

MISSISSIPPI LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAAC)
Minutes of a Regular Meeting (conducted by videoconference)
October 11, 2024, 10:07 AM
Ridgeland, Mississippi

Members Present: Warren (Cory) Gallo (joined at 10:17 AM), Martha Hill, Alan Hoops, Robert Mercier

Member Absent: Brantley Snipes

Also Present: Ellie Word, John Cothron

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

Agenda Item	Explanation	Actions Taken/Planned
1. Minutes		Motion was made by Ms. Hill and seconded by Mr. Mercier to approve the minutes from the August 2024 meeting as presented. The motion passed 3-0.
2. Approval of Certificates		Motion was made by Ms. Hill and seconded by Mr. Mercier to approve certificates issued since the August 2024 meeting (attached). The motion passed 3-0.
3. Rulemaking Update	Mr. Cothron reported that the proposed LAAC rules have been filed with the Occupational Licensing Review Commission (OLRC) and should be reviewed at the December OLRC meeting.	
4. Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) Annual Meeting Debriefing	Mr. Hoops and Mr. Cothron provided a report on the 2024 American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)/CLARB Licensure Summit and the CLARB Annual Meeting. It was noted that the next CLARB Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 18-20, in Lexington, KY.	
Mr. Gallo joined the meeting at 10:17 AM, during discussion of agenda item #4.		
5. FY 2026 Budget Request Overview	Mr. Cothron reviewed the Board of Architecture's FY 2026 budget request for information purposes.	
6. December New Licensee Recognition Ceremony	Mr. Cothron reviewed plans for the December 3 ceremony, which will include a panel discussion.	
7. ASLA Twin States Conference		Motion was made by Ms. Hill and seconded by Mr. Gallo to designate two (2) LAAC members and the Executive Director to attend the ASLA Twin States Conference in Gulf Shores, AL on February 23-25, 2025. The motion passed 4-0.

8. Meeting Schedule		<p>Motion was made by Mr. Hoops and seconded by Mr. Gallo to set the following 2025 LAAC meeting dates, subject to adjustment as needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ January 21 ▪ April 2 ▪ August 6 ▪ October 8 <p>The motion passed 4-0.</p>
9. Open Discussion	<p>Ms. Hill announced that the 60th anniversary of the landscape architecture program at Mississippi State University will be celebrated on April 4-5, 2025.</p> <p>Mr. Gallo reported on his attendance at the 2024 ASLA national conference, at which he was elevated to ASLA Fellow.</p>	

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with unanimous consent at 10:58 AM.

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Date Approved by MSBOA



Alan Hoops, Chair, LAAC



Martha Hill, Secretary, LAAC



Prepared by John Cothron, Executive Director, on 10/11/2024

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 September 30, 2024.

Certificates Issued for Approval			
Lic Number	Name	License Date	Method
787	Christopher Ryan Fortner	9/13/2024	RECIPROCITY
698	Grant Murphy	8/7/2024	REINSTATEMENT
785	Allen Pratt	8/13/2024	RECIPROCITY
786	Nicholas Tuttle	8/13/2024	RECIPROCITY