



# ROOTED IN STRENGTH

HONORING OUR ROOTS, GROWING OUR FUTURE

## Agenda: CLARB Annual Meeting 2026

Join us in Calgary, Alberta to discover how CLARB has shaped effective regulation for decades and explore how we're growing into the future as a community. Together we'll learn about the pressing challenges facing regulators, including enforcement modernization, licensure defense, artificial intelligence in practice and regulatory reform.

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COUNCIL OF  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL  
REGISTRATION BOARDS

# Wednesday, August 26

## ARRIVALS & REGISTRATION

### Registration

11:00 A.M.-6:30 P.M.

### MBE Exchange: Maximizing Your CLARB Membership

1:00-5:00 P.M.

This dedicated forum is designed exclusively for Member Board Executives to connect, learn and problem-solve together. The interactive session will explore how to maximize the value of CLARB membership, use data and tools to strengthen board operations, and apply ICOR Practice Overlap Guidance in real-world regulatory contexts. An open forum component allows participants to surface current challenges and share lessons learned across jurisdictions. The exchange is intentionally practical, collaborative and responsive to the evolving needs of board leadership.

### ProSeries: Summer Learning Lineup

1:00-5:00 P.M.

Don't miss your chance to earn three HSW credits in one focused August session. Our ProSeries Summer Learning Lineup delivers three back-to-back continuing education courses on timely, emerging topics in landscape architecture. Each course features in-depth discussion led by subject matter experts, offered both virtually and in-person in Calgary at no cost to active CLARB Record Holders. Get ahead on your annual CE goals in this intensive but efficient format before fall projects ramp up. *3 PDH, LA CES/HSW pending. Additional registration required.*

### Welcome Reception

6:00-7:30 P.M.

Join us in the CLARB hospitality and registration area for a relaxed and welcoming start to the Annual Meeting. This informal gathering offers the opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, meet new members of the CLARB community, and begin building meaningful relationships. Light refreshments and conversation will help set the tone for collaboration and engagement throughout the meeting. The Welcome Reception provides a shared moment to gather, connect and transition into the days ahead.

# Thursday, August 27

## HONORING OUR ROOTS

### Setting the Stage

9:00-9:30 A.M.

This session officially launches the meeting and sets the tone for the days ahead. CLARB leadership will reflect on the past year, highlighting key accomplishments, challenges and milestones. We'll introduce the meeting theme, Rooted in Strength, and outline how the agenda supports CLARB's strategic priorities. You'll gain a shared understanding of the purpose, focus and outcomes of the Annual Meeting.

#### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

### Lead with Strength, Grow with Purpose

9:30-10:30 A.M.

Landscape architects create spaces that foster connection, protect natural resources and safeguard public health and safety. As a regulator of the profession, you play a critical role in upholding the standards that keep communities safe — and this session explores how to bring that same clarity and purpose to your team and board.

Through a practical, growth-minded lens, you'll discover your Top 5 CliftonStrengths®, uncover your blind spots and leave with clear action to strengthen collaboration, increase operational effectiveness and confidently shape the future of regulation. Whether you lead a team, serve as a volunteer or simply want to show up better in your work, this session meets you where you are — and challenges you to grow with purpose.

To get the most out of this session, please have your individual CliftonStrengths results on hand. If you haven't taken the CliftonStrengths assessment, we'll provide complimentary access ahead of the meeting. Please make note of your Top 5 themes so that you can refer to them during the session.

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**MORNING NETWORKING BREAK**

**10:30-10:45 A.M.**

**From Record to Recognition:**

**10:45 A.M.-12:00 P.M.**

**Strengthening Licensure Through CLARB Programs**

The CLARB Record and CLARB Certification programs form the foundation of a modern, consistent and defensible licensure system. This session explores how these core programs work together to support licensure boards, streamline processes and enhance mobility for candidates and licensees. Learn about recent enhancements, updated guidance and the evolving role of certification, including insights from the CELA pilot study and broader recognition efforts. We'll highlight how these programs continue to adapt to regulatory needs while positioning the CLARB community for future growth and global engagement.

**LUNCH WITH EXHIBITORS**

**12:00-1:00 P.M.**

**Behind the Standards:**

**1:00-2:00 P.M.**

**The Next Evolution of LAAB Accreditation**

Accreditation standards play a critical role in ensuring the quality and consistency of landscape architecture education. This session offers an inside look at the LAAB accreditation standards revision process, including how standards are regularly reviewed, updated and approved. Presenters will explain why these revisions matter for licensure boards, educators and the profession as a whole. You'll gain insight into the timeline, next steps and broader implications for regulation and public protection.

**Defending Licensure, Shaping Reform:**

**2:00-3:15 P.M.**

**Strategies, Successes & Proactive Solutions**

Licensure boards are navigating increasing scrutiny, reform efforts and evolving expectations. This session examines how CLARB and our member boards are responding to deregulation pressures, consolidation discussions and regulatory reform initiatives. Presenters will share practical strategies and real examples of proactive modernization that strengthen licensure rather than weaken it. Leave with tools and perspectives to confidently defend licensure while embracing thoughtful improvement.

**AFTERNOON NETWORKING BREAK**

**3:15-3:30 P.M.**

## Enhancing Regulatory Integrity: Modern Approaches to Enforcement

3:30-4:30 P.M.

Enforcement remains a cornerstone of effective professional regulation and public trust. This session explores how boards are modernizing complaint intake, investigations and disciplinary processes to improve consistency, fairness and efficiency. Presenters will highlight emerging best practices and lessons learned from regulatory experience. You'll gain insight into how strong enforcement supports both accountability and credibility in today's regulatory environment.

## Designing Eau Claire Plaza: Crystal Fountains Walking Tour

5:30-7:00 P.M.

Learn how a once-underutilized downtown plaza was transformed into a dynamic, multi-generational public space through the integration of fog, light and choreography. Led by **Robert J. Mikula**, Director of Creative Design at Crystal Fountains, this guided walking tour explores Calgary's Eau Claire Plaza redevelopment and its signature interactive water feature. The tour highlights key design decisions related to public health, safety and welfare, including the transition to a fully fog-based system to enhance safety, reduce water use and improve accessibility.

You'll gain insight into the extensive interdisciplinary collaboration required to deliver a low-maintenance, energy-efficient installation that remains engaging year-round, including innovative winter operation strategies. This session offers a rare opportunity to experience how regulatory considerations, environmental design and creative vision come together in a high-impact public realm project. *1 PDH, LA CES/HSW pending. Tour departs from the hotel lobby.*

## Rooftop Reception Sponsored by Maglin

7:30-10:00 P.M.

Join us at The Rooftop YYC to unwind and connect following a full day of programming. This social event provides an opportunity to continue conversations, strengthen relationships and engage with peers, partners and sponsors in a casual environment. Designed to support community-building and connection, the evening encourages meaningful dialogue beyond the meeting room. No formal programming is scheduled, allowing you to network at your own pace.

*Reception takes place at The Rooftop YYC, located at 414 3 St SW, Calgary, AB T2P 1R2, Canada.*

# Friday, August 28

## GROWING OUR FUTURE

### **ICOR Practice Overlap Guidance: From Theory to Application**

**9:00-10:15 A.M.**

Clarifying practice boundaries across design professions is increasingly important for regulators. This session moves beyond theory to explore how boards are applying the ICOR Practice Overlap Guidance in real regulatory scenarios. Case studies will illustrate the value of the guidance in supporting consistent decision-making. You'll have the opportunity to share feedback to help inform future refinements to the resource.

### **MORNING NETWORKING BREAK**

**10:15-10:30 A.M.**

### **Exploring the CLARB Universe: Strengthening Regulation Through Strategic Partnerships**

**10:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.**

CLARB's work is strengthened through collaboration with allied organizations across education, practice and regulation. This session highlights CLARB's partnerships and how they collectively support licensure, advocacy and global engagement. Presenters will discuss the value these relationships bring to member boards and the broader profession. You'll also learn how you can engage more deeply in this interconnected regulatory ecosystem.

### **LUNCH WITH EXHIBITORS**

**12:00-1:00 P.M.**

### **Insights from the Philippines Equivalency Evaluation** 1:00-2:00 P.M.

As global mobility increases, equivalency evaluations play a growing role in licensure discussions. This session provides an overview of the Philippines equivalency evaluation process, including key findings and lessons learned. Presenters will explain what this work means for member boards, candidates and future international recognition efforts. You'll gain perspective on how global evaluations support consistency, fairness and mobility in landscape architecture licensure.

## **Expanding the CLARB Community: Growing Participation, Value and Impact**

**2:00-3:15 P.M.**

CLARB is exploring new ways to expand our community while maintaining a strong regulatory foundation. This session examines opportunities to engage new audiences, jurisdictions and partners. Presenters will discuss potential benefits, challenges and strategic considerations associated with community expansion. You'll gain insight into how growth can enhance the value, relevance and long-term impact of your CLARB membership.

### **AFTERNOON NETWORKING BREAK**

**3:15-3:30 P.M.**

## **What's Changing, What's Next: 2026 CLARB Environmental Scan**

**3:30-5:00 P.M.**

The regulatory environment continues to evolve in response to social, technological, economic and geopolitical forces. This session presents key findings from CLARB's 2026 Environmental Scan and invites member perspectives on emerging trends. Engage in discussion to surface insights, challenge assumptions, and identify areas of opportunity and risk. The feedback you share will inform CLARB's ongoing strategic work.

## **Volunteer Recognition Reception**

**6:00-7:30 P.M.**

This reception celebrates the dedicated volunteers whose leadership and service support CLARB's mission. The event recognizes individual and collective contributions that strengthen the organization and the regulatory community. Join us to celebrate our shared accomplishments as we present awards and acknowledgments to the CLARB community.

# **Saturday, August 29**

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## **AI, Digital Tools and Misuse in Practice**

**9:00-10:15 A.M.**

Artificial intelligence and digital tools are rapidly reshaping landscape architecture practice and regulatory considerations. This session explores emerging technologies, potential misuse and the implications for licensure boards. Presenters will focus on awareness, risk identification and regulatory readiness rather than policy-setting. You'll leave better equipped to anticipate and respond to technology-driven challenges.

**MORNING NETWORKING BREAK**

**10:15-10:30 A.M.**

**Inside the Exam Experience:  
A Day in the Life of a Candidate**

**10:30 A.M-12:00 P.M.**

Understanding the candidate experience is essential to supporting fair and effective licensure. This session walks through what candidates encounter before, during and after exam day. Speakers will discuss expectations, common challenges and how CLARB and our member boards support candidates throughout the process. You'll gain insight into opportunities to improve communication, transparency and candidate experience.

**Closing Business Session**

**12:00-12:30 P.M.**

This final session brings the CLARB Annual Meeting 2026 full circle, honoring our roots while planting seeds for tomorrow's growth. We'll announce volunteer leadership election results and committee members for the upcoming year. You'll leave this session knowing who will steward our collective future and feeling inspired by the vibrant community that sustains our work year after year. As we send you back to your respective communities, we hope the connections made and knowledge gained together will help you grow stronger in your own work.

*All events take place at the Hyatt Regency Calgary unless otherwise noted.  
This tentative agenda is subject to change. Last updated March 4, 2026.*

# Glossary of acronyms

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<b>ARPL</b>	Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing
<b>ASLA</b>	American Society of Landscape Architects
<b>BlackLAN</b>	Black Landscape Architects Network
<b>CE</b>	Continuing Education
<b>CELA</b>	Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture
<b>CESSE</b>	Council of Engineering and Scientific Society Executives
<b>CIDQ</b>	Council for Interior Design Qualification
<b>CLARB</b>	Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards
<b>CSLA</b>	Canadian Society of Landscape Architects
<b>FARB</b>	Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards
<b>ICOR</b>	Interorganizational Council on Regulation (CIDQ + CLARB + NCARB + NCEES)
<b>IFLA</b>	International Federation of Landscape Architects
<b>LAAB</b>	Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (U.S.)
<b>LAAC</b>	Landscape Architecture Accreditation Council (Canada)
<b>LAC</b>	CLARB Leadership Advisory Council
<b>LA CES</b>	Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System
<b>LAF</b>	Landscape Architecture Foundation
<b>MBE</b>	Member board executive (an executive with a regulatory board/agency)
<b>NAMLA</b>	National Association of Minority Landscape Architects
<b>NCARB</b>	National Council of Architectural Registration Boards
<b>NCEES</b>	National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying
<b>Presidents Council</b>	CEOs of CLARB + ASLA + CSLA + CELA + LAAB + LAF