

**MISSISSIPPI LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAAC)**  
**Minutes of a Regular Meeting (conducted by videoconference)**  
**August 12, 2020, 10:02 AM**  
**Ridgeland, Mississippi**

**Members Present:** Gary Haygood, Alan Hoops, Jim Jackson, and Jon Milstead

**Also Present:** John Cothron, Andrew Kilpatrick, Matthew Miller, Ellie Word

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

Agenda Item	Explanation	Actions Taken/Planned
1. Minutes		Motion was made by Mr. Hoops and seconded by Mr. Milstead to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2020, LAAC meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approval of Certificates		Motion was made by Mr. Milstead and seconded by Mr. Haygood to approve certificates issued since the April 2020 meeting (attached). The motion passed unanimously.
3. CLARB Updates	Matthew Miller, CEO of CLARB, provided updates on CLARB services and activities, including COVID-19 impacts, the annual meeting, and the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) remote proctoring pilot. He noted that this year's virtual annual meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2020.	
4. Legislative Update	Mr. Cothron reviewed legislation impacting the Board of Architecture and its Committees. He informed members that HB 1104 authorizes the Occupational Licensing Review Commission (OLRC) to review existing regulations. Additionally, SB 2117, which requires recognition of licenses from other states for military applicants and their spouses and dependents, will require changes to the rules and regulations.	
5. Rulemaking Update	Mr. Cothron reported that rule revisions approved by the LAAC in October and November 2019 have been filed with the OLRC.	

6. Report on Meeting with Architects	Mr. Haygood and Mr. Hoops reported on their meeting with Board of Architecture member Richard McNeel on June 25, 2020, during which the topic of firm ownership requirements was discussed, including the possibility of joint ventures between architects and landscape architects. Mr. Milstead expressed a desire for clarification on how architects and landscape architects can work together in compliance with the law.	
7. Use of "BSLA" Designation	Mr. Haygood requested discussion of use of the designation "BSLA" on a business card for a landscape horticulturist.	Motion was made by Mr. Hoops and seconded by Mr. Haygood to issue a letter of education to the landscape horticulturist regarding proper use of titles and abbreviations and requesting use of a disclaimer noting that he is not a licensed landscape architect in Mississippi. The motion passed unanimously.
8. December New Licensee Recognition Ceremony	Mr. Cothron discussed plans to postpone the ceremony for new licensees until 2021.	
9. Meeting Schedule	Mr. Cothron noted that the next LAAC meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2020, and he presented tentative dates for 2021 meetings.	
Matthew Miller departed prior to the discussion of CLARB elections.		
10. CLARB Elections		<p>Motion was made by Mr. Haygood and seconded by Mr. Hoops to vote for Robert (Bob) Gunderson for the office of President-Elect. The motion passed 3-0-1, with Mr. Jackson abstaining from the vote.</p> <p>Motion was made by Mr. Hoops and seconded by Mr. Milstead to vote for Julie Hildebrand and Bob Mercier for the two positions on the Leadership Advisory Council. The motion passed 3-0-1, with Mr. Jackson abstaining from the vote.</p>
11. Open Discussion	Mr. Haygood inquired about appointments to the LAAC.	Mr. Jackson responded that he would check on the status of nominations for LAAC positions.
Andrew Kilpatrick joined the meeting at 11:40 AM.		
Open Discussion, cont.	Mr. Kilpatrick discussed the legal complexities involved with architects forming joint ventures with landscape architects, which could fall under the provisions of	

	Miss. Code Ann. § 73-1-19. He stated that an opinion from the Attorney General's Office may be necessary to clarify if a joint venture would fall under the provisions of the law.	
Mr. Hoops departed at 12:00 PM.		
Open Discussion, cont.		<p>Motion was made by Mr. Milstead and seconded by Mr. Haygood to request an opinion from the Attorney General to clarify if a joint venture between an architect and a landscape architect would fall under the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 73-1-19. The motion passed 3-0.</p> <p>Mr. Kilpatrick stated that he will draft an opinion request letter for the Board of Architecture's review and approval in October.</p>

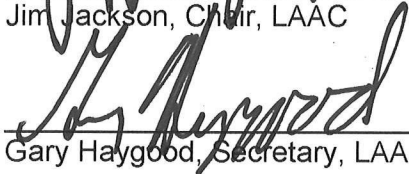
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 12:06 PM.

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Date Approved by MSBOA



Jim Jackson, Chair, LAAC



Gary Haygood, Secretary, LAAC



Prepared by John Cothron, Executive Director, on 8/13/20

NOTE: This meeting was conducted by videoconference at the Board's office in compliance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5. The equipment used allowed all members of the public body and members of the public who attended the meeting to hear the deliberations. Notice of this meeting was posted on August 4, 2020.

<b>Landscape Architect Certificates Issued for Approval</b>			
Lic Number	Name	License Date	Method
716	Mark A. Boudreaux	7/15/2020	RECIPROCITY
715	Sean Hufnagel	7/7/2020	RECIPROCITY
714	Eric F. Kramer	5/5/2020	RECIPROCITY
713	William Bennett Smithhart	4/9/2020	EXAM
712	Tracy A. Wyman	4/9/2020	EXAM