

**Southern Conference of NCARB  
Regional Meeting Minutes  
June 20, 2025  
3:00 p.m. MST  
Scottsdale, AZ**

**Members Present:**

Alabama

Mike Chapman  
Emily Coe  
Nolanda Hatcher  
Paula McCaleb Pilgreen  
Sted McCollugh  
Jimmy Seay, Jr.

Arkansas

Harold Boone  
Shana Bryant  
Doug Hurley

Florida

Stacey Buccieri  
Gregory Burke  
Beverly Frank  
Steve Jernigan  
Miguel Rodriguez

Georgia

Carole Pacheco  
Ralph Raymond

Louisiana

David Brossett  
Tyson Ducote  
Christian Elbersen  
Michael Holly  
Jason Zuckerman

Mississippi

Charles Barlow  
Larry Bishop  
John Cothran  
Greg Durrell  
Leigh Jaunsen  
Bradford Jones  
Richard McNeel

North Carolina

Cora Cold-McFadden  
Timothy Hillhouse  
Dia Holman  
Cathe Monte Carlo  
Cathy Morrison  
Walter Sawyer  
Walt Teague

Puerto Rico

Pedro Alfaro  
Jorge Calderon

South Carolina

Michael Allen  
William Lyles  
Sanders Tate

Tennessee

Glenn Kopchak  
Richard Thompson  
Brian Tibbs  
Frank Wagster

Texas

Lance Brenton  
Michael Ebbeler, Jr.  
Justin Hiles  
Rosa Salazar  
Joyce Smith  
Alfred Vidaurri, Jr.

Virgin Islands

Nathalie Hodge  
John Woods

### Roll Call/Confirm Quorum

With a quorum present, confirmed by Durrell, the meeting was called to order by Morrison. New member board members were invited to introduce themselves and a farewell was made for those departing.

### Approval Of Minutes

April 23, 2025 – ExComm & BOD

Motion by Rick Thompson seconded by Cora Cole-McFadden and approved by all.

### Regional Business Report

Durrell reviewed the FY25 end of year fiscal report and briefly reviewed the FY 26 budget as approved by the BOD.

### Resolution Discussion

A brief discussion of the FY 25 Resolutions was conducted. The general consensus was that there were no controversial or concerning resolutions.

### Educator Committee

Durrell discussed the Educator Conference. Monte Carlo will send out information in the next few weeks requesting volunteers and suggestions for location and topics.

### Region 3 Incorporation Issue Discussion

A report was sent to all members regarding issues related to contradictory language in the articles of incorporation and the by-laws. A proposal has been made by the Executive Committee to resolve the language issues and proceed with unincorporating SCNCARB in the state of Alabama. All the information and proposed language changes were set forth in the report. Brossett expressed concern that *“we were informed Region 3 has no D & O insurance coverage currently and did not have this included in the approved budget as presented.”* The discussion led to a motion made by Brossett to amend the FY 26 budget to add D&O insurance to be paid from reserves and not to exceed \$20k. The motion was not seconded and therefore did not move forward.

The Board of Directors will meet within 30 days to further discuss the issues. Monte Carlo will send out calendar invitations to all chairs and the ExComm and is gathering quotes for D&O insurance.

### State Reports

State reports were gathered prior to the meeting. Those who had updates provided the following report.

Board Name	Alabama Board for Registration of Architects
Architect Board Members	Emily Coe, Chair; Sted McCollough, Vice-Chair; Michael Chapman, Nolanda Hatcher; Dan Bennett; Jimmy Seay.
MBE’s Name	Paula Pilgreen
Professions Regulated	Architects
No. of Active Architect Licensees/Registrants	Architects: 3,253 COA’s: 999
Legislative Update	A third attempt was made in the 2025 Legislative Session to consolidate Boards in Alabama. The Board of Architects secured an exemption from consolidation in the 2024 Legislative Session (based on the distinction of being a professional board rather than an occupational board). The language presented for consolidation this year was much improved but still found no appetite for consolidation in either chamber.

State Update	<p>Disciplinary Guidelines Adopted (April 2025)</p> <p>Historical Document for BOA Created (May 2025)</p> <p>Board Chair submitted AXP Recommendations to NCARB (May 2025)</p> <p>Full Time Investigator/Public Relations Coordinator Hired (June 2025)</p>
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Board Name	Mississippi State Board of Architecture
Architect Board Members	<p>Charles C. Barlow, Jr., President</p> <p>Richard H. McNeel, Secretary/Treasurer</p> <p>Larry W. Bishop</p> <p>Leigh Jaunsen</p> <p>Bradford A. Jones</p>
MBE's Name	John Cothron
Professions Regulated	Architects, Landscape Architects (through an advisory committee), Certified Interior Designers (through an advisory committee)
No. of Active Architect Licensees/Registrants	<p>In-State: 363</p> <p>Out-of-state (reciprocal): 1,504</p>
Legislative Issues	<p>The following bills failed during this year's legislative session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HB 669 would have amended our law to allow landscape architects to have up to 1/3 ownership interest in a firm offering architectural services and to remove restrictions on the practice of architecture through a business corporation or LLC. This bill passed in the House but died in committee in the Senate.</li> <li>• HB 924 would have authorized a committee of the Legislature to establish a program of reviewing selected newly adopted state agency rules for conformity with the intent of the law. This bill passed but was vetoed by the Governor.</li> <li>• HB 1166 would have placed review of construction documents for high-rise buildings (not less than 75 feet in height) under the jurisdiction of the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO). This legislation was the result of a meeting last year with representatives from the SFMO, the ICC, and the State Building Code Council to discuss improvement of codes enforcement in the state. Unfortunately, the bill died in the House.</li> <li>• HB 608, as introduced, would have made extensive changes to the Engineers &amp; Surveyors law, including amending the definition of the "practice of engineering" to include "the engineering design of buildings" (which is taken from the NCEES Model Law). The bill was amended to remove the changes to the "practice of engineering" definition but then died in conference committee.</li> <li>• SB 2275 would have created a State Task Force for Agency Reorganization to study the organizational structure of the executive branch and submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by October 1, 2026. This bill passed in the Senate but died in committee in the House.</li> </ul> <p>The following bill passed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SB 2300 amended the public purchasing law regarding design/build to remove restrictions on use of design/build and to remove the requirement that at least one of the people on the evaluation committee be an architect or engineer.</li> </ul>

Other Issues	The Office of the State Auditor is conducting a performance audit of all small agencies of state government, including the Board of Architecture. We are currently waiting on the results of this audit.
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The Tennessee Board of Examiners for Architects and Engineers awarded grants totaling \$400,000 to 19 programs at 13 Tennessee universities in 2025. The Board passed a retrospective rule review which is essentially an administrative review of all rules and subsequent cleanup, and Rob Barrick retired and rolled off the Board

South Carolina

5047 architects

1845 firms

No legislative action was taken this year, but the Board anticipates Interior Design legislation being introduced in 2026.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Lawrence  
Secretary/Treasurer FY 25

Approved by the Southern Conference of NCARB on March 20, 2026