

MISSISSIPPI LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAAC)
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
April 8, 2026, 10:04 AM
Ridgeland, Mississippi

Members Present: Warren (Cory) Gallo*, Alan Hoops, Robert Mercier*, Jon Milstead*, Brantley Snipes
(*attended by videoconference)

Also Present: John Cothron, Andrew Kilpatrick*, Derek Wyatt*
(*attended by videoconference)

Guest: Martha Hill (attended for presentation of certificate)

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

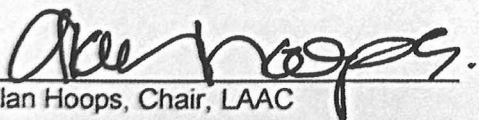
Agenda Item	Explanation	Actions Taken/Planned
Members agreed to postpone agenda item 1 until Ms. Hill's arrival at the meeting.		
2. Minutes		Motion was made by Mr. Milstead and seconded by Mr. Mercier to approve the minutes from the January 2026 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Approval of Certificates		Motion was made by Mr. Milstead and seconded by Ms. Snipes to approve certificates issued since the January 2026 meeting (attached). The motion passed unanimously.
4. Late CEU Complaints #2026-1	Mr. Cothron noted that the 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 Mr. Mercier and seconded by Ms. Snipes to approve the consent agreement. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Update on Licensing Disclaimers for Secretary of State Website	Mr. Cothron reported that the proposed disclaimer language regarding use of certain North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes had been submitted to the Secretary of State's office with a request that the disclaimers be posted on their website, and that the Secretary of State's office is considering the Board's request.	
6. Legislative Update	Mr. Cothron reviewed legislation impacting the Board of Architecture and the LAAC.	Motion was made by Mr. Milstead and seconded by Mr. Hoops to issue a letter to Rep. Creekmore expressing the LAAC's gratitude for sponsoring House Bill 346. The motion passed unanimously.
1. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Martha Hill	Mr. Hoops presented a certificate of appreciation to Martha Hill commemorating her service on the LAAC.	

7. Discussion of Definition of Structured Activities in Rule 4.5.3	At Mr. Mercier's request, members discussed whether attendance at LAAC meetings would be considered a structured activity as defined in Rule 4.5.3.	Motion was made by Mr. Hoops and seconded by Mr. Milstead to accept Mr. Mercier's continuing education audit submittal and to research a potential rule change to clarify this matter. The motion passed unanimously.
8. CLARB Annual Meeting Attendees		Motion was made by Ms. Snipes and seconded by Mr. Milstead to designate up to three (3) landscape architect members and the Executive Director to attend the CLARB Annual Meeting in Calgary on August 27-29, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Meeting Schedule		Motion was made by Mr. Hoops and seconded by Ms. Snipes to move the next LAAC meeting date from August 5, 2026, to July 8, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Open Discussion	Mr. Mercier noted that he had recently received a question regarding when a landscape architect is required, which led to discussion about the lack of a clear exemption threshold for landscape architecture practice in the law.	Members requested that Mr. Cothron and legal counsel research the exemption threshold requirements for landscape architecture practice in other jurisdictions and report on their findings at the next meeting.

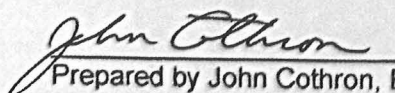
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 11:30 AM.

4.22.26

Date Approved by MSBOA


Alan Hoops, Chair, LAAC


Cory Gallo, Secretary, LAAC
Brantley Snipes


Prepared by John Cothron, Executive Director, on 4/9/2026

Landscape Architect Certificates Issued for Approval				
Lic No	Status	Name	License Date	Method
810	ACTIVE	Paul DeVitto III	2/11/2026	RECIPROCITY
811	ACTIVE	Bryan Paul Janhsen	2/20/2026	RECIPROCITY
809	ACTIVE	Bang Shon	1/22/2026	RECIPROCITY