

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE (BOA)
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
January 22, 2026, 9:02 AM
Ridgeland, Mississippi

Members Present: Charles Barlow, Jr., Larry Bishop, Leigh Jaunsen, Bradford Jones, Richard McNeel

Others Present: John Cothron, Andrew Kilpatrick, Jimmy Sullivan, Derek Wyatt (Special Assistant Attorney General)

Guest: Marietta Roth Haywood

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

Agenda Item	Explanation	Actions Taken/Planned
1. Appearance by Marietta Roth Haywood	Ms. Haywood, an architect licensed in multiple jurisdictions but not in Mississippi, her resident jurisdiction, addressed the Board regarding the reciprocity requirements, which currently preclude her from licensure in Mississippi. Mr. Kilpatrick and members responded that they are currently working on potential statutory changes, which may take effect in 2027, that would provide a path for her to become licensed.	
Ms. Haywood departed from the meeting.		
2. Discussion of Reciprocity Requirements (<i>Miss. Code. Ann. §73-1-21</i>)	Mr. Cothron and Mr. Kilpatrick presented draft language to amend the law to waive the requirement for a professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) for applicants with a National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Certificate and eight (8) years of practical experience after registration as an architect in a state or jurisdiction recognized by NCARB, and to apply this same standard to applicants who hold an NCARB Certificate through a mutual recognition agreement with a foreign jurisdiction.	Motion was made by Mr. McNeel and seconded by Mr. Bishop for the BOA to recommend approval of the draft language presented subject to approval of the number of years of post-licensure experience to require, which is yet to be determined. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Minutes		Motion was made by Ms. Jaunsen and seconded by Mr. McNeel to approve the BOA minutes from October 21-22, 2025, and November 18, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Approval of Certificates		Motion was made by Mr. Bishop and seconded by Ms. Jaunsen to approve certificates issued since the October 2025 meeting (attached). The motion passed unanimously.

<p>5. Late CEH Complaints #2025-12 #2025-13 #2025-14 #2025-15 #2025-16</p>	<p>Mr. Cothron noted that all respondents reported late continuing education hours and had signed consent agreements providing for private letters of admonition and payment of fines.</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mr. McNeel and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the consent agreements. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>6. Update on Licensing Disclaimers for Secretary of State Website</p>	<p>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.</p>	
<p>7. Update on Rule Changes</p>	<p>Mr. Cothron reported that pending rule changes have been submitted to the Occupational Licensing Review Commission for review and approval.</p>	
<p>8. Legislative Report</p>	<p>Mr. Cothron reviewed pending legislation impacting the BOA. Mr. Cothron stated that he and Mr. Kilpatrick will draft a letter of concern regarding HB 1529 for the Board's review.</p>	
<p>9. High-Rise Legislation</p>	<p>Mr. Cothron reported that Insurance Department Commissioner Chaney is not pursuing legislation this year to require State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) review and approval of high-rise buildings. Members agreed that the first step in pursuing this legislation for next year will be to meet with Commissioner Chaney to seek his support.</p>	
<p>10. Executive Director's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second Quarter FY 2026 Financial Report </p>	<p>Mr. Cothron reported on administrative matters and reviewed the financial report for the second quarter of FY 2026.</p>	
		<p>Motion was made by Mr. McNeel and seconded by Mr. Bishop to amend the agenda to jump to item 13. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>13. Grants to Higher Education</p>	<p>Following discussion, members agreed that this item is not a priority at the present time. Consequently, no action was taken.</p>	
		<p>Motion was made by Mr. McNeel and seconded by Mr. Bishop to return to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>11. License Management System Proposals</p>	<p>Mr. Cothron reported that the Board's license management system is in need of modernization and that he is in the process of obtaining proposals for this purpose.</p>	
<p>12. NCARB Updates</p>	<p>Members and staff serving on committees provided brief updates.</p>	

14. ICOR Practice Overlap Guidance	Mr. Cothron noted that the Interorganizational Council on Regulation (ICOR) Practice Overlap Guidance document was reviewed during the meetings on January 21, 2026, and that members may submit questions or comments on the document to ICOR.	
15. Meeting Schedule	Members affirmed April 22, 2026, as the date of the next BOA meeting.	
16. Officer Elections		Motion was made by Mr. Bishop and seconded by Mr. Jones to elect Mr. McNeel as President and Ms. Jaunsen as Secretary/Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.
17. Open Discussion	Mr. Cothron reviewed an e-mail from Maurice Brown, Assistant Vice President, Advocacy and External Engagement, NCARB, regarding the proposed changes to the reciprocity requirements.	

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 12:01 PM.

4/22/2026
Date Approved


Richard H. McNeel, President


Leigh Jaunsen, Secretary/Treasurer


Prepared by John Cothron, Executive Director, on 1/26/2026

Architect Certificates Issued for Approval			
Lic No	Name	License Date	Method
6189	Channing L. Addis	11/19/2025	RECIPROCITY
6198	Aaron Becker	12/17/2025	RECIPROCITY
6191	Joseph V. Belluccia	12/4/2025	RECIPROCITY
6181	Justin R. Bruce	10/3/2025	RECIPROCITY
6183	Kenneth Ellsworth	10/8/2025	RECIPROCITY
6187	Jon C. Gambrell	11/13/2025	RECIPROCITY
6182	Patrick Grannan	10/3/2025	RECIPROCITY
6184	Jacob Herrington	11/3/2025	EXAM
6190	Jonathan Lee Hooker	12/3/2025	EXAM
6192	Thomas M. Lemberg	12/4/2025	RECIPROCITY
6193	Henry Lewis	12/4/2025	RECIPROCITY
6201	Susanne C. Mackiw	1/7/2026	RECIPROCITY
6185	John Alan McDaniel, Sr.	11/3/2025	RECIPROCITY
6186	Jenna McGregor	11/7/2025	RECIPROCITY
6203	Pavan Mehra	1/7/2026	RECIPROCITY
6197	Richard Obertino, Jr.	12/14/2025	RECIPROCITY
6196	Eric Ritland	12/14/2025	RECIPROCITY
6195	Michael E. Romot	12/10/2025	RECIPROCITY
6194	Rachel Turner-Lauck	12/10/2025	RECIPROCITY
6188	Scott C. Uher	11/19/2025	RECIPROCITY
6205	Takudzwa Lesley Zhou	1/7/2026	RECIPROCITY