

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE (BOA)
Minutes of a Special Meeting (conducted by videoconference)
February 12, 2025, 3:34 PM
Ridgeland, Mississippi

Members Present: Charles Barlow, Jr., Larry Bishop, Leigh Jaunsen, Bradford Jones (joined at 3:50 PM), Richard McNeel

Others Present: John Cothron, Eric Hospodor, Andrew Kilpatrick

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

Agenda Item	Explanation	Actions Taken/Planned
1. HB 608/SB 2422 Discussion	Mr. Barlow provided a summary of a meeting with representatives of the engineers he attended with Mr. McNeel and Mr. Cothron, during which several options were discussed to address the BOA's concerns with the definition of the practice of engineering in HB 608/SB 2422. The options included: (1) leaving the definition of the practice of engineering unchanged (i.e., to use the definition in the current law); (2) adding a definition of "engineering design of buildings;" or (3) making no change to the definition in the bills but issuing a declaratory opinion after the legislation is enacted, which would be issued by the Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors (PE Board), to clarify the meaning of "engineering design of buildings." The PE Board members in attendance at the meeting stated that they would discuss these options with the PE Board.	
Mr. Jones joined the meeting.		
		Following discussion, members reiterated their preference for option (1) above, but agreed that another acceptable option would be to amend the definition to read, "engineering design <u>for</u> buildings" (emphasis added), which could be suggested if the above options are rejected. Members also agreed to prepare a letter to legislators expressing the BOA's concerns with the bills for use if the bills continue to advance without change to the definition of the practice of engineering. Mr. Cothron was directed to draft the letter for review by the attorneys and members.
2. Open Discussion	Mr. Cothron provided a brief update on the status of HB 669.	

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 4:37 PM.

4.16.2025
Date Approved

Charles C. Barlow, Jr.
Charles C. Barlow, Jr., President

Richard McNeel
Richard H. McNeel, Secretary/Treasurer

John Cothron
Prepared by John Cothron, Executive Director, on 2/13/2025

NOTE: This meeting was conducted by videoconference at the Board's office in compliance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-5. The equipment used allowed all members of the public body and members of the public who attended the meeting to hear the deliberations. Notice of this meeting was posted on February 11, 2025.