

**MISSISSIPPI LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAAC)**  
**Minutes of a Regular Meeting**  
**August 2, 2023, 10:08 AM**  
**Ridgeland, Mississippi**

**Members Present:** Warren (Cory) Gallo (by teleconference), Martha G. Hill (arrived at 10:11 AM), Alan Hoops, Robert Mercier, Brantley Snipes

**Also Present:** Andrew Kilpatrick (by teleconference), Ellie Word, John Cothron

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

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Actions Taken/Planned</b>
1. Minutes		Motion was made by Mr. Mercier and seconded by Ms. Snipes to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2023, meeting as presented. The motion passed 4-0.
Ms. Hill arrived.		
2. Approval of Certificates		Motion was made by Mr. Mercier and seconded by Mr. Hoops to approve certificates issued since the April 2023 meeting (attached). The motion passed unanimously.
3. Eileen Marie Kemp Reciprocity Application	Members discussed Ms. Kemp's practice prior to licensure disclosure.	<p>Motion was made by Mr. Mercier and seconded by Ms. Hill to approve Ms. Kemp's application for licensure, but to issue a letter of caution regarding her practice of landscape architecture prior to licensure. The motion passed 3-1-1, with Mr. Gallo voting against the motion and Mr. Hoops abstaining from the vote.</p> <p>Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Hill and seconded by Mr. Gallo to rescind the previous motion. The motion to rescind passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion was made by Mr. Gallo and seconded by Mr. Mercier to issue an intent to deny letter to Ms. Kemp for practicing landscape architecture without a license with authority to propose a consent agreement providing for a public reprimand and a \$750 fine in lieu of denial of her application. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Members requested that the cover letter sent with the consent agreement disclose that the normal fine for practice prior to licensure is \$1,000, but the fine was reduced since Ms. Kemp disclosed the practice on her application.</p>

4. Update on Legislation to Amend <i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> §§73-1-19 and 73-2-5	Mr. Kilpatrick provided an update on legislation to amend <i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> §§73-1-19 and 73-2-5 and presented draft legislation for discussion addressing only allowing landscape architects to have an ownership interest in a firm offering architectural or architectural/engineering services. He reported that a meeting will be scheduled with representatives of the Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors to discuss this year's legislation and potential legislation for the 2024 session.	
5. "Tackle the Tape/29 by 29" Discussion	Mr. Cothron, Mr. Kilpatrick, and Ms. Word discussed the outcome of their meeting with the Secretary of State on May 17, 2023, which they felt was very positive.	
Mr. Kilpatrick departed from the meeting.		
6. Late Continuing Education Fines	Mr. Cothron outlined a proposed process to assess a flat fine of \$500 for each biennial renewal period in which any number of the 24 CEUs were deficient and earned after the close of the continuing education reporting period.	Motion was made by Mr. Hoops and seconded by Ms. Snipes to issue private letters of admonition for late continuing education hour violations and to assess a fine of \$500 for each biennial renewal period in which any number of the required hours were deficient. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Twin States Conference Report	Mr. Hoops and Mr. Cothron provided a brief report on the 2023 Twin States Conference.	
8. Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) Elections		Motion was made by Ms. Snipes and seconded by Ms. Hill to vote for John Cothron and Candace Dillingham to serve on the CLARB Leadership Advisory Council. The motion passed unanimously.
9. CLARB Annual Meeting	Members reviewed the agenda for the upcoming CLARB Annual Meeting and discussed attendance.	
10. Meeting Schedule	October 11, 2023, was affirmed as the date of the next LAAC meeting.	
11. Comparison of LAAC Law and Rules with CLARB Model Law and Rules	Mr. Cothron reviewed a comparison of the LAAC Law and Rules with the CLARB Model Law and Rules.	Members were asked to review the document and submit agenda topics to Mr. Cothron for discussion at the October meeting.
Ms. Snipes departed from the meeting.		
12. Comparison of BOA and LAAC Rules of Conduct	Mr. Cothron reviewed a comparison of the BOA and LAAC Rules of Conduct.	
13. Open Discussion	Mr. Cothron reported that CLARB recently distributed a survey asking if teaching experience would be	


	<p>recognized for meeting the experience requirements for licensure; the consensus of the Committee was that they would not be in favor of granting experience credit for teaching.</p> <p>Mr. Gallo provided updates on the Mississippi State University Landscape Architecture program.</p>	
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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 1:11 PM.

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Date Approved by MSBOA

  
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Alan Hoops, Chair, LAAC

  
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Martha Hill, Secretary, LAAC

  
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Prepared by John Cothron, Executive Director, on 8/3/2023

<b>Landscape Architect Certificates Issued for Approval</b>			
Lic Number	Name	License Date	Method
761	Jennifer Aucoin	6/28/2023	RECIPROCITY
718	Jason Brouillette	5/25/2023	REINSTATEMENT
757	Jonathan Ceci	5/19/2023	RECIPROCITY
756	Nathan E. Crace	5/25/2023	EXAM
758	Edward L. French	5/12/2023	RECIPROCITY
321	James Tal Jackson	4/14/2023	REINSTATEMENT
759	William D. Reimer	6/9/2023	RECIPROCITY
690	Justin Stockman	5/11/2023	REINSTATEMENT