

**MISSISSIPPI LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAAC)**

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting**

**November 20, 2019, 2:03 PM**

**Ridgeland, Mississippi**

**Members Present:** Jon Milstead (by teleconference), Gary Haygood, Chris Hoffman, Alan Hoops, and Jim Jackson

**Also Present:** Ellie Word (by teleconference), John Cothron, and Andy Kilpatrick

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


<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Actions Taken/Planned</b>
1. Minutes		Motion was made by Mr. Haygood and seconded by Mr. Hoops to approve the minutes from the October 2019 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Continuing Education Penalties (Law Change)	Mr. Cothron presented proposed language to amend the law to give the LAAC authority to assess penalties for late continuing education hours during the renewal process.	Motion was made by Mr. Haygood and seconded by Mr. Milstead to pursue the change to <i>Miss. Code Ann. § 73-2-15</i> , as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Prohibition on Rules re: Competitive Bidding ( <i>Miss. Code Ann. § 73-2-16</i> )	Members discussed amending the law to remove the prohibition on defining professional misconduct to include bidding on contracts for a price.	Motion was made by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Haygood to pursue legislation to amend <i>Miss. Code Ann. § 73-2-16(2)(d)</i> to read, "Any professional misconduct, as defined by the board through bylaws, rules and regulations, and standards of conduct and ethics, including rules restricting competitive bidding," and removing the statement, "(professional misconduct shall not be defined to include bidding on contracts for a price)," consistent with the language proposed by the Board of Architecture. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Rule Revisions	Mr. Cothron presented a change to Rule 2.5.1 to comply with the "Fresh Start Act of 2019."	Motion was made by Mr. Hoops and seconded by Mr. Haygood to approve the change to Rule 2.5.1, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
5. CEU Age Exemption	Mr. Haygood requested discussion of adding a continuing education exemption for registrants above a certain age. Following discussion, the consensus of the Committee was to maintain the current requirements in order to protect the public's health, safety and welfare and to preserve the title restrictions in the law.	

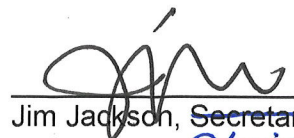
6. Firm Ownership Requirements Discussion	Members discussed the Board of Architecture's recent decision to not pursue a change in architecture firm ownership requirements in <i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> § 73-1-19. Members again expressed their continued support for amending the Architect Registration Act to allow landscape architects to have ownership interest in architecture firms, and Mr. Jackson noted that the Mississippi Chapter of ASLA may pursue a change to the law.	Mr. Milstead agreed to draft a letter for the Committee's review urging the Board of Architecture to reconsider their decision and emphasizing the need for improved multidisciplinary approaches and collaborations to protect the public's health, safety and welfare. Mr. Hoffman requested that the letter be prepared and distributed prior to the joint meeting with the Board of Architecture on December 10, 2019.
7. Meeting Schedule	Mr. Cothron noted that a joint meeting of the Board of Architecture and the advisory committees is scheduled for December 10, 2019, and the next LAAC meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2020.	
8. Open Discussion	<p>Mr. Hoffman urged the new members to register for the New Board Member Orientation in February 2020 in Washington, DC. He also noted that Matthew Miller, the new CEO of CLARB, is unable to attend the ASLA Twin States Conference in March 2020, due to a scheduling conflict.</p> <p>In response to an inquiry from Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Cothron reported that he plans to send an attorney to the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) Regulatory Law Seminar (RLS) next year in lieu of attending the FARB Forum, pending approval by the Board of Architecture. Mr. Cothron announced plans to send delegates to the FARB Forum and RLS on an alternating basis.</p> <p>Mr. Jackson reported on ASLA affairs.</p>	


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 3:29 PM.

*1/28/2020*

Date Approved by MSBOA

  
~~Chris Hoffman, Chair, LAAC~~ GARY HAYGOOD, SECRETARY

  
Jim Jackson, Secretary, LAAC  
Chair

  
Prepared by John Cothron, Executive Director, on 11/22/19