attend the Annual Meeting, though approval is uncertain due to international travel requirements.

The Committee briefly reviewed the CLARB ballot. Members expressed concern about the ongoing lack of representation in California and western states in CLARB leadership and discussed challenges and solutions related to recruiting volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no comments from the public.

K. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Future Committee Meeting Dates

The Committee reviewed upcoming meeting dates and related scheduling considerations. Future agenda items were discussed, and suggestions included the impact of AI on the profession and related health, safety, and welfare considerations, clarifying distinctions between the work of landscape architects and designers, and a review of community college programs related to landscape architecture and the roles graduates are entering.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was a public comment received from President of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers, Gün Ünsal, who requested inclusion in future discussions regarding the landscape designer vs. landscape architect topic.

L. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM H: PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

Summary

Program Manager will provide an update on the Committee's Administrative/Management, Examination, Licensing, and Enforcement Programs. Updates on the Strategic Plan will be included.

1. Committee's Administrative/Management, Examination, Licensing, and Enforcement Programs Update and Discussion
2. Strategic Plan Item 2.4: Explore How Artificial Intelligence (AI) May Impact the Profession and Licensure Update and Discussion
3. Strategic Plan Item 3.4: Promote Landscape Architecture's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Designation to Increase Awareness of its Importance Update and Discussion

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Program Manager's Report

Action Requested

None



MEMORANDUM

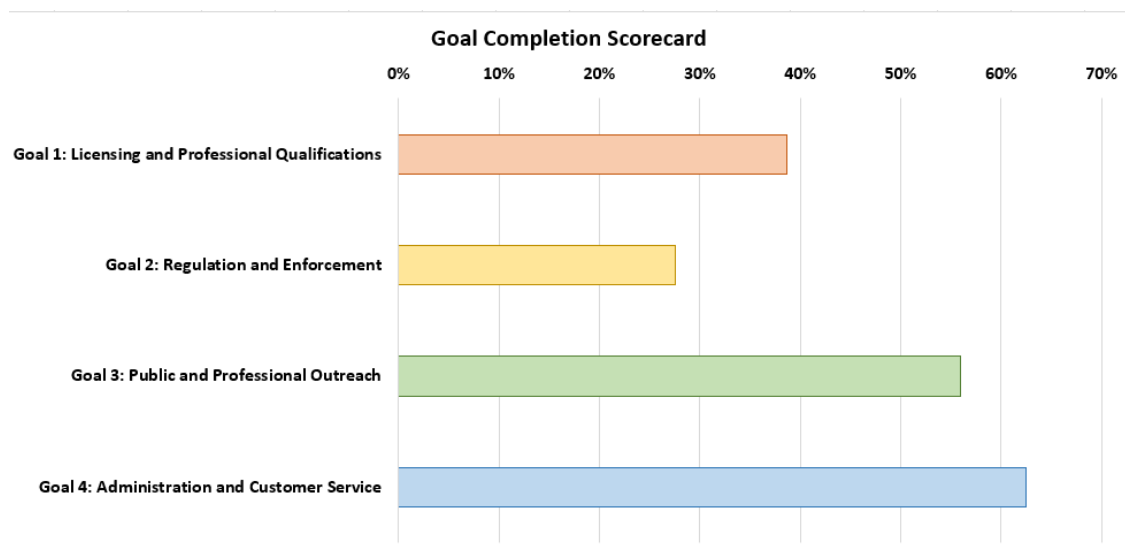
DATE	August 7, 2026
TO	Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) Members
FROM	Kim McDaniel, Program Manager
SUBJECT	Program Manager Report

The following information is provided as an overview of Committee activities and projects as of June 30, 2026. The Committee met via teleconference on May 8, 2026, in Sacramento.

Administrative/Management

California Architects Board The Board held a meeting on May 21, 2026, which Patricia Trauth attended. The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2026, Chair Pamela Brief is set to attend on behalf of the Committee.

Strategic Plan The Strategic Plan for 2025-2028 was approved by the Board at its meeting on February 20, 2025, following review and discussion by the LATC on January 31, 2025. The LATC continues to work diligently to implement the plan and is on track for meeting goals. Updates on various aspects of the Strategic Plan follow:



*Note: Strategic Plan Goals are through 2028.

Strategic Plan Item 2.4: Explore How Artificial Intelligence (AI) May Impact the Profession and Licensure Update and Discussion

In November 2024, the Committee Chair attended the CAB Professional Qualifications Committee meeting, where the discussion centered on artificial intelligence. During March 2025, the Program Manager conducted research on Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-12-23, which establishes California as the first state to take formal, state-level action to assess and govern generative AI in public sector operations. The Program Manager reviewed Laura Schmidt’s American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) presentation, “Putting AI to Work: Practical Applications of AI”, and will develop an AI Reference List for staff.

Strategic Plan Item 3.4: Promote Landscape Architecture’s Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S.T.E.M.) Designation to Increase Awareness of its Importance Update and Discussion

On June 12, 2026, LATC published a social media post announcing that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security formally recognized Landscape Architecture as a STEM field in July 2023. The post emphasized the profession’s integration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and explained how STEM-based approaches help landscape architects create healthier and more resilient communities.

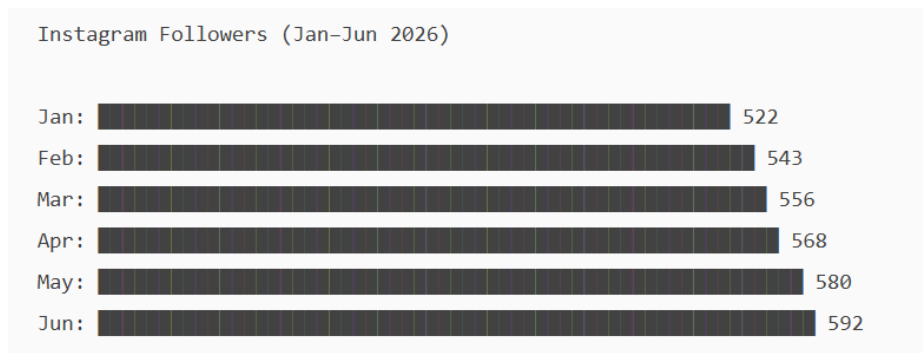


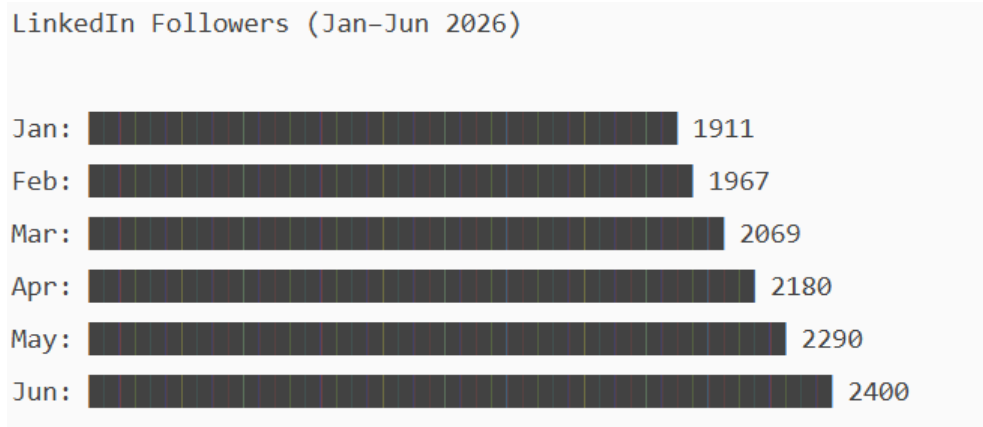
Outreach Schools and universities are currently on summer break, which naturally

slows student engagement. Staff are using this time to plan and prepare for the upcoming 2026/27 academic year. Staff have prepared a letter to be sent out to California colleges, reminding them that LATC is available for presentations both in person and online. Staff have worked to create a draft community college flyer with a pathway to becoming landscape architects, specifically for those with a degree from a community college. Staff have finalized the LATC Outreach Plan and will make changes as needed to keep up with current trends.

Newsletter Updates The second issue of “The Green Scene” newsletter is currently in the final stages of editing and accessibility remediation in preparation for publication on the LATC website. Once these steps are completed, the newsletter will move forward for final approval and posting to the website. The LATC will continue the Committee’s efforts to provide timely updates, program highlights, and resources for candidates, licensees, and stakeholders. Members are encouraged to consider writing a relevant article for consideration by working with the Program Manager and Chair.

Social Media From April through June 2026, LATC’s social media presence continued to grow steadily, with strong gains in follower count across platforms. LATC’s Instagram presence continued to grow steadily, with follower totals increasing from 568 in April to 580 in May and 592 in June. LATC’s LinkedIn engagement continued to increase during the first quarter of 2026. LATC’s LinkedIn followers grew from 2,180 in April to 2,291 in May, reaching 2,402 followers by the end of June. This upward trend reflects ongoing efforts to expand LATC’s digital outreach, and increase visibility among students, candidates, licensees, and other stakeholders. The continued month-over-month growth also supports the Committee’s strategic plan objectives related to enhancing communication and strengthening public engagement through social media platforms. See below for Instagram January-June 2026 followers and LinkedIn January-June 2026 followers.





Regulatory Proposals

CCR section 2611 (Abandonment of Application). The proposed change will extend the abandonment period of a California Supplemental Exam Application from three years to five years.

At its February 26, 2026, meeting, the Board reviewed and approved the updated language and delegated the authority to the EO to adopt the regulation, provided no adverse comments were received during the public comment period, and to make minor technical or non-substantive changes, if needed.

Status: Rulemaking documents have been prepared and are under legal review for edits. The package will be submitted to OAL once the legal review is completed.

LATC Examination Program

California Supplemental Examination (CSE) Performance data for the CSE during the current quarter (**Table A**) and calendar year (**Table B**) are displayed in the following tables.

Table A. Current Quarter - CSE Performance by Candidate Type
(April - June 2026)

Candidate Type	Passed	Rate	Failed	Rate	Total
First-time	30	81%	7	19%	37
Repeat	4	67%	2	33%	6
Total	34	79%	9	21%	43

Table B. Previous Calendar Year - CSE Performance by Candidate Type
(January 1- December 31, 2025)

Candidate Type	Passed	Rate	Failed	Rate	Total
First-time	70	75%	26	25%	105
Repeat	24	69%	11	31%	35
Total	103	74%	37	26%	140

California Supplemental Examination (CSE) Highlights During the current quarter (April – June 2026), a total of 43 candidates took the California Supplemental Examination. First-time candidates achieved a pass rate of 81%, with 30 candidates passing and 7 failing the examination. Repeat candidates earned a pass rate of 67%, with 4 candidates passing and 2 failing. Overall, the combined pass rate for all candidates during the quarter was 79%, with 34 candidates passing and 9 candidates not meeting the minimum competency threshold. In comparison to the previous calendar year (January – December 2025), where the overall pass rate was 74%, performance during this quarter reflected a modest improvement in candidate outcomes.

Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) A LARE administration was held March 30 through April 15, 2026. Examination results for all LARE administrations are released by CLARB within six weeks of the last day of administration.

The pass rates for LARE sections taken by California candidates from March 30 through April 15, 2026, administration is depicted in the following **Table C**:

Table C. California LARE Pass Rates (March 30 – April 15, 2026)

LARE Section	Pass	Rate	Fail	Rate	Total Examinees
Inventory, Analysis, & Project Management	38	50%	38	50%	76
Planning & Design	43	53%	38	47%	81
Construction Documentation & Administration	43	81%	10	19%	53
Grading, Drainage, & Stormwater Management	28	42%	38	58%	66

California candidates continue to show mixed performance across the LARE sections compared to national pass rates, as depicted in **Table D**. The largest gaps appear in the Inventory, Analysis, and Project Management section, where California's pass rate is 13% lower than the national average, and in Planning and Design, which falls 11% below the national rate. Grading, Drainage, and Stormwater Management also shows an 8-point deficit. In contrast, California candidates slightly outperform the national rate in Construction Documentation and Administration, exceeding the national pass rate by 1%.

Table D. LARE California and National Performance Comparison (March 30-April 15, 2026)

LARE Section	CA Pass	Natl. Pass	▲ %
Inventory, Analysis, and Project Management	50%	63%	-13%
Planning and Design	53%	64%	-11%
Construction Documentation and Administration	81%	80%	+1%
Grading, Drainage, and Stormwater Management	42%	50%	-8%

Across the four most recent LARE administrations, 130 candidates completed the exam, with the largest group finishing in August 2025, as noted in **Table E**. Application rates for the CSE remained consistently high, averaging 86% and peaking at 90% during the August cycle. Of the 112 candidates that applied for the CSE, 73 candidates ultimately passed, with April and August 2025 showing the strongest pass outcomes.

Table E. LARE Completion and CSE Application and Performance Winter 2024 – Current

	December 2024	April 2025	August 2025	December 2025	Total
Finished LARE	27	32	40	31	130
Applied for CSE	23	28	36	25	112
Percent Applied	85%	88%	90%	81%	86%
Passed CSE	10	27	26	10	73

Between 2024 And 2026, 167 candidates from various academic institutions attempted the CSE, as depicted in **Table F**, with an overall pass rate of about 75%. UC Davis and UC Berkeley had the lowest average attempts before passing and Cal Poly Pomona and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo had the highest average attempts before passing the CSE, as shown below in Table F.

Table F. CSE Pass Rates by College 2024-2026

2024-2026	CalPoly Pomona	CalPoly SLO	UC Berkeley	UC Davis	USC	Extension Certificate Programs (Berkeley + UCLA)	Universities without LA Accreditation
Pass	23	31	18	18	8	6	125
Fail	9	5	8	1	5	1	42
Candidates	32	36	26	19	13	7	167
Attempts (Average)	1.48	1.55	1.19	1.16	1.44	1.29	1.38

LATC Licensing Program

As requested by the Committee at the May 8, 2026, meeting, the LATC Licensing Program is providing an overview of renewed license activity across the past seven fiscal years (FY), shown in **Table G**. Renewal trends show periodic fluctuations, with the program experiencing both modest increases and notable declines. After a high of 1,907 renewals in FY 2018-19, year-over-year changes have varied, including a significant decrease in FY 2023-24, with a reduction of 186 licenses (10.38%). FY 2024-25 reflects a partial recovery, increasing by 98 renewals (5.75%). Despite these shifts, overall renewal levels remain relatively stable.

Table G. Renewed License Statistics by Fiscal Year, 2018/19-2024/25

Fiscal Year	Number of Renewed Licenses	Year-Over-Year Change	Year-Over-Year % Change
2018/19	1756	151 (-)	7.92 (-)
2019/20	1873	117 (+)	6.66 (+)
2020/21	1804	69 (-)	3.68 (-)
2021/22	1751	53 (-)	2.94 (-)
2022/23	1792	41 (+)	2.34 (+)
2023/24	1606	186 (-)	10.38 (-)
2024/25	1704	98 (-)	5.75 (-)

Table H. Active Licenses by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Active	3507	3509	3607	3675	3868	3729	3711	3655	3714	3588	3,544

LATC Enforcement Program

Enforcement Actions

Table I. Landscape Architects Complaints and Enforcement Actions

Category	Current Quarter Apr - Jun	Prior Quarter Jan - Mar	FY 25–26
Complaints			
Received	6	9	29
Opened (Reopened)	6	9	29
Closed	7	10	24
Average Days to Close	38	47	44
Pending	5	5	5
Citations			
Issued	1	2	3
Final	1	2	3
Pending Attorney General	0	0	0
Final	0	0	0

Landscape Architects Enforcement Action Summaries approved by DCA Legal:

Citations: 1

Waterhouse, Chad

Beverly Hills – The Board issued a one-count citation against Respondent for violating Business and Professions Code section 5640 (Unlicensed Person Engaging in the Practice of Landscape Architecture). Respondent refers to himself as Landscape Architect and offers landscape architecture services on his website and media platforms. The Board sent multiple requests to Respondent to make edits to his firm’s website and media platforms to remove the protected terms “Landscape Architect” and “landscape architecture”; he only did it after the Citation was issued and the time frame to request and informal conference had passed. The Board found this to be a Class A violation, fined Respondent \$1,500, and issued an order of abatement requiring Respondent to cease and desist from engaging in unlicensed practice. Respondent has not paid the fine. The citation became final on June 15, 2026.

Administrative Actions: 0

AGENDA ITEM I: DISCUSSION ON THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Summary

This item proposes that the Committee review and discuss the growing influence of artificial intelligence (AI) on the practice of landscape architecture. AI technologies, such as automated design tools, predictive analytics, generative design, and environmental modeling, are increasingly being used to support decision-making, streamline workflows, and evaluate site conditions.

Questions for Consideration

How does the Committee continue to protect public health, safety, and welfare in the age of AI tools?

Action Requested

None

AGENDA ITEM J: DISCUSSION ON OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Summary

This item presents a discussion on opportunities for community college outreach. As colleges develop and offer new pathways relating to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and landscape architecture, how can LATC support their understanding of California's licensure process and requirements to improve the health, safety, and welfare of California?

Background

Beginning July 12, 2023, the discipline of Landscape Architecture was designated a STEM discipline by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the federal entity that oversees the STEM-designated degree program list. Community colleges, responsive to emerging workforce trends, continue to expand and refine academic programs responding to industry, environmental, and societal needs. As academic programs evolve in the areas of horticulture, landscape-related studies, irrigation technology, and similar disciplines, questions arise regarding how these programs align with professional requirements and whether graduates may be positioned for future landscape architecture licensure.

Action Requested

None

AGENDA ITEM K: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON CURRENT EVENTS AND COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES FOR COUNCIL OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS REGISTRATION BOARDS (CLARB), AND OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Summary

Update and Discussion on current events and committee activities for National Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) and other relevant professional organizations.

Action Requested

None

AGENDA ITEM L: UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON CALIFORNIA BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION, ZONE ZERO COMMITTEE

Summary

Update and discussion on California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, Zone Zero Committee.

Background

The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection has released proposed regulatory language for Zone Zero, the area within five feet of a building or structure, as part of its defensible space requirements under Public Resources Code Section 4291. The proposed regulation introduces stricter standards for vegetation, materials, and structural elements in this zone to reduce ignition risk from embers and improve structure survivability during wildfires.

Action Requested

None

AGENDA ITEM M: REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES AND TOPICS

A schedule of planned meetings and events for 2026 are provided to the Committee. These months are selected to provide ample time to meet before CAB meets given the Board approves LATC items.

Date	Event	Location
Thursday August 20, 2026	CAB Meeting	TBD
Thursday – Saturday August 27-29, 2026	CLARB Annual Meeting	Calgary, Canada
Wednesday - Friday September 16-18, 2026	ASLA 2026 Conference on Landscape Architecture	Los Angeles, CA
Thursday November 12, 2026	CAB Meeting	TBD