

**Southern Conference of NCARB
Regional Meeting Minutes
March 20-21, 2026
Oklahoma City, OK**

Members Present:

Alabama

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

Arkansas

Craig Boone
Doug Hurley

Florida

Beverly Frank
Steve Jernigan
Miguel Rodriguez

Georgia

Melissa Cantrell

Ralph Raymond

Louisiana

David Brossett
Tyson Ducote
Kristine Kobila Johnstone
Kevin Singh

Mississippi

Larry Bishop
John Cothran
Leigh Jaunsen
Richard McNeel

North Carolina

Eric Lindstrom
Tim Hillhouse
Dia Holman
Cathe Monte Carlo
Cathy Morrison

Ilesha Patel
Walt Teague

Puerto Rico

Pedro Alfaro
Jorge Calderon

South Carolina

Wes Lyles

Tennessee

Rick Thompson
Brian Tibbs
Frank Wagster

Texas

Lance Brenton
Justin Hiles
Rosa Salazar
Joyce Smith

Roll Call/Confirm Quorum

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Florida
- Georgia
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- North Carolina
- Puerto Rico
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas

Call to Order, Durrell

With a quorum present the meeting was called to order at 1:19 p.m.

Welcome, Durrell

Mr. Durrell welcomed members introduced the current Executive Committee
Cathy Morrison, Regional Director
Greg Durrell, Chair
Pedro Alfaro, Vice Chair
Darren James, Secretary/Treasurer
Lance Brenton, MBE Director
Cathe Monte Carlo Executive Director, staff

Approval of Minutes, Darren

Motion by Thompspon, seconded by Teague, approved by all, to accept the minutes of the June 20, 2025 Annual Meeting and January 14, 2026 Regional Call/Pre NCARB BOD Meeting.

Treasurer's Report, Darren

FY25 Year-End Report as included in the Regional Summit Binder

Motion Kobilas, seconded by Hillhouse, approved by all to accept the FY 25 Financial Report

Discussion of Resolutions, Cathy Morrison

Resolution 2026-A Mutual Recognition agreement with the ARB

Resolution 2026-B Amendment and Restatement of Policies Passed by Membership

Resolution 2026-C Certification Guidelines Amendment – Ensuring Access to NCARB Certification for Architects Licensed Under Legacy Examination Methods

State Reports on Hot Topics, Pedro Alfaro

- Alabama No new business
- Arkansas No new business
- Florida – No new business
- Georgia No new business
- Louisiana Report in binder
- Mississippi Report in binder
- North Carolina - NC is meeting with AIA-NC to discuss Pathways To Practice and misconceptions surrounding the initiative.
- Puerto Rico – No new business
- South Carolina – Dealing with Interior Design legislation
- Tennessee – Continues to donate funds to architecture schools, currently reviewing by laws, updating consumer guide.
- Texas – Strategic planning to include issues with military licensing.

MBE Report, Lance Brenton.

The MBE Workshop was held on March 19, 2026. The theme was “Surviving Regulation”. There were discussions related to seal fraud/enforcement, Pathways to Practice, cultivating leadership as an MBE.

Regional Officer Elections

Those who announced their candidacy prior to the meeting were:

Cathy Morrison, Regional Director

Greg Durrell, Chair

Pedro Alfaro, Vice Chair

Darren James, Vice Chair

Walt Teague, Secretary/Treasurer

Lance Brenton, MBE Director

After opening the floor for additional nominations and hearing none, the candidates were given three minutes to speak about their candidacy. Ms. Monte Carlo passed out ballots to the voting delegates, collected them and with Mr. Brenton counted the ballots. The results of the FY 27 Executive Committee election are as follows:

Cathy Morrison, Regional Director

Greg Durrell, Chair

Darren James, Vice Chair

Walt Teague, Secretary/Treasurer

Lance Brenton, MBE Director

Regional Director's Report

Chair's Report

Durrell reported that the ExComm is working on an on-boarding document for the regional officers. This will assist new members in learning regional bylaws, processes, and administrative functions. They will also review the Policy Manual to ensure that it is up to date.

The Board of Directors (Chairs of each board) will meet at 10:15 a.m.

The meeting was recessed until March 21, 2026, at 1:15 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened on March 21, 2026 at

NCARB Presentations and Visits

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

Board Best Practices

Understanding Reciprocity

Responsible Control

Visiting Team

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darren James

Secretary/Treasurer

Approved on April 8, 2026