

MISSISSIPPI LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAAC)
Minutes of a Regular Meeting (conducted by videoconference)
January 19, 2022, 10:01 AM
Ridgeland, Mississippi

Members Present: Warren (Cory) Gallo, Alan Hoops, Jon Milstead, Brantley Snipes

Member Absent: Martha G. Hill

Also Present: Ellie Word, Andrew Kilpatrick, John Cothron

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

Agenda Item	Explanation	Actions Taken/Planned
1. Minutes		Motion was made by Mr. Milstead and seconded by Ms. Snipes to approve the minutes from the October 2021 meeting as presented. The motion passed 3-0-1, with Mr. Gallo abstaining from the vote.
2. Approval of Certificates		Motion was made by Ms. Snipes and seconded by Mr. Gallo to approve certificates issued since the October 2021 meeting (attached). The motion passed unanimously.
3. Late CEU Complaint #2022-4	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 Ms. Snipes and seconded by Mr. Hoops to approve the consent agreement. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Rulemaking Update	Mr. Cothron reviewed rules submitted to the Occupational Licensing Review Commission for approval on January 4, 2022.	
5. Legislative Update	<p>Mr. Cothron reviewed pending legislation impacting the Board. Discussion ensued regarding the following bills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HB 447, which would revise the reciprocity requirements for occupational licenses to clarify that a person holding an occupational license in another state shall not be required to take an examination in order to receive a Mississippi license. ▪ HB 690, which would amend <i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> § 73-1-19 to allow landscape architects to have ownership interest in a firm offering architectural services. 	<p>Motion was made by Mr. Gallo and seconded by Ms. Snipes to send a letter to the sponsor of HB 447 seeking clarification regarding the removal of language from <i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> § 73-2-11. Mr. Kilpatrick and Mr. Cothron were tasked with drafting the letter for LAAC review and approval. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion was made by Ms. Snipes and seconded by Mr. Hoops to: (1) send a letter to the appropriate legislators requesting that HB 690 not move forward to provide additional time for the Board of Architecture (BOA) and LAAC to discuss potential legislation; and (2) send a letter to the BOA stating that the LAAC desires to continue dialogue with the BOA with the goal of finalizing proposed legislation for introduction during the 2023 legislative session. Mr.</p>

		Kilpatrick and Mr. Cothron were tasked with drafting the letter regarding HB 690 for LAAC and BOA review and approval, and Mr. Hoops offered to draft the letter to the BOA. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Correspondence from Board of Architecture re: Proposed Modifications to <i>Miss. Code. Ann.</i> §73-1-19	Members reviewed correspondence from the Board of Architecture, dated December 22, 2021.	
7. CEU Age Exemption	No action was taken on this item.	
8. CLARB Updates	Mr. Milstead provided updates on CLARB activities.	
9. CLARB Resolutions Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ #1: Uniform Licensure Standard ▪ #2: Revisions to Model Law and Regulations to Align with Uniform Standard ▪ #3: Revisions to Model Law to Align with DEI Principles ▪ CLARB Uniform Standard Legal Analysis 	Members reviewed Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) resolutions in preparation for a membership vote on April 20, 2022, and discussed what steps, if any, should be taken to adopt the uniform licensure standard in Mississippi.	Members agreed that additional time was needed to review the resolutions and that this item should be held for discussion at the next meeting.
10. ASLA Twin States Conference		Motion was made by Mr. Milstead and seconded by Mr. Gallo to designate two individuals to attend the ASLA Twin States Conference in Oxford, MS on April 7-9, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.
11. Meeting Schedule		Members asked Mr. Cothron to contact the Department of Landscape Architecture at Mississippi State University (MSU) regarding the possibility of meeting on the MSU campus on April 22, 2022. Motion was made by Mr. Milstead and seconded by Mr. Gallo to schedule a special meeting by videoconference on March 9, 2022, at 1:00 PM, to discuss CLARB resolutions. The motion passed unanimously.
12. Officer Elections		Motion was made by Mr. Hoops and seconded by Mr. Gallo to elect Mr. Hoops as Chair and Mr. Milstead as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Open Discussion	Ms. Snipes inquired about Committee member participation in professional organizations.	Members requested that the President of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA-MS) be copied on the letter regarding HB 690 (see agenda item #5) to ensure ASLA-MS is informed of the discussions between the LAAC and the BOA.
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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 12:33 PM.

1/26/22

Date Approved by MSBOA

Alan Hoops

Alan Hoops, Chair, LAAC

Jon Milstead

Jon Milstead, Secretary, LAAC

John Cothron

Prepared by John Cothron, Executive Director, on 1/20/22

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 January 12, 2022.

Landscape Architect Certificates Issued for Approval			
Lic Number	Name	License Date	Method
736	Mary N. Bates	12/13/2021	RECIPROCITY
737	Darcy Brandon	1/3/2022	RECIPROCITY
735	Aaron D. Neitzke	11/17/2021	RECIPROCITY
734	Abbey Wallace	9/8/2021	EXAM