

**[PRC BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ENGINEERING
RESOLUTION NO. 01, S. 2002, October 30, 2002]**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING R.A. NO. 9053, THE
"PHILIPPINE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ACT OF 2000"**

Pursuant to Section 10, Article III of Republic Act No. 9053, known as the "Philippine Landscape Architecture Act of 2000", the following Rules and Regulations are hereby adopted and promulgated to effectively carry out its provisions.

ARTICLE I

Title and Definition of Terms

RULE 1. Title. — This Resolution shall be known and cited as the IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ACT OF 2000 (IRRPLA).

RULE 2. Definition of Terms. — Unless the contrary is provided, the following terms shall be understood to mean:

- a. *Commission* refers to the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) created by R.A. No. 8981.
- b. *Commission Chairperson* refers to the Chairperson of the Professional Regulation Commission.
- c. *Board* refers to the Board of Landscape Architecture created by R.A. No. 9053.
- d. *Board Chairman* refers to the Chairman of the Board of Landscape Architecture.
- e. *CHED* refers to the Commission on Higher Education.
- f. *CPE* means Continuing Professional Education.
- g. *CPEC* refers to the Continuing Professional Education Council.
- h. *IFLA* refers to the International Federation of Landscape Architects.
- i. *Landscape Architecture* refers to the functional, orderly and esthetic arrangement, changing and development of natural scenery and land areas to produce the most desirable effect for human use and enjoyment of various outdoor spaces which consist of hardscape components and the softscape of plants such as gardens, sports fields, playgrounds, recreational grounds camping sites, resorts, national and public parks, historical parks and squares, memorial parks, subdivisions, parks and parkways, zoological and botanical gardens, greenbelts, cemeteries, plazas, patios, yards, outdoor

shopping and pedestrian malls, promenades, sidewalks, roads and walkway systems, traffic islands, easements and circles, roof and open interior gardens and courts and other open spaces; the protection, conservation and rehabilitation of the natural environment and scenery to enhance the ecological system and quality of life.

j. *Landscape Architect* refers to a natural person who has been issued a certificate of registration/professional license and a professional identification card by the Board of Landscape Architecture and the Commission.

k. *Practice of Landscape Architecture* is the act of planning, designing, specifying, supervising and giving general administration and responsible direction to the functional, orderly and esthetic arrangement and development of outdoor spaces which contribute to the enhancement and safeguarding of life, health, heritage and property as well as the promotion and enrichment of the quality of life. Practice of Landscape Architecture includes but is not necessarily limited to the following activities:

(1) The act of planning sites and outdoor spaces;

(2) Recommending on and formulating landscape development policies concerning visual resources, streetscapes, the rehabilitation of inner cities, slums and historic districts, parks and recreation items which are important components of are development and planning codes, zoning ordinances and other studies;

(3) Consultation, oral advice and direction, conferences, evaluation, investigation, estimates, appraisals and assessment and landscape architectural and operational programming.

(4) Schematic design, design studies and development concepts and contract documents;

(5) Preparation of preliminary technical, economic and financial feasibility studies of plans and projects, promotional services including the preparation of specialized studies such as environmental impact assessments (EIA);

(6) Preparation of plans, specifications, bills of materials, cost estimates, general conditions and landscape work contract documents;

(7) Construction and project management; giving general management, administration, supervision, coordination and responsible direction to the planning, designing, construction, reconstruction, direction, enlargement, renovation, repair, orderly removal or demolition, remodeling, alteration, preservation or restoration of landscape sites or structures

including all their component sites and environs intended for private or public use;

(8) All other works and activities which require the professional competence of Landscape Architects, including the teaching of Landscape Architecture subjects given in the licensure examinations for Landscape Architects; computer-aided design (CAD); the scientific, esthetic and orderly coordination of all works and branches of the work, systems and processes necessary in order to enhance and safeguard life, health, heritage and property and the promotion and enrichment of the quality of life; the landscape design of engineered structure or any part thereof;

(9) The planning, layout and utilization of spaces within and around buildings or structures including their sites; environment and urban design; site planning, outdoor space planning, landscape architecture detailing, landscape architectural lighting, laying out of associated mechanical, electrical, sanitary, plumbing and other utility systems, equipment and fixtures, and

10) Site programming, grounds maintenance and administration and Landscape Architectural conservation and restoration.

(l) *Accredited Professional Association* refers to the Philippine Association of Landscape Architects (PALA) as the integrated national organization of Landscape Architects in the Philippines accredited by the Commission.

ARTICLE II Official Seal of the Board

RULE 3. Official Seal of the Board. — The Board shall adopt an official seal. The Official seal shall bear the design and words appearing on the attached sheet marked as Annex "A" and made an integral part hereof. All Certificates of Registration issued to Landscape Architects and other official documents as may be determined by the Board shall bear the seal of the Board.

ARTICLE III Composition, Qualifications, Appointment, Terms of Office of Members and Filling of Vacancies in the Board

RULE 4. Composition of the Board. — The Board of Landscape Architecture shall be composed of a Chairperson and two (2) Members who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines from a list forwarded by the Commission. Such a list to be submitted by the duly accredited integrated national association of Landscape Architects in the Philippines shall have five (5) nominees for each position chosen and ranked in the order of preference.

RULE 5. Qualifications of Members of the Board. — Nominees for appointment as Chairperson and Members of the Board shall, at the time of their appointment, have

the following qualifications:

- a. A natural-born citizen and resident of the Philippines;
- b. Must be at least thirty-five (35) years of age;
- c. A holder of a degree in Bachelor of Landscape Architecture or its equivalent conferred by a school, academy, college or university in the Philippines or abroad that is recognized and/or accredited by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED);
- d. A registered Landscape Architect with a valid certificate of registration/professional license and an active practitioner of Landscape Architecture for not less than ten (10) years prior to appointment, except the first Chair and Members of the Board who shall be issued the certificate of registration/license pursuant to R.A. No. 9053;
- e. Must not for a period of three (3) consecutive years prior to appointment be a member of the faculty of any school, academy, institute, college or university where a regular course in Landscape Architecture is being taught, nor have any pecuniary interest in or administrative supervision over any such institution of learning;
- f. Must not for a period of three (3) consecutive years prior to appointment, be connected with a review center or with any group or association where review classes or lectures in preparation for the licensure examinations are offered or conducted at the time of appointment;
- g. Has never been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude, and
- h. Must be a member in good standing of the duly accredited and integrated association of Landscape Architects in the Philippines.

RULE 6. Term of Office. — The Members of the Board shall hold office for a term of three (3) years until their successors have been appointed and qualified. Each Member of the Board may be re-appointed for one full term of three (3) years. Of the Members of the Board first appointed, one Member shall hold office as Chairperson for three (3) years, one Member for two (2) years and one Member for one (1) year. Each Member of the Board shall qualify by taking the proper oath prior to his assumption of duty.

RULE 7. Compensation of Board Members. — The Chairman and Members of the Board shall receive compensation comparable to the compensation being received by Members of existing Regulatory Boards with the Professional Regulation Commission and as may be provided for in the General Appropriations Act.

RULE 8. Filling of Vacancy in the Board. — Any vacancy occurring in the Board within the term of a Member shall be filled only for the unexpired portion of the term.

ARTICLE IV

Meeting of the Board, Duties and Responsibilities of the Chairman and

Members of the Board

RULE 9. Board as a Collegial Body. — The Chairman and Members of the Board shall act as a collegial body on all matters involving the exercise of its powers and duties as well as the implementation of policies laid down in R.A. No. 9053. Action on such matters by the Board, except decisions in administrative cases, shall be effective only when approved by the Commission.

RULE 10. Meetings of the Board. — The Board shall hold regular meetings to transact official business at least once a month within the premises of the commission or in such other venues as determined by the Board and authorized by the Chairperson of the Commission. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or the two (2) Members of the Board. The Chairman shall preside over the meetings of the Board and in his or her absence, the senior Member, if any, or the Member so designated by the Chairman.

RULE 11. Duties and Functions of the Chairman. — The Chairman shall be the head of the Board. As such, he shall equitably assign all subjects for examination to all Members of the Board; designate the Member who shall preside during any hearing or investigation of administrative cases of Landscape Architects where technical issues in the practice of the profession are involved, assign Members who shall perform the visitorial duties of the Board.

The Chairman shall be responsible for the assignment of other duties and responsibilities to the Members and for the supervision and management of their work. The Chairman shall be the official spokesperson of the Board in the Commission and in his absence, the senior Member, if any, or the Member so designated by him.

RULE 12. Decisions, Orders or Resolutions and Other Issuances of the Board. — In the promulgation of decisions and orders in administrative cases which are not interlocutory, or in the adoption of a rule, regulation or policy or in implementing the other provisions of R.A. No. 9053, the Board shall meet en banc, deliberate on matters before it and thereafter, vote personally. The presence of a quorum shall be sufficient to deliberate and act upon the items on the agenda and majority vote shall be required for the validity of the act. The presence of at least two (2) Members shall constitute a quorum and the vote of two (2) Members shall constitute a majority vote.

Any action of the Board meeting en banc except a decision or order in an administrative case shall be valid and enforceable only after it shall have been approved by the Commission. Resolutions or issuances of the Board for the purpose of enforcing or implementing the provisions of R.A. No. 9053 or which affects the public in general shall be published in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

RULE 13. Enforcement and Implementation of R.A. No. 9053. — In enforcing and implementing the provisions of R.A. No. 9053, its implementing rules and regulations and in the performance of its functions, duties and responsibilities, the Board shall be assisted by the Commission through its offices, divisions, sections and units.

RULE 14. Meetings and Official Business with the Commission. — Unless the presence of the entire Board is required, the Board's Chairman shall represent the