

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE (BOA)
 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAAC)
 INTERIOR DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IDAC)
 Minutes of a Joint Meeting
 January 21, 2026, 3:35 PM
 Ridgeland, Mississippi**

BOA Members Present: Larry Bishop, Leigh Jaunsen, Bradford Jones, Richard McNeel

BOA Member Absent: Charles C. Barlow, Jr.

IDAC Members Present: Jessica Cecil*, Demmie Dunaway, Timothy Geddie*, Beth Miller, Paula DeYoung*

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

LAAC Members Absent: Robert Mercier, Brantley Snipes

Others Present: John Cothron, Andrew Kilpatrick

(*attended by videoconference)

With a quorum of the BOA, LAAC, and IDAC present, Mr. McNeel called the meeting to order.

| Agenda Item | Explanation | Actions Taken/Planned |
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| 1. BOA Report | Mr. Cothron and BOA members reported on activities of the BOA and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB). Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board legislation to amend <i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> §§ 73-1-19 and 73-2-5. • An update on efforts to improve codes enforcement in the state. • Recent changes to the BOA rules. • BOA outreach efforts to licensees and students. • Ongoing discussion of potential reciprocity requirements changes to allow additional paths to licensure. • Recent updates to the Architectural Experience Program (AXP) and other NCARB initiatives. • A discussion of fraudulent use of seals. | |
| 2. LAAC Report | Mr. Cothron and LAAC members reported on activities of the LAAC and the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB). Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent LAAC rule changes. • LAAC outreach efforts to licensees and students. | |


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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLARB's focus on implementing a uniform standard for licensure, addressing practice overlap with other design disciplines, and exploring global opportunities. • Recent CLARB <i>Bylaws</i> changes. | |
| 3. IDAC Report | <p>Mr. Cothron and IDAC members reported on activities of the IDAC and the Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ). Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An increase in the number of state certificate holders. • Recent CIDQ initiatives, including the emerging interior design educator scholarship. • More states have recently passed laws to regulate interior designers. • Recent CIDQ <i>Bylaws</i> changes. | |
| 4. Efficiency Analysis of Small Boards and Commissions | Members reviewed and discussed the efficiency analysis released by the State Auditor's office in December 2025. | |
| 5. ICOR Practice Overlap Guidance | Members reviewed the Practice Overlap Guidance document prepared by the Interorganizational Council on Regulation (ICOR). Mr. Cothron noted that members may submit questions or comments on the document to ICOR. | |
| 6. Legislative Report | Mr. Cothron reviewed pending legislation impacting the BOA, LAAC, and IDAC. | |
| 7. 2026 Meeting Schedule | Members reviewed the meeting schedule for 2026. | |

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 5:00 PM.

4/22/2026
Date Approved


Richard H. McNeel, President


Leigh Jaunsen, Secretary/Treasurer


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