

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE (BOA)
Minutes of a Special Meeting (conducted by videoconference)
February 6, 2025, 3:08 PM
Ridgeland, Mississippi

Members Present: Charles Barlow, Jr., Larry Bishop, Leigh Jaunsen, Bradford Jones

Member Absent: 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. Legislative Update and Discussion	<p>Mr. Barlow reported on a meeting he, Mr. Bishop, and Mr. Cothron attended with the American Institute of Architects Mississippi Chapter (AIA-MS) to discuss HB 608/SB 2422, which, among other things, amends the definition of the practice of engineering to include the "engineering design of buildings." Mr. Cothron noted that the American Council of Engineering Companies of Mississippi (ACEC-MS) had expressed a willingness to meet to discuss the BOA's concerns, which include the lack of a definition of "engineering design of buildings."</p> <p>Members discussed SB 2300, regarding design/build, but took no action on this bill.</p> <p>Mr. Cothron reviewed other pending legislation impacting the Board.</p>	<p>Motion was made by Mr. Bishop and seconded by Ms. Jaunsen to authorize representatives of the BOA to discuss HB 608/SB 2422 with representatives of the engineers and propose that the bill be amended to leave the definition of the practice of engineering unchanged (i.e., to use the definition in the current law) pending the outcome of the work of the Interorganizational Council on Regulation (ICOR) Practice Overlap Task Force. The motion passed 4-0.</p> <p>Members agreed to designate Mr. Barlow and Mr. McNeel to attend the meeting with the engineers, with Mr. Bishop serving as an alternate.</p>
2. Open Discussion	<p>Mr. Cothron provided a brief update on the status of the audit by the Office of the State Auditor.</p>	

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 3:45 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 2/7/2025

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 4, 2025.