

**MISSISSIPPI LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting**

**January 22, 2019**

**10:10 AM**

**Ridgeland, Mississippi**

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

**Also Present:** John Cothron, Alan Hoops, George Neville, Jimmy Sullivan

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

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Actions Taken/Planned</b>
1. Minutes		Motion was made by Mr. Mercier and seconded by Mr. Alley to approve the minutes from September 2018 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approval of Certificates		Motion was made by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Alley to approve certificates issued since the January 2018 meeting (attached). The motion passed unanimously.
3. Rulemaking Update	Mr. Cothron reported that the Occupational Licensing Review Commission met on December 21, 2018, and deferred action on the LAAC rule changes pending a determination by the Office of the Attorney General of the Board's authority to assess a penalty for late CEUs.	
Mr. Hoffman arrived following the rulemaking update.		
4. Legislative Update	Mr. Cothron reported on bills he is monitoring: HB 113 HB 375 HB 658 HB 773 HB 898 SB 2132 SB 2233	
5. Possible Rule Revision to Provide Definitions of Exemptions in § 73-2-19	This item was not discussed.	
6. Grant Murphy and William Reich Applications		Motion was made by Mr. Alley and seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve Grant Murphy's application for registration by reciprocity. The motion passed unanimously.

		Motion was made by Mr. Alley and seconded by Mr. Mercier to approve William Reich's application for registration by reciprocity. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Complaint #2018-14	Mr. Hoffman reported that the plans prepared for the projects in question contain structural elements and construction details and appear to constitute the practice of landscape architecture.	Motion was made by Mr. Barry and seconded by Mr. Hoffman to issue a letter to the respondent requesting that the respondent cease the unlicensed practice of landscape architecture.
8. Complaint #2018-15		Mr. Cothron will continue efforts to contact the respondent regarding use of the title "landscape architect."
9. Complaint #2019-1		Mr. Sullivan was asked to continue to monitor the project and to investigate the services provided by the respondent.
10. Priorities Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement / Education with Landscape Architecture students and graduates</li> <li>Active friction analysis of MS regulatory requirements and processes to improve licensure experience and reduce impediments</li> <li>Engagement with other design and/or regulatory boards to improve understanding of best practices, threats to licensure and improper / unnecessary regulatory reform measures</li> <li>Complete handbook for building officials</li> </ul>		<p>Mr. Cothron will follow up with the Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors regarding development of the handbook for building officials.</p> <p>Mr. Cothron will contact the Department of Landscape Architecture at MSU to determine the best date for a LAAC meeting on their campus to meet with students and faculty.</p> <p>Mr. Cothron will prepare a friction analysis for the committee's review.</p> <p>Mr. Hoffman noted that he will be attending the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) Forum in New Orleans on January 24-27, 2019, where current issues affecting regulatory boards will be discussed.</p> <p>Mr. Hoops agreed to provide information on upcoming Mississippi Municipal League meetings.</p>
11. Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) Annual Meeting Recap	Members discussed outcomes from the 2018 CLARB Annual Meeting.	
12. Strategic Plan Revisions	Mr. Cothron presented proposed changes to the agency strategic plan, and members provided input and feedback.	

13. Statistical Data	Members reviewed a report showing the age distribution of registrants.	Mr. Cothron will provide a report showing the age distribution of out-of-state versus in-state registrants, as well as additional data for review.
14. ASLA Twin States Conference		Motion was made by Mr. Alley and seconded by Mr. Mercier to designate Mr. Jackson and Mr. Cothron to attend the ASLA Twin States Conference in Huntsville, AL on April 4-6, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.
15. Meeting Schedule	Members reviewed dates for upcoming LAAC meetings.	
16. Officer Elections		Motion was made by Mr. Alley and seconded by Mr. Mercier to elect Mr. Barry as Chair and Mr. Jackson as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.
17. Open Discussion	<p>Mr. Hoops urged LAAC members to remember landscape architecture's impact on the public's health, safety and well-being in their deliberations.</p> <p>Mr. Jackson encouraged members to attend the ASLA-MS legislative breakfast on March 27.</p>	

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 12:02 p.m.

4-24-19

Date Approved by MSBOA



Temple Barry, Chair, LAAC



Jim Jackson, Secretary, LAAC



Prepared by John Cothron, Executive Director, on 1/28/19

**Landscape Architect Certificates Issued for Approval**

Lic Number	Name	License Date	Method
682	Lauren Doherty Commarato	2/16/2018	EXAM
691	Christopher Grant	10/29/2018	RECIPROCITY
693	James Owen Harris	12/6/2018	RECIPROCITY
689	Andrew J. Hays III	9/21/2018	RECIPROCITY
688	Allen Jones	7/31/2018	RECIPROCITY
685	David M Lorberbaum	4/6/2018	RECIPROCITY
692	Thomas L. Mroz Jr.	11/15/2018	RECIPROCITY
687	Kevin D. Norman	6/26/2018	RECIPROCITY
684	Greg M. Price	2/28/2018	EXAM
686	Phillip A. Robinson	6/26/2018	EXAM
696	Raymond Carter Smith	1/11/2019	EXAM
690	Justin Stockman	10/15/2018	EXAM
683	Clark Houston Wells	2/16/2018	EXAM
694	Thomas L. Woltz	12/6/2018	RECIPROCITY