

MINUTES
LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION CONTRACTORS
EXAMINING BOARD

The Landscape Irrigation Contractors Examining Board held their meeting on November 9, 2010. George McCarthy called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance:

MEMBER	AFFILIATION
Linda Cantwell	NJDEP
Patric LiSanti	Growing Concern Inc
George McCarthy	Spring Irrigation

Via Telephone conference:

Robert Dobson	Middletown Sprinkler
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Gene Rosenblum, DAG and Randy Pease, DAG, 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.

Rick LiSanti motioned to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2010 meeting. Bob Dobson seconded the motion. There was a unanimous Board affirmative vote. Rick LiSanti motioned to approve the closed session minutes from the September 15, 2010 meeting. Bob Dobson seconded the motion. There was a unanimous Board affirmative vote.

The Board reviewed the exam results from the October 2010 examination. A discussion was held. It appears that changes have been made in the way the exams are being scored and this being the first exam administered solely administered through the Irrigation Association (IA). As a result of the Board's concerns, Bob Dobson contacted the IA during the meeting. Mr. Dobson informed the Board that the exam questions are weighted and now have a cutscore. The cutscore will vary from exam to exam. As a result, a passing score of 70 % with a minimum of 50 % correct in each category will no longer apply. A discussion was held. The Board members were unaware of these changes; applicants have been informed of the scoring process; the applicants scoring 70% with a minimum of 50% correct in each category would have passed this exam if these changes had not been implemented. As a result, Rick motioned to approve the exam results, 3 passed, 3 received a score of 70% or higher with a minimum of 50% correct in each category and 22 failed.

The Board reviewed and accepted the Treasurer's report..

Bob Dobson reported that Tim Martin had informed him that S482 had been released from Committee. If passed, this legislation would allow irrigation contractors to install back flow preventers.

George McCarthy inquired as to whether or not Board members could report those violating the irrigation legislation. A discussion was held. A Board member can refer them to the Board, which may refer them to the enforcement contractor. The Board member should seek guidance from the Board's legal counsel as to whether the Board member should recuse himself from related Board action.

George McCarthy asked for public comment. No members from the public were in attendance.

Rick LiSanti motioned that the Board enters into a closed session in order to discuss enforcement matters. Bob Dobson seconded the motion. There was a unanimous Board affirmative vote.

The Board returned to open session.

The Board agreed it was time to start working on the regulations, formulate guidelines/rules of what is required for out of state applicants, and to include a penalty matrix as part of the rules and regulations rather than a guideline. The 2011 calendar will be sent to the Board members. Members should contact the Exams & Licensing Unit with any conflicts as soon as possible.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 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