

**Minutes**  
**Orange Beach Board of Adjustment**  
**April 18, 2016 – 5:00 P.M.**  
**Council Chambers – Orange Beach Municipal Complex**

**A. Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Tem Blalock called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and asked the secretary to call the roll.

**B. Roll Call**

Present:           Bob Barnett  
                      Tem Blalock  
                      Mike Contorno - absent  
                      Cecil Young - absent  
                      Tim Blackwell  
                      Pete Peterson  
                      John Lawler, City Attorney - absent  
                      Kit Alexander, Engineering & Environmental Services Director  
                      Griffin Powell, Planner II  
                      Landon Smith, Building Official  
                      Paulette Taylor, Planner I

**C. Approval of Minutes**

1. Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 21, 2016.  
**Motion made (Barnett/Blackwell) to approve the March 21, 2016 minutes.** Roll call revealed: Barnett, yes; yes; Blalock, yes; Blackwell, yes; Peterson, yes. **Approved (4-0).**

**D. VARIANCES**

1. **CASE NO. 0401-V-16 – VARIANCE – 5477 PENSACOLA AVENUE – OWNER/APPLICANT: CHRISTOPHER LEE THORNTON** – Request by the applicant for variances to Section 5.0406, Setbacks (Accessory Structures), to have a detached accessory structure within less than one foot of the north side property line and to Section 5.0407, Separation between Principal and Accessory Structures (Accessory Structures), to have a detached accessory structure within less than one foot of the principal structure. The municipal address is 5477 PENSACOLA AVENUE and is located in the RS-2 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district. Lee Thornton was present to address the Board of Adjustment. Mr. Thornton purchased the property in 2014. He added a patio on the rear of the house but could not add a sunroom due to the setbacks. He stated that his understanding was that the setback only applied to an addition attached to the house. He stated that the storage shed was constructed so that water runoff was not draining onto adjacent property. He stated that there was not enough room anywhere else on the lot for a storage shed of that size. Vice Chairman opened the public hearing for comments and no one spoke in favor or opposition.

Kit Alexander stated that the zoning ordinance was amended increasing the setback requirements from 5 to 10 feet for an accessory structure that size. Mr. Thornton stated he did not ask if a permit was required for a storage shed.

Motion made (Barnett/Blackwell) to approve variance request as submitted. Roll call revealed: Barnett, no; Blalock, no; Blackwell, no; Peterson, no. **Denied (0-5).**

- E. APPEALS**
- F. NEW BUSINESS**
- G. OTHER BUSINESS**
- H. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

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Paulette Taylor, Planner I

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Tem Blalock, Vice Chairman