



To: Downtown Memphis Commission (DMC) Board of Directors
 From: DMC Staff
 Date: November 17, 2022
 RE: Recommendation for new DRB Chair and DRB Appointments

Background:

The Design Review Board (DRB) consists of seven (7) regular members appointed by the Board of Directors of the Downtown Memphis Commission (DMC). Per the DRB bylaws, the seven (7) voting members shall include at least two (2) architects, one (1) landscape architect, urban planner, or related design professional, one (1) member of the Downtown Memphis Commission Board of Directors, one (1) Downtown resident, and one (1) Downtown business representative. Each individual voting member of the DRB may simultaneously satisfy up to two (2) of the required categories at any one time.

Per the bylaws, the DMC may also appoint an Alternate to serve on the DRB. The Alternate functions as a regular DRB member in all aspects apart from voting. The Alternate becomes a voting member, and will be counted toward the required quorum, when either a voting member is absent from the meeting or is recused from a particular item. DRB members are appointed to 3-year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. Non-voting representatives of the Memphis & Shelby County Division of Planning & Development (DPD) and the Memphis Landmarks Commission (MLC) are also invited to attend DRB meetings to serve in an advisory capacity.

Per the DRB Bylaws, the DMC Board selects the DRB Chair and appoints all other members of the DRB, including a DMC Board member to serve as its representative.

Current DRB Membership:

Member	Position	Service End Date
Joyce S. Love, Chair	Architect	<i>Term Now Expired</i>
Roderick DeBerry	Downtown resident	<i>Term Now Expired</i>
Mike Hammond	Landscape architect/urban designer	March 30, 2026
Colin McDoniel	Architect	<i>Term Now Expired</i>
Michelle Ye	Landscape architect/downtown resident	March 30, 2026
Deni Reilly, DMC Board	Downtown resident/business representative	December 31, 2022
Sheila Urevbu	Downtown resident/business representative	August 26, 2027
Mario Walker	Alternate	August 26, 2027
Brett Ragsdale	Non-Voting DPD Representative	N/A

Today's Request:

Beginning on December 31, 2022, the DRB will have five vacant positions, including the current DRB Chair and the DMC Board representative. Staff requests that the DMC Board take the following actions today:

1. Appoint current DRB member Michelle Ye as the new DRB Chair. The current Chair is term limited and due to roll off of the board. Ms. Ye is a valued board member, licensed landscape architect, and a downtown resident.
2. Appoint Victoria Young as the next DMC Board representative on the DRB. The current representative, Deni Reilly, is nearing the end of her Board term.
3. Designate Mario Walker, a current DRB Member serving in the Alternate position, as a regular member of the DRB.
4. Appoint Ms. Sophorn Olsen, Mr. Aaron Campbell, and Mr. Michael Winter as new DRB members to replace Ms. Love, Mr. DeBerry, and Mr. McDoniel.
5. Appoint Ms. Blair Perry, owner of Soul & Spirits Brewery, to fill the Downtown Business Owner position on the DRB. This position is now vacant due to the resignation of Ms. Urevbu.

Staff suggests making these changes effective on January 1, 2023. Resumes for each nominee are attached to this memo. With the appointment of these new members, the overall diversity profile of the DRB will be 75% MWBE, 62% MBE, and 50% WBE.

Recommended DRB Membership (new members in bold)

Member	Position	Service End Date
Michelle Ye, Chair	Landscape Architect/Downtown Resident	March 30, 2026
Mike Hammond	Landscape Architect/Urban Designer	March 30, 2026
Blair Perry	Downtown Business Representative	December 31, 2028
Mario Walker	Architect	August 26, 2027
Victoria Young, DMC	Downtown Resident/DMC Representative	December 31, 2025
Aaron Campbell	Architect	December 31, 2028
Sophorn K. Olsen	Architect	December 31, 2028
Michael Winter	Alternate	December 31, 2028
Brett Ragsdale	Non-Voting DPD Representative	N/A

Principal, Landscape Architect, Planner



Michelle Ye is a principal and landscape architect at DT design studio. Her interests in planning, art, and horticulture are integrated into her career in landscape architecture. From large-scale master planning to detailed design, she is committed to high-quality work that delights clients, serves the community, and is sensitive to the context of the site. Her professional experience includes master planning and design of senior living campuses, mixed-use developments, urban and natural parks, and public spaces.

Employment

- 2016 - Present: Dalhoff Thomas design studio, Memphis, TN, Principal, Landscape Architect, Planner
- 2016: North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, Design+Build Research Assistant
- 2015: Charlotte City Center Partners, Charlotte, NC, Planning & Development Intern
- 2015: Hillsborough Street Community Service Corporation, Raleigh, NC, Transportation Intern

Affiliations

- American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), Member, TN Chapter Executive Committee
- Urban Land Institute (ULI), Associate Member, Memphis Young Leaders Group Steering Committee
- Downtown Memphis Commission, Design Review Board Member

Active Landscape Architect Registrations

- Tennessee: #1140
- Mississippi: #708
- North Carolina: #2181
- Georgia: #1897
- Missouri: PLA-2020039098
- Arkansas: #10291

Education

- 2020: ULI Real Estate Diversity Initiative Program, Graduate
- 2011-2016: North Carolina State University, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Minors in Horticulture and Mathematics, Summa Cum Laude

Experience

- The Edge District Ravine, Memphis, TN
- White Station HS Community Court, Memphis, TN
- Accelerate Memphis: Gaisman Park and Community Center, Memphis, TN
- Clark Tower Site Master Plan, Memphis, TN
- Heights CDC Intersection Improvements, Memphis, TN
- Link Broad Avenue, Memphis, TN
- Memphis 3.0 Raleigh Crosswalk Improvements and Raleigh Town Center Streetscape, Memphis, TN
- Memphis 3.0 Urban Design and Public Art Consultant, Memphis, TN
- Parkside Planned Development, Memphis, TN
- Treadwell Elementary Nature Playground, Memphis, TN
- Providence Place, Arlington, TN
- Bartlett High School Renovation, Bartlett, TN
- Union Depot Planned Development, Bartlett, TN
- Farms at Bailey Station Senior Living, Collierville, TN
- Storypoint Senior Living, Collierville, TN
- The Grove at Germantown Performing Arts Center, Germantown, TN
- Big Creek Resilience, Millington, TN
- Mebane-Nuckolls Historic Home Site, Rossville, TN
- Form-Based Code, Wilson, AR
- Wealth Hospitality Mixed-Use, Olive Branch, MS
- The Vista, Starkville, MS
- Charlotte Rail Trail Public Art Master Plan, Charlotte, NC
- Uptown Outdoor Cafe Study, Charlotte, NC
- Public Space Plan, Charlotte, NC
- Mars Hill University Campus Center, Mars Hill, NC
- NC State Design + Build Owen's Refuge, Raleigh, NC
- NC Museum of Art Stormwater Pond Management Plan, Raleigh, NC

AARON CAMPBELL

AARON PATRICK ARCHITECTS | PRINCIPAL



Aaron Campbell, a native Memphian, is a Designer and Principal of Aaron Patrick Architects, a MBE Certified Architectural Firm. He holds a B.A. and Master of Architecture degree from the University of Memphis as well as NCARB and AIA accreditations. As a Designer, Aaron Campbell has had a role in local projects ranging from Shelby County Schools to the Nationally Recognized Bass Pro at the Pyramid. Aaron Campbell formed Aaron Patrick Architects in 2017 after seeing a need for a more diverse group of minority Architects in the profession. Since forming AP Architects, Aaron has been project lead over multimillion dollar projects including the Liberty Bowl Locker Room Renovation as well as the Cook Convention Center Overhaul.

Aaron Campbell is committed to his clients in all aspects of the design process ranging from client meetings, programming, conceptual design, scheduling, construction administration and all regulatory agency proceedings governing the permitting and approval of a project. Aaron is dedicated to providing a professional and enjoyable experience for every client in a manner that goes beyond the standard care of an architect. His goal is to engage in architecture that blends the beauty of the old with the technology of the new to best serve clients' needs.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Architecture
University of Memphis

Master of Architecture
University of Memphis

REGISTRATIONS

Licensed Professional Architect:
TN,MS

AFFILIATIONS

American Institute of Architects

National Council of Architectural
Registration Boards

President of Local Chapter of
NOMA (National Organization of
Minority Architects)

RELEVANT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Cato Johnson YMCA

Memphis, Tennessee
New Construction & Renovation
New two story exercise and recreational facility. Major renovation to existing child care facility.

- Design
- Project Management

Memphis Fire Station #5

Memphis, Tennessee
New Construction
New two level Downtown Victorian Style Fire Station located at Adams and High Street.

- Design and Construction Documentation
- Construction Administration

Metropolitan Cardiology Clinic

Memphis, Tennessee
Adaptive Reuse
New 11,000 Sq ft ASC Surgery Center And Cardiology Clinic

- Design and Construction Documentation
- Construction Administration

Shelby County Code Enforcement

Memphis, Tennessee
Renovation
Full Renovation of the Current Code Enforcement Building on Mullins Station. Redesigned for more modern and efficient layout

- Design and Construction Documentation
- Program Management

Magnolia Elementary School Renovation

Memphis, Tennessee
Renovation

Currently Under Design for COSLA Charter School

- Design and Construction Documentation
- Program Management

Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium

Memphis, Tennessee
Additions & Renovations
Home to the University of Memphis Tigers, this is a Landmark to the city and is the center point of the Fairgrounds. Project included Renovated Suites, Press Boxes, Premium Seating in the Bowl and Home Locker Room.

- Design and Construction Documentation
- Program Management

Cook Convention Center

Memphis, Tennessee
Renovation
• Construction Quality Control
• Budget reconciliation
• Documentation and regulatory review

Memphis Zoo Splash Park Event Space

Memphis, Tennessee
Renovation
The City of Memphis worked in conjunction with the Zoo on this adaptive reuse project to create an event space that opened up into the future splash park

- Exterior Improvements
- Interior design
- Design and Construction Documentation
- Construction Administration

Accelerate Memphis

Memphis, Tennessee
Project Oversight and Management



ARCHITECT

Sophorn Kuoy Olsen

AIA, LEED AP | LRK ASSOCIATE

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Institute of Architects (AIA) Member

American Institute of Architects, Memphis Chapter

- Associates Director, 2011
- Emerging Professionals Leadership Program, 2017

American Institute of Architects (AIATN) State Chapter

- Conference Committee, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016 - 2018, 2022

LEED Accredited Professional

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Architecture and Interior Architecture, Auburn University

Auburn Rural Studio, Design-Build

LICENSES/REGISTRATIONS

Architect - Tennessee

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

WUNDher - Event Committee, 2020, 2022

Sophorn Olsen is a licensed architect and associate at LRK with over 18 years of design experience, focusing on commercial, office, and retail design.

She has worked on transformative projects in Memphis as an architect, interior designer, and environmental graphic designer, and her design approach always considers cultural context and environmental and social impact.

KEY PROJECTS

Downtown Mobility Center
Downtown Memphis, TN

Renasant Bank Headquarters
Memphis, TN

Orion Federal Credit Union
Headquarters
Edge District, Memphis, TN

Renasant Convention Center
Downtown Memphis, TN

Crosstown Concourse Curb Market
Memphis, TN

FedExFamilyHouse, Phase II
(LEED NC v2009: Gold)
Downtown Memphis, TN

Terminix Headquarters
Downtown Memphis, TN

ServiceMaster Corpportate
Headquarters
Downtown Memphis, TN

FedExForum Environmental Graphics
Downtown Memphis, TN

Mid-South Regional Greenprint
& Sustainability Plan
Memphis, TN



Michael W. Winter

AIA, NCARB

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Memphis, TN 38119

Mr. Brett Roler

Downtown Memphis Commission

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Memphis, TN 38103

Re: Design Review Board Position

Dear Mr. Roler -

I am writing to offer my professional expertise and experience to the Downtown Memphis Commission through service on the Design Review Board. As a licensed Architect and passionate Memphian, I believe my experience would support the DMC with reviewing the design and appropriateness of buildings, signs, and other improvements within the CBID.

Through my work at Fleming Architects, I have extensive architectural experience in Memphis and Shelby County. I also have significant experience with submitting projects to the DMB, Land Use Control Board, Landmarks Commission, suburban Design Review Commissions, and other similar oversight bodies. This experience, combined with my design and construction experience, allows me to interpret complex design drawings, understand the design and construction processes, and relate to potential applicants. I believe these traits make me an ideal candidate for the DMC's Design Review Board.

I have included a copy of my resume which outlines my professional education, experience, and affiliations. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Winter, AIA, NCARB



Profile	Registered architect (TN) and project manager responsible for the design and management of a diverse range of building types including commercial, educational, civic, and multi-family projects.
Education	Bachelor of Architecture, 2010 Mississippi State University; Starkville, MS
Experience	<p>Vice President/Principal, Fleming Architects <i>2020-Present</i></p> <p>Direct oversight of multiple projects and teams leading design, quality control, and client relationships. Oversees firm management and development and implementation of the firm's values and long-range plans. Responsible for business development and positions the firm for growth and profitability.</p> <p>Architect/Project Manager, Fleming Architects <i>2015-2020</i></p> <p>Full range of architectural and project management services including project design and documentation, project financial performance, team communication, client relationship, and construction administration of the firm's largest and most complex projects. Direct employees and consultants at all levels to ensure successful project delivery. Assist in business development and serve as a firm leader on planning team.</p> <p>Intern Architect, Fleming Architects <i>2010-2014</i></p> <p>Participated in all phases of design including programming, schematic design, construction documents, and construction administration. Coordinated with engineers and consultants while managing client relationships. Produced 3D still and video renderings.</p>
Professional	<p>Leadership Memphis - Class of 2022</p> <p>Executive Program focused on increasing Memphis knowledge, collaborating effectively, and leveraging assets.</p> <p>President, AIA Memphis – 2019</p> <p>Served the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects, overseeing services and programming for 300+ members, leading Board of Directors, and managed day to day and financial operations with 2 staff members.</p> <p>Board Member, AIA Memphis – 2014-2021</p> <p>Served previously as Emerging Professionals Director, Board Member, Treasurer, and Past President.</p> <p>Board Member, AIA Tennessee – 2016, 2019-2021</p> <p>Served the state AIA chapter as Associate Director (2016) and Director (2019-2021)</p> <p>New Memphis Institute Embark Leadership Program - 2015</p> <p>AIA Memphis Emerging Professionals Leadership Program - 2013-2014</p>
Recognition	<p>Top 40 Under 40 - 2021, <i>Memphis Business Journal</i></p> <p>AIA Tennessee Presidential Award of Excellence - 2021</p>

Blair Perry

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PROFILE

Spent the past 4 years, building a start-up small business, Soul & Spirits from the ground up in Uptown, Memphis with my partner. We just celebrated our 1 year anniversary in October; 9 of our beers have already won medals, including TN Brewery of the Year 2022 at the professional brewing competition Championship of Beers; and besides growth into Shelby county, have expanded our distribution into the entire state of Arkansas.

EXPERIENCE

CEO/CO-FOUNDER, SOUL & SPIRITS BREWERY; MEMPHIS, TN – 2019-PRESENT

I wear many hats for this job: federal/state/local paperwork, taproom manager, human resources, accounting, creative writing for beer and music descriptions for website, scheduling, inventory, ordering, day to day tasks, event planning, bartender, POS, cleaning, sales, training, beer education, tours, trivia host and sometimes help with production. Just to name a few tasks, but being a co-founder means you do everything you have to do to make sure our business is successful.

BARTENDER/MOD, ENEGREN BREWING COMPANY; MOORPARK, CA – 2017-2018

Bartending, Manager on Duty, beer education

REAL ESTATE & ACCOUNTING, STONEBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION; JONESBORO, AR – 2014-2017

Held my AR Real Estate license from 2015 - 2020. Bookkeeping, commercial real estate, organizing and digitizing purchase orders, sales reports, and payroll

KINDERGARTEN EL TEACHER, GLENVIEW ELEMENTARY; NASHVILLE, TN – 2010-2014

ESL Certification 2011. Developed daily lesson plans aligned with Common Core Standards, executed research based comprehension strategies into reading curriculum, incorporated grammar, reading and writing into daily curriculum, maintained classroom management of 25-28 students with no aides, and facilitated learning centers in classroom

EDUCATION

Belmont University, Nashville, TN – Master of Arts in Teaching, 2010

Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR - Bachelor of Science, 2004

CERTIFICATIONS/SKILLS

- Certified Beer Server Cicerone
- Northeast Arkansas Humane Society Board of Directors, Jonesboro, AR - 2015 - 2017
- Leadership Jonesboro Class of 2015
- Computer Applications, Social Media, Communication, Event Planning, Management