

**MISSISSIPPI LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAAC)**  
**Minutes of a Regular Meeting**  
**January 21, 2026, 1:06 PM**  
**Ridgeland, Mississippi**

**Members Present:** Warren (Cory) Gallo, Alan Hoops, Robert Mercier\*, Jon Milstead  
 (\*attended by videoconference)

**Member Absent:** Brantley Snipes

**Also Present:** John Cothron, Andrew Kilpatrick

**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. Milstead and seconded by Mr. Gallo to approve the minutes from the October 2025 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approval of Certificates		Motion was made by Mr. Milstead and seconded by Mr. Mercier to approve certificates issued since the October 2025 meeting (attached). The motion passed unanimously.
3. Legislative Update	Mr. Cothron reviewed pending legislation impacting the Board of Architecture and the LAAC.	
4. Update on Licensing Disclaimers for Secretary of State Website	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.	
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. Meeting Schedule	April 8, 2026, was affirmed as the date of the next LAAC meeting.	

7. Officer Elections	Mr. Cothron reported that Ms. Snipes, the current Secretary of the LAAC, had inquired about her eligibility to continue serving on the LAAC due to her residency status. Members responded that it would be acceptable for her to continue serving if she is willing and able to participate.	Motion was made by Mr. Milstead and seconded by Mr. Gallo to elect Mr. Hoops as Chair and Mr. Gallo as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.
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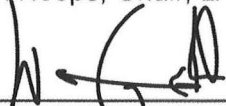
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 2:18 PM.

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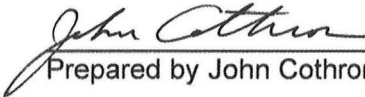
Date Approved by MSBOA



Alan Hoops, Chair, LAAC



Cory Gallo, Secretary, LAAC



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

<b>Landscape Architect Certificates Issued for Approval</b>				
Lic No	Status	Name	License Date	Method
807	ACTIVE	Georgia Gale DeWitt	10/8/2025	EXAM
808	ACTIVE	Martin L. Smith	12/8/2025	RECIPROCITY
806	ACTIVE	Kristen Lyter Spears	10/8/2025	RECIPROCITY