

**Southern Conference of NCARB
Regional Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2024
Chicago, IL**

Members Present:

Alabama

Daniel Bennett
Mike Chapman
Emily Coe
Nolanda Hatcher
Paula Pilgreen
Sted McCollough
Jimmy Seay

Arkansas

H. Craig Boone
Shana Bryant
Doug Hurley

Florida

Gregory Burke
Steve Jernigan
Dylan Rivers
Miguel Rodriguez

Georgia

Melissa Cantrell
Ralph Raymond
Anne Smith
Jakiel Sanders (Guest)

Louisiana

David Brossett
Tyson Ducote
Chris Elberson
Kristine Kobila
Kevin Singh

Mississippi

Larry Bishop
John Cothron
Greg Durrell
Leigh Jaunsen
Richard McNeel

North Carolina

Cora Cole-McFadden
Cathe Evans
Timothy Hillhouse
Cathy Morrison
Jack Nichols
Catherine Lee
Roula Qubain

Walt Teague
Marcus Thomas (Guest)
Walter Sawyer

Puerto Rico

Jorge Calderon

South Carolina

Anthony Lawrence
Wes Lyles
Charles Muldrow
James Stevens
Sanders Tate

Tennessee

Richard Thompson
Brian Tibbs
Frank Wagster

Texas

Lance Brenton
Gabriella Bermea (Guest)
Michael Ebbler, Jr.
Julie Hildebrand
Justin Hiles
Darren James
Rosa Salazar
Joyce Smith

Welcome,

3:05 - Morrison welcomed the At-large Board of Director candidates to the room. Candidates answered questions from the members.

First time annual business meeting attendees were recognized.

Roll Call/Confirm Quorum

All members were present except for the Virgin Islands.

Call to Order, Cathy

With a quorum present confirmed by Lawrence, the meeting was called to order.

Approval Of Minutes

Motion by Cole-McFadden to accept the June 17, 2023, previously approved and now amended meeting minutes, March 1-2, 2023 Regional Summit General Session minutes, and May 22, 2024, BOD minutes was seconded by Hatcher and approved by all.

Regional Business Report

Lawrence reviewed the FY24 end of year fiscal report and briefly reviewed the FY 25 budget as approved by the BOD.

The legal services contract for FY 25 was approved as was the FY 25 contract for the Executive Director.

Cole-McFadden asked that the Board consider a program that includes outreach to K-12 students in the region. The executive committee suggested that this be discussed further at a later date.

Resolution Discussion

Rodriguez reviewed the FY 24 Resolutions.

Resolution 2024-04 NCARB Model Law and Regulations Amendment Exam Eligibility - Concerns included exam security and possible misperceptions about the profession.

Resolution 2024-07 NCARB Bylaws – NCARB Regions – Rodriguez and Morrison addressed concerns and inaccuracies related to letters from Region 1 and Region 6.

4:05 – Morrison welcomed NCARB BOD Visiting Team. Board members, President Baker and President Elect Ken VanTine along with staff members Mike Armstrong, Guillermo Zarate Ortiz, Alison Teitelbaum, Andy McIntyre and Josh Batkin answered members from the members.

Education Committee Report

Durrell reported that the region will plan to have a Leadership Symposium at the Regional Summit in 2025 and solicited for volunteers and topics.

State Reports

Alabama –Emily Coe will be chair of the Board

Florida – Exempted out of the interstate mobility act/licensure, they are updating their rules.

Georgia – Updating rules and laws, they need a public member.

Louisiana – A bill passed that prohibits civil engineers from practicing architecture, a universal licensure bill has passed so they will be monitoring that, they are updating rules and laws. They have employed a licensing advisor.

Mississippi – A bill was filed to allow landscape architects to have up to one third ownership interest in a firm offering architectural services and to remove restrictions on the practice of architecture through a business corporation of a limited liability company. The Board recently approved filing of rule changes to exempt MS residents from the initial application fee; to allow a non-resident architect who is not licensed in Mississippi to serve as a consultant to a Mississippi registered architect if the Mississippi licensed architect serves as the architect of record in responsible charge; to amend the construction administration notification requirements; to amend the rule regarding services during emergencies to comply with the Mississippi architects and engineers Good Samaritan act and to amend the responsible control requirements to clarify the requirements and address the use of outsourced drafting. The last change was suggested by the Secretary of State because of his office his review of their regulations.

The Mississippi board continues to pursue efforts to improve enforcement of building codes in Mississippi representatives from the state fire marshal's office the ICC and the State Building code council attended the January board meeting at which there was discussion of adding qualified architects and engineers to the staff of the state fire marshal.

Richar McNeel has been reappointed to another term.

North Carolina – Rule changes have been made, there was an attempt by the homebuilders to add language allowing engineers to take the ARE based on experience.

Tennessee – Awarded \$400,000 in scholarships related to architecture education, a school voucher program has been passed, and educators are permitted to carry weapons.

Texas – Introduced two new Board members.

A special thanks to Jenny Owen....

Morrison thanked Owen for her years of service and acknowledged that this is her very last meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Lawrence
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved by the Southern Conference of NCARB on September 19, 2024