

MISSISSIPPI LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAAC)
Minutes of a Regular Meeting (conducted by videoconference)
August 6, 2025, 10:06 AM
Ridgeland, Mississippi

Members Present: Warren (Cory) Gallo, Alan Hoops, Robert Mercier, Jon Milstead

Member Absent: Brantley Snipes

Also Present: John Cothron, Eric Hospodor

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

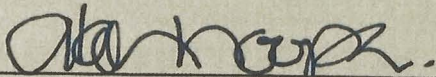
Agenda Item	Explanation	Actions Taken/Planned
1. Minutes		Motion was made by Mr. Mercier and seconded by Mr. Gallo to approve the minutes from the April 2025 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approval of Certificates		Motion was made by Mr. Gallo and seconded by Mr. Mercier to approve certificates issued since the April 2025 meeting (attached). The motion passed unanimously.
3. Legislative Update	Mr. Cothron provided an update on legislation to amend <i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> §§ 73-1-19 and 73-2-5. He noted that Rep. Sam Creekmore intends to file this legislation again next year, and an in-person meeting will be scheduled with the Chair of the Senate Business and Financial Institutions Committee to discuss the proposed legislation. Mr. Milstead stated that he is available to meet with legislators as needed.	
4. Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) Bylaws Amendments	Mr. Cothron reviewed the proposed Bylaws changes and responded to questions from members.	Motion was made by Mr. Mercier and seconded by Mr. Milstead to vote to approve Resolutions 1 through 7 to amend the CLARB Bylaws. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hoops will vote accordingly at the August 12, 2025, CLARB membership meeting.
5. CLARB Elections		Motion was made by Mr. Hoops and seconded by Mr. Gallo to vote for Allison Fleury to serve as CLARB President-Elect, Craig Coronato to serve as CLARB Treasurer, and Rob Lopez and Ryan McEnroe to serve on the CLARB Leadership Advisory Council. The motion passed unanimously.


6. CLARB Annual Meeting	Members reviewed the agenda for the upcoming CLARB Annual Meeting, which Mr. Cothron, Mr. Hoops, and Mr. Milstead will attend.	
7. Meeting Schedule	October 8, 2025, was affirmed as the date of the next LAAC meeting.	
8. Open Discussion		Motion was made by Mr. Mercier and seconded by Mr. Hoops to elect Ms. Snipes as Secretary, replacing Martha Hill, who is no longer serving on the LAAC. The motion passed unanimously.

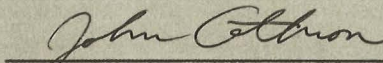
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 11:04 AM.

10-21-25

Date Approved by MSBOA


 Alan Hoops, Chair, LAAC


 Brantley Snipes, Secretary, LAAC


 Prepared by John Cothron, Executive Director, on 8/8/2025

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 July 28, 2025.

Landscape Architect Certificates Issued for Approval			
Lic No	Name	License Date	Method
802	William Jefferson Smith	5/28/2025	EXAM
803	Joshua J. Bethea	6/27/2025	RECIPROCITY
804	Jacob Ingram	7/9/2025	RECIPROCITY
640	Dustin Wendell Langford	6/5/2025	REINSTATEMENT