

MISSISSIPPI LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAAC)
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
April 16, 2019, 11:09 AM
Mississippi State University
Landscape Architecture Facility, Room C104
845-3 Stone Blvd.
Starkville, MS 39759

Members Present: Temple Barry, Chris Hoffman, Jim Jackson, and Bob Mercier

Member Absent: Frank Alley

Also Present: Sadik Artunç, John Cothron, George Neville, Jimmy Sullivan

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

Agenda Item	Explanation	Actions Taken/Planned
1. Minutes		Motion was made by Mr. Mercier and seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the minutes from the January 2019 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approval of Certificates		Motion was made by Mr. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Mercier to approve certificates issued since the January 2019 meeting (attached). The motion passed unanimously.
3. Complaint #2018-14	Mr. Cothron reported that the respondent has agreed to comply with the Committee's request to cease the unlicensed practice of landscape architecture, and that the respondent is in the process of obtaining a residential builder license.	Motion was made by Mr. Mercier and seconded by Mr. Hoffman to close the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Complaint #2018-15	Mr. Cothron reported that the respondent has complied with the Committee's request to discontinue use of the title "landscape architect."	Motion was made by Mr. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Mercier to close the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Complaint #2019-1	Mr. Sullivan provided an update on his investigation of the complaint.	Mr. Sullivan was asked to continue his investigation.
6. Complaint #2019-2	Mr. Barry reported on his review of the plans in question; he noted that the plans lack many details, including foundation details.	Committee members requested an investigation to determine: (1) if the respondent is still in Mississippi; (2) the business relationship between the respondent and the design/build contractor identified on the plans; and (3)

		if a qualified licensed professional is providing design details for the projects.
7. Rulemaking Update	Mr. Cothron stated that the Occupational Licensing Review Commission (OLRC) met on April 15, 2019, to review rules filed in July 2018. The proposed change to Rule 4.7 (Penalty for Late Units) was withdrawn since the Attorney General's Office determined that the Board lacked statutory authority to assess a penalty for late Continuing Education Units. Additionally, the OLRC rejected the proposed code of conduct for Committee members, although the code of conduct has been added to the rules for the Board of Architecture, effective March 11, 2019. The Attorney General's designee recommended that the code of conduct be adopted as an internal policy rather than a rule.	
8. Legislative Update	Mr. Cothron reviewed legislation impacting the Board and its Committees. He noted that Senate Bill 2781 (the "Mississippi Fresh Start Act") will require law and rule changes.	
9. Possible Rule Revision to Provide Definitions of Exemptions in § 73-2-19		Mr. Cothron was asked to distribute the proposed rule language to Committee members for comment.
10. Priorities Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement / Education of Elected Officials, Policy Makers and Staff as related to the Public's Health, Safety, Welfare focus and purpose of Design Profession regulation Engagement / Education with MS Justice Institute (and other like-minded officials/organizations) in defense of licensure as related to PHSW 		Committee members agreed that efforts should continue to revise the handbook for building officials and emphasize the importance of licensure.

11. CLARB Annual Meeting Attendees		Motion was made by Mr. Mercier and seconded by Mr. Hoffman to designate all five (5) members of the LAAC and Mr. Cothron to attend the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO on September 26-28, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.
12. Statistical Data	Mr. Cothron shared license statistics for landscape architects.	
13. Friction Analysis	Mr. Cothron shared a friction analysis highlighting ways to streamline licensing processes and practice requirements.	
14. FARB Forum Report	Mr. Hoffman reported on the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) Forum held in New Orleans, LA on January 24-27, 2019. He recommended that the Board consider funding delegates to attend this meeting each year.	
15. ASLA Twin States Conference Report	Mr. Jackson reported on the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Twin States Conference held in Huntsville, AL on April 4-6, 2019.	
16. Meeting Schedule	The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2019.	

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 12:39 p.m., and was followed by a discussion with Mississippi State University landscape architecture students and faculty regarding licensure requirements and other topics.

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Date Approved by MSBOA


Chair, LAAC


Secretary, LAAC


Prepared by John Cothron, Executive Director, on 4/23/19

Landscape Architect Certificates Issued for Approval

Lic Number	Name	License Date	Method
700	Jordan Rae Hillman	2/5/2019	EXAM
309	Lois Silliman Mash	1/28/2019	REINSTATEMENT
697	Benjamin D. Moran	1/22/2019	RECIPROCITY
698	Grant Murphy	1/22/2019	RECIPROCITY
699	William Reich	1/22/2019	RECIPROCITY