

**Southern Conference of NCARB
Regional Meeting Minutes
February 28-March 1, 2025
Philadelphia, PA**

Members Present:

Alabama

Emily Coe
Nolanda Hatcher
Paula Pilgreen
Sted McCollough
Jimmy Seay

Arkansas

Craig Boone
Shana Bryant
Doug Hurley

Florida

Stacey Buccieri
Greg Burke
Tim Frizzel
Miguel Rodriguez

Georgia

Melissa Cantrell
Ralph Raymond

Louisiana

David Brossett
Tyson Ducote
Chris Elbersen
Michael Holly
Kevin Singh

Mississippi

Larry Bishop
John Cothron
Greg Durrell
Leigh Jaunsen
Richard McNeel

North Carolina

Cora Cole-McFadden
Cathe Monte Carlo-Evans
Timothy Hillhouse
Cathy Morrison
Jack Nichols
Roula Qubain

Walt Teague

Puerto Rico

Pedro Alfaro
Jorge Calderon

South Carolina

Wes Lyles
Anthony Lawrence
Jim Stevens

Tennessee

Richard Thompson
Brian Tibbs
Frank Wagster

Texas

Lance Brenton
Justin Hiles
Darren James
Eva Read-Warden
Joyce Smith

Welcome, Cathy Morrison

Ms. Morrison welcomed members introduced the current Executive Committee
Miguel Rodriguez, Regional Director
Cathy Morrison, Chair
Greg Durrell, Vice Chair
Anthony Lawrence, Secretary/Treasurer
Tyson Ducote, MBE Director
Cathe Monte Carlo-Evans, Executive Director, staff

Roll Call/Confirm Quorum

All members were present except for the Virgin Islands.

Call to Order, Cathy

With a quorum present the meeting was called to order.

Approval of Minutes, Anthony

Motion:

To accept the meeting minutes from January 13, 2025

Cole-McFadden/Burke/U

Treasurer's Report, Anthony

FY24 Year-End Report

Balance sheet

- Other current assets of \$1200 are funds that were collected online for the regional dinner. There is a glitch in QB that won't allow transfer of the funds to the line-item account, however the funds are in our bank account and are properly accounted for. I am working on a fix with our QB rep.

Budget v. Actual

- Line item 21 – Accounting/Audit this shows as \$2000 to accommodate an audit every other year at approximately \$4000. As such, there will be \$2000 on the budget every year.
- Credit card fees are up because more people use online payments.

Profit and Loss

- Everything is on target.

Discussion of Resolutions

Members reviewed and discussed resolutions. As there was a presentation on the resolutions at the Opening Plenary, Mr. Rodriguez asked if there were any questions. There being none, the discussion was closed.

State Reports of Hot Topics, Greg Durrell

Alabama – See report in meeting packet

Arkansas – Planning an outreach program to universities and colleges. They met with architecture and interior design students

Florida – AIA FL recently had their Legislative Day. The board is down three architect members. There is talk of abolishing building departments, while some find it a positive move, it is unrealistic.

Georgia – AIA GA Grassroots day is coming up. They are looking to update the rules and regulations.

Louisiana – See report in meeting packet.

Mississippi– See report in meeting packet

North Carolina – Published guidelines on design/build and the board is working with AIA NC to design a CE program based on the guidelines. SB 488 has made negative impacts on HSW – there are no longer seats for architects on the Building Code Council. Still no building code update, after seven years.

Puerto Rico – Proposed law that seeks to change various rules and regulations for their Board that will have a huge impact on practice and HSW.

South Carolina – Possibly adding interior design legislation.

Tennessee – Allocated money to be split among the design profession programs at TN universities and colleges for research.

Texas – Legislature is in session, there are some pending bills that may impact budgeting. They are planning outreach to universities and colleges.

MBE Report, Tyson Ducote

Mr. Ducote reported on the MBE Workshop activities. The MBEs had an open forum to discuss various topics of interest. There was a presentation on the Pathways to Practice as well as a session that introduced NCARB staff members and described their functions.

Regional Officer Elections

Those who announced their candidacy prior to the meeting were:

Cathy Morrison, Regional Director

Greg Durrell, Chair

Anthony Lawerence, Vice Chair

Pedro Alfaro, Vice Chair

Roula Qubain, Secretary/Treasurer

Darren James, Secretary/Treasurer

After opening the floor for additional nominations and hearing none, the candidates were given three minutes to speak about their candidacy. Ms. Monte Carlo-Evans passed out ballots to the voting delegates, collected them and with Mr. Ducote counted the ballots. The results of the FY 26 Executive Committee election are as follows:

Cathy Morrison, Regional Director

Greg Durrell, Chair

Pedro Alfaro, Vice Chair

Darren James, Secretary/Treasurer

Lance Brenton, Member Board Executive to the Board of Directors, with an uncontested race, the Region 3 MBEs in attendance, of which there was a quorum, elected Mr. Brenton by acclamation.

Regional Director's Report

Mr. Rodriguez reported that the NCARB BOD took a deeper dive related to the Pathways to Practice. The BOD reviewed the resolutions pending for FY25. They have done a preliminary budget review but will approve it at the FY 26 BOD meeting in June 2025. Mr. Rodriguez expressed his gratitude for the Region's support.

Chair's Report

Ms. Morrison presented a Distinguished Service award to Kevin Singh for his service as one of the first At-Large members of the NCARB BOD.

The meeting recessed until March 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Leadership Symposium

Leading the symposium is Dr. Patrice Buckner Jackson, an educator of almost 25 years and an Executive Coach for more than 10 years. She holds a doctoral degree in Education Administration, served in executive leadership at colleges and universities, and facilitates leadership training as a faculty member for the Center for Creative Leadership. Dr. Jackson worked in higher education at many levels, from student assistant to President's Cabinet and is the recipient of several professional awards and accolades. She is the author of Disrupting Burnout: The Professional Woman's Lifeline to Finding Purpose. The Symposium focuses on Disrupting Burnout and the Roles of a Leader.

NCARB Presentations and Visits

Throughout the meeting the following workshops were presented to the region:

MRA Overview Mobile Workshop

RAMP Training

NCARB Visiting Team

NCARB Candidate Visit

Pathways to Practice Focus Group

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Lawrence

Secretary/Treasurer

Approved on April 1, 2025