MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE (BOA)
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAAC)
INTERIOR DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IDAC)
Minutes of a Joint Meeting
January 22, 2025, 3:35 PM
Ridgeland, Mississippi

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

Jones*, Richard McNeel

IDAC Members Present: Jessica Cecil*, Demmie Dunaway, Timothy Geddie, Beth

Miller*, Paula DeYoung*

LAAC Members Present: Warren (Cory) Gallo, Martha Hill, Alan Hoops, Robert Mercier,

Brantley Snipes

Others Present: John Cothron, Eric Hospodor, Andrew Kilpatrick

(*attended by teleconference)

With a quorum of the BOA, LAAC, and IDAC present, Mr. Bishop called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item	Explanation	Actions Taken/Planned
1. BOA Report	 Mr. Cothron and BOA members reported on activities of the BOA and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB). Highlights included: Recent efforts to improve codes enforcement in the state. Board legislation to amend Miss. Code. Ann. §§ 73-1-19 and 73-2-5. Recent changes to the BOA rules. Ongoing discussion of potential reciprocity requirements changes to allow additional paths to licensure. Outcomes of the 2024 NCARB Annual meeting. NCARB's release of a new Competency Standard and ongoing study of new assessment models. Overlapping practice guidelines being developed by the Interorganizational Council on Regulation (ICOR). Ongoing discussion of funding for the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB). 	
2. LAAC Report	Mr. Cothron and LAAC members reported on activities of the LAAC and the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB). Highlights included: • Pending LAAC rule changes.	

3.	IDAC Report	 LAAC outreach efforts to licensees and students. CLARB's focus on implementing a uniform standard for licensure, addressing practice overlap with other design disciplines, and exploring global opportunities. Potential CLARB Bylaws changes. Mr. Cothron and IDAC members reported on activities of the IDAC and the Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ). Highlights included: A decrease in the number of state certificate holders. Outcomes of the 2024 CIDQ Annual Meeting, including the adoption of new model legislation. CIDQ's continued discussion of proposed governance changes. More states have recently passed laws to regulate interior designers. 32 U.S. jurisdictions now have some form of interior design regulation. IDAC Chair Beth Miller recently completed a term on the CIDQ Board of Directors. Members reviewed the meeting schedule for 2025 	
4.	2025 Meeting Schedule	Members reviewed the meeting schedule for 2025.	
5.	Open Discussion	Mr. Cothron reported that the Office of the State Auditor will be conducting audits of boards and commissions this year. Mr. Bishop read a letter of appreciation for Board staff he received from Roland Samson.	

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 4:53 PM.

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Larry W. Bishop, President

Charles C. Barlow, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer

John Cothron, Executive Director, on 1/27/2025