

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

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting**

**October 11, 2023, 10:06 AM**

**Ridgeland, Mississippi**

**Members Present:** Warren (Cory) Gallo, Martha G. Hill, Alan Hoops, Robert Mercier  
(Mr. Gallo, Ms. Hill, and Mr. Mercier participated by teleconference)

**Member Absent:** Brantley Snipes

**Also Present:** Ellie Word, John Cothron

**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 Ms. Hill and seconded by Mr. Mercier to approve the minutes from the August 2, 2023, meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approval of Certificates		Motion was made by Mr. Mercier and seconded by Ms. Hill to approve certificates issued since the August 2023 meeting (attached). The motion passed unanimously.
3. Complaint #2023-12	Mr. Cothron noted that the respondent had signed a consent agreement providing for a public reprimand and a \$750 fine in lieu of denial of the respondent's application for practice prior to licensure.	Motion was made by Mr. Hoops and seconded by Mr. Mercier to accept the consent agreement. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Jonathan Meadows Reciprocity Application	Members discussed Mr. Meadows' application and concluded that he meets the requirements for licensure.	Motion was made by Ms. Hill and seconded by Mr. Mercier to approve Mr. Meadows' application for licensure. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Update on Legislation to Amend <i>Miss. Code. Ann.</i> §§73-1-19 and 73-2-5	Ms. Word and Mr. Cothron provided an update on legislation to amend <i>Miss. Code. Ann.</i> §§73-1-19 and 73-2-5 and presented proposed language to address concerns raised by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Mississippi, which will be discussed by the Board of Architecture on October 17-18, 2023.	
6. "Tackle the Tape/29 by 29" Discussion	Mr. Cothron provided an update on the outcome of the Secretary of State's review of regulations, which resulted in two recommendations for the Board of Architecture. There were no recommendations for the LAAC.	
7. CLARB Annual Meeting Debriefing	Messrs. Hoops, Gallo, and Cothron provided a brief report on the 2023 CLARB Annual Meeting.	

8. FY 2025 Budget Request Overview	Mr. Cothron reviewed the Board of Architecture's FY 2025 budget request for information purposes.	
9. Meeting Schedule	Mr. Cothron presented proposed meeting dates and noted that the 2024 CLARB Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 18-20 in Buffalo, New York.	Motion was made by Mr. Hoops and seconded by Ms. Hill to set the following 2024 LAAC meeting dates, subject to adjustment as needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ January 17</li> <li>▪ April 3</li> <li>▪ August 7</li> <li>▪ October 9</li> </ul> The motion passed unanimously.
10. Comparison of LAAC Law and Rules with CLARB Model Law and Rules		Mr. Cothron was asked to send a reminder to LAAC members in December to review the CLARB Model Law and Rules prior to the January 2024 meeting.
11. Comparison of BOA and LAAC Rules of Conduct		Regarding this agenda item and item #10, members requested that legal counsel and staff prepare recommended rule changes for discussion at the January 2024 meeting.
12. Open Discussion	Mr. Cothron presented a continuing education hardship exemption request from William Edgar (Landscape Architect #390).	Motion was made by Ms. Hill and seconded by Mr. Mercier to approve the hardship exemption request. The motion passed unanimously.

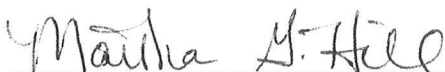
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 11:00 AM.

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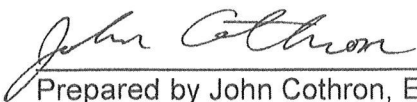
Date Approved by MSBOA



Alan Hoops, Chair, LAAC



Martha Hill, Secretary, LAAC



Prepared by John Cothron, Executive Director, on 10/12/2023

<b>Landscape Architect Certificates Issued for Approval</b>			
Lic Number	Name	License Date	Method
762	Andrew J. Elmer	8/3/2023	RECIPROCITY
763	Samantha Montoya	8/17/2023	RECIPROCITY
609	Ray Myers	9/13/2023	REINSTATEMENT
764	Jill M. Primak	8/19/2023	RECIPROCITY
765	John Perry	8/24/2023	RECIPROCITY
766	Richard R. Williams, Jr.	9/27/2023	EXAM