

**MINUTES OF THE
LOUISIANA ARCHITECTS SELECTION BOARD
July 15, 2020**

A meeting of the Louisiana Architects Selection Board (LASB) was held via Zoom Teleconference on July 15, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Mr. Michael Hunley, Chairman. Those members present were: Ms. Lisa Smeltzer, Mr. Michael Hunley, Mr. Benjamin Bradford, Mr. Brent Baumbach and Mr. David Abrams. Those members absent were: Ms. Jill Maumus. Mr. Fred Dugas was present as proxy for Mr. Mark Moses. Also present as Legal Counsel was Ms. Candice Rodgers Hillman, Attorney General’s Office.

The first item of business was the adoption of the May 20, 2020 minutes. Ms. Smeltzer moved to adopt the minutes, and Mr. Baumbach seconded the motion. With no opposition, the May 20, 2020 minutes were adopted.

The next item of business was to ask for any new business. Ms. Smeltzer advised that the agency for Item #1, Replacement of John S. Kyser Hall, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana, requested in-person interviews. The interview process is scheduled for July 30. The Louisiana Purchase room has been reserved; it seats 250 people and will accommodate social distancing issues. All attendees will be required to go through a temperature check and wear a mask throughout the day. She stated that five board members are available; this is a quorum, but three of the five members are State employees. The interview date could be postponed but only by two weeks. Mr. Hunley stated that this was acceptable. Ms. Kroll stated that two other board members are available for a virtual meeting. She further discussed the possibility of a dual meeting, i.e. both virtual and physical. Ms. Rodgers Hillman advised there is no legal issue with a virtual and physical meeting. Mr. Hunley advised Ms. Kroll to research the feasibility of a dual meeting. Regardless, the in-person interviews will be held on July 30.

The next item of business was to ask for any public comments. There was none.

The next item of business was the selection of designers.

Item #1: Replacement of John S. Kyser Hall, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana; Project No. 19-631-19-01, F.19002312; Jennifer Kelly gave a brief scope of the project; votes were recorded as follows:

Project # 1 Firm	Nomination Ballot								Total
	Dugas	Smeltzer	Hunley	Baumbach	Maumus	Bradford	Abrams	User	
I – Ashe Broussard Weinzettle Architects Tipton, Associates, AJV	2	2	3		Absent	1		3	11
D – ACSW Architects Perkins & Will, AJV	1	1	2	2		2		2	10
A – Sutton Beebe Babin Architects & RHH Architects, AJV	3	3	1	3		3		1	14
F – Mathes Brierre Architects & George W. Minturn, Architect, AJV				1					1
J – iArchitecture, LLC							3		3
E – Mike McSwain Architect & EJES Incorporated, AJV							2		2
C – Prevot Design Services, APAC							1		1

Firms to be Considered for Interview Process (First 5 Firms with a Majority of Yes Votes)

Project # 1 Firm	Roll Call Voting for Interview								Total
	Dugas	Smeltzer	Hunley	Baumbach	Maumus	Bradford	Abrams	User	
A – Sutton Beebe Babin Architects & RHH Architects, AJV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Absent	Y	Y	Y	7
I – Ashe Broussard Weinzettle Architects Tipton, Associates, AJV	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	7
D – ACSW Architects Perkins & Will, AJV	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	7
J – iArchitecture, LLC	N	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	N	4
E – Mike McSwain Architect & EJES Incorporated, AJV	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	7
C – Prevot Design Services, APAC									
F – Mathes Brierre Architects & George W. Minturn, Architect, AJV									

Firms A, I, D, J and E will be invited to the interview process.

Item #2: Renovations, Northwest Louisiana State Office Building, Monroe, Louisiana; Project No. 01-107-20B-OFC, F.01004080, F.01004081; William Wilson gave a brief scope of the project; votes were recorded as follows:

Project # 2 Firm	Nomination Ballot								Total
	Dugas	Smeltzer	Hunley	Baumbach	Maumus	Bradford	Abrams	User	
A – Michael L. Walpole, Architect, LLC	3	3	3	3	Absent	3		3	18
C – Timothy M. Brandon, Architect, APC	1	1	2	2		1		2	9
H – Bledsoe Architects, LLC	2	2	1				1	1	7
B – Architecture Associates, APC				1		2			3
J – iArchitecture, LLC							3		3
I – Vintage Design Group, LLC							2		2

The Firm of Michael L. Walpole, Architect, LLC was selected by majority of first place votes.

Item #3: Deckhand Training Facility, Delgado Community College, New Orleans, Louisiana; Project No. DCC.2021; Anthony Brown gave a brief scope of the project; votes were recorded as follows:

Project # 3 Firm	Nomination Ballot								Total
	Dugas	Smeltzer	Hunley	Baumbach	Maumus	Bradford	Abrams	User	
F – Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects	3	3		3	Absent	3	3	3	18
I – Holly & Smith Architects, APAC				2			1	2	5
E – John C. Williams Architects, LLC	1	1	1			1	2	1	7
J – One to One Design	2	2	2	1					7
P – NANO LLC			3			2			5

The Firm of Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects was selected by majority of first place votes.

Item #4: Reroof, Associated Waterproofing and Related Equipment, Main Building, L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College, Thibodaux, Louisiana; Project No. 01-107-06B-11, F.01003966 and 01-107-18-02, F.01004079; Anthony Brown gave a brief scope of the project; votes were recorded as follows:

Project # 4 Firm	Nomination Ballot								Total
	Dugas	Smeltzer	Hunley	Baumbach	Maumus	Bradford	Abrams	User	
I – Weimer Gros Flores, LLC			3		Absent	1		3	7
O – Duplantis Design Group, PC			1				3	2	6
J – Cheramie + Bruce Architects, APC	2	2	2	2		3	1	1	13
K – Houston J. Lirette, Jr., APAC	3	3					2		8
F – Craig C. Hebert	1	1		1		2			5
C – Murray Architects, Inc.				3					3

Final Ballot between Firm J and Firm K

Project # 6 Firm	Final Ballot								Total
	Dugas	Smeltzer	Hunley	Baumbach	Maumus	Bradford	Abrams	User	
J – Cheramie + Bruce Architects, APC				X	Absent	X	X	X	4
K – Houston J. Lirette, Jr., APAC	X	X	X						3

The Firm of Cheramie + Bruce Architects, APC was selected by majority vote.

There being no further business, Mr. Abrams moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Bradford. There being no opposition, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.