

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE (BOA)****Minutes of a Regular Meeting****April 22, 2026, 10:02 AM****Ridgeland, Mississippi**

**Members Present:** Charles Barlow, Jr., Larry Bishop, Leigh Jaunsen, Bradford Jones\*, Richard McNeel  
(\*attended by videoconference)

**Others Present:** John Cothron, Andrew Kilpatrick, Jimmy Sullivan, N. Kyle Jones (Special Assistant Attorney General)

**With a quorum present, Mr. McNeel called the meeting to order.**

| <b>Agenda Item</b>                                                  | <b>Explanation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Actions Taken/Planned</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 1. Minutes                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Motion was made by Mr. Bishop and seconded by Mr. Barlow to approve the Landscape Architecture Advisory Committee (LAAC), Interior Design Advisory Committee (IDAC), and BOA minutes from January 21-22, 2026, BOA minutes from March 2, 2026, and LAAC minutes from April 8, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.                   |
| 2. Approval of Certificates                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Motion was made by Mr. Barlow and seconded by Ms. Jaunsen to approve certificates issued since the January 2026 meeting (attached). The motion passed unanimously.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 3. Complaint #2026-2                                                | Mr. Cothron provided a summary of the complaint involving unlawful use of the title "architect" on a social media platform.                                                                                                                 | Motion was made by Mr. Bishop and seconded by Ms. Jaunsen to issue a letter of education to the respondent regarding unlawful use of the title and close upon receiving assurance of compliance and evidence that the social media site has been modified to eliminate the reference to architecture. The motion passed unanimously. |
| 4. Late CEH Complaints #2026-1                                      | Mr. Cothron noted that the landscape architect respondent reported late continuing education hours and had signed a consent agreement providing for a private letter of admonition and payment of a fine.                                   | Motion was made by Ms. Jaunsen and seconded by Mr. Bishop to approve the consent agreement. The motion passed unanimously.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 5. Ownership in an Architectural Firm by a Professional Corporation | Mr. Kilpatrick reported that this matter, which was discussed at the March 2, 2026, BOA meeting, has been resolved since the foreign professional corporation will not have ownership interest in the Mississippi professional corporation. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 6. Update on Rule Changes                                           | Mr. Cothron reported that pending rule changes have been approved by the Occupational Licensing Review Commission (OLRC), and the final rules will be filed upon receipt of the OLRC resolution.                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 7. Legislative Report                                               | Mr. Cothron reviewed legislation impacting the BOA.                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| 8. Executive Director's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Third Quarter FY 2026 Financial Report</li> </ul> | Mr. Cothron reported on administrative matters and reviewed the financial report for the third quarter of FY 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Mr. Jones departed from the meeting.                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 9. National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Updates                                                | Members and staff serving on committees provided brief updates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10. NCARB Resolutions                                                                                                   | Members discussed draft resolutions to be acted upon at the 2026 NCARB Annual Business Meeting; no concerns were expressed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 11. NCARB Elections                                                                                                     | Members discussed the candidates for Public Director and At-Large Director.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | By consensus, members agreed to schedule a special meeting in June 2026, prior to the NCARB Annual Business Meeting, to discuss resolutions and elections. Mr. Cothron will poll members to determine a suitable date for the meeting. |
| 12. Discussion of Reciprocity Requirements ( <i>Miss. Code. Ann. §73-1-21</i> )                                         | Members discussed the number of years of post-licensure experience that should be required for NCARB Certificate holders without a professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB). Members generally agreed that a three-year requirement would be consistent with past NCARB requirements for individuals obtaining certification through education alternatives, and would provide for protection of life, health and property in areas of the state with minimal or non-existent building codes enforcement. | Members agreed to discuss this item further at the July 2026 BOA meeting.                                                                                                                                                              |
| The Board recessed for lunch.                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 13. Rule Changes Required by Changes to <i>Miss. Code. Ann. §73-1-19</i>                                                | Mr. Cothron and Mr. Kilpatrick presented draft changes to BOA Rules 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.12, and 5.9 required by changes to <i>Miss. Code. Ann. §73-1-19</i> , which will take effect on July 1, 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Motion was made by Mr. Bishop and seconded by Ms. Jaunsen to approve the rule changes as presented. The motion passed 4-0.                                                                                                             |
| 14. Changes to Business and Firm Verification Form Required by Changes to <i>Miss. Code. Ann. §73-1-19</i>              | Mr. Cothron presented changes to the Business and Firm Verification form required by changes to <i>Miss. Code. Ann. §73-1-19</i> . Mr. McNeel requested that the last sentence on the first page regarding architects retaining responsible control be formatted in bold type for emphasis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Motion was made by Mr. Barlow and seconded by Ms. Jaunsen to approve the form revisions including Mr. McNeel's format change request. The motion passed 4-0.                                                                           |
| 15. BOAM Summer Conference                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Motion was made by Mr. Bishop and seconded by Mr. Barlow to designate Mr. Sullivan to attend the Building Officials Association of Mississippi (BOAM) Summer Conference in Gulfport on June 8-12, 2026. The motion passed 4-0.         |
| 16. AIA-MS Convention                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | See motion for agenda item 17 below.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| 17. NCARB Member Board Chairs/Executives Leadership Summit |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Motion was made by Mr. Bishop and seconded by Ms. Jaunsen to designate one (1) Board member and the Executive Director to attend the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Mississippi Convention on October 7-9, 2026, and the NCARB Member Board Chairs/Executives Leadership Summit on October 9-10, 2026. The motion passed 4-0. |
| 18. Meeting Schedule                                       | Members affirmed July 21, 2026, as the date of the next BOA meeting and expressed a preference for Ocean Springs as the location for the October 2026 meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 19. Open Discussion                                        | <p>Ms. Jaunsen inquired about the lack of a clear exemption threshold in the law for landscape architecture practice, which was a topic of discussion at the April 8, 2026, LAAC meeting. Mr. Kilpatrick responded that he and Mr. Cothron are researching this matter.</p> <p>Mr. McNeel asked members and staff for their feedback on Board procedures and any suggestions for improvements.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 1:25 PM.

7/21/2026  
Date Approved

  
Richard H. McNeel, President

  
Leigh Jaunsen, Secretary/Treasurer

  
Prepared by John Cothron, Executive Director, on 4/23/2026

| Architect Certificates Issued for Approval |                                  |              |               |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Lic No                                     | Name                             | License Date | Method        |
| 6227                                       | John M. Anderson, Jr.            | 3/25/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6217                                       | Bradley Bowman                   | 3/5/2026     | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6223                                       | Richard Carroll                  | 3/11/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6219                                       | Katie Lynn Dent                  | 3/11/2026    | EXAM          |
| 6209                                       | John Ryan Doherty                | 1/30/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6207                                       | Dustin M. Duvall                 | 1/30/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6212                                       | Brian Eady                       | 2/11/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6206                                       | Emily C. Edmondson               | 1/15/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6215                                       | Neil Feaser                      | 2/25/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6208                                       | Courtney Theodore Rattray Furman | 1/30/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 3974                                       | Carlos R. Gant                   | 2/11/2026    | REINSTATEMENT |
| 6226                                       | Brian P. Gobell                  | 3/18/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6220                                       | John Halford                     | 3/11/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6200                                       | Sarah Jacobson                   | 1/7/2026     | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6211                                       | Molly A. Jones                   | 2/5/2026     | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6218                                       | Franklin J. Kaye                 | 3/11/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6221                                       | Cullen Scott Keen                | 3/11/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6224                                       | Ronald W. Kretz                  | 3/11/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6199                                       | Melvin E. Lamp                   | 1/5/2026     | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6210                                       | Michael Linker                   | 2/4/2026     | RECIPROCITY   |
| 5478                                       | Russell H. Long                  | 2/11/2026    | REINSTATEMENT |
| 2459                                       | Daniel Paul Luhrs                | 3/5/2026     | REINSTATEMENT |
| 6204                                       | Tyler Meyr                       | 1/7/2026     | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6228                                       | Brett Allen Newman               | 3/25/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6229                                       | Chadwick Scott Roberson          | 3/25/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6230                                       | Monica Ann Robertson             | 3/25/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6231                                       | Rene J. Rodriguez                | 3/25/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 5188                                       | Charles E. Ruykhaver             | 1/30/2026    | REINSTATEMENT |
| 6232                                       | Frank B. Ryan, Jr.               | 3/25/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6213                                       | Jacqueline Rye                   | 2/11/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6222                                       | Brian Shepherdson                | 3/11/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6233                                       | Herschel D. Sikes                | 3/25/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6214                                       | Keith Simmel                     | 2/19/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6225                                       | Cora Visnick                     | 3/18/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6216                                       | Shanna Wiechel                   | 3/5/2026     | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6234                                       | John L. Wissinger                | 3/25/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |
| 6235                                       | Aaron Philip Wockenfuss          | 3/25/2026    | RECIPROCITY   |