



MSBOA News

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See the articles below for official news from the Mississippi State Board of Architecture (MSBOA) regarding the regulation of architecture, landscape architecture, and certified interior design.

New and Proposed Rules



New military licensing rules for architects, landscape architects, and certified interior designers took effect on September 17, 2021. A summary of the new rules is available on the [News](#) page of the Board's website.

Proposed rule changes for [landscape architects](#) and [certified interior designers](#) were filed with the Mississippi Secretary of State on November 17, 2021. Below is a summary of the proposed changes:

Landscape Architects

- Amend Rule 1.2.3, regarding eligibility requirements, to align the rule with *Miss. Code Ann. § 73-2-7(b)*.
- Amend Rule 1.5 to align the duplicate certificate fee with the fee in the statute.
- Amend Rule 1.10.1, regarding reinstatement requirements, to allow for a waiver of the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards

(CLARB) Certificate if the applicant is unable to acquire a Certificate and provides proof of compliance with the requirements in Mississippi's laws and rules.

- Amend Rule 1.11 to allow landscape architects to apply manual, electronic, or digital signatures to documents and to move text regarding preliminary documents from the rule commentary into the rule itself.
- Amend Rule 1.13 to comply with the "Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act" ([HB 1263](#), 2021 Regular Session).
- Amend Rule 3.1 to incorporate by reference the recently adopted disciplinary rules for the Board of Architecture, which expand on the disciplinary procedures in the law.

Interior Designers

- Amend Rule 2.4 to comply with the "Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act" ([HB 1263](#), 2021 Regular Session).
- Amend Rule 6.3 to update the Board's website address.
- Add new Rule 6.8 to incorporate by reference the recently adopted disciplinary rules for the Board of Architecture, which expand on the disciplinary procedures in the law.

The Board invites your comments or questions regarding the proposed rules. Send them by email to jcothron@msboa.ms.gov by December 30, 2021.

Governor Appoints Members

Governor Tate Reeves recently appointed or reappointed six members to the Board of Architecture and its Committees:

Board of Architecture

Charles C. Barlow, Jr., Jackson (replacing J. Heath Perry)

Bradford A. Jones, Ocean Springs (replacing Greg L. Durrell)

Landscape Architecture Advisory Committee

Warren (Cory) Gallo, Starkville (replacing Jim Jackson)

Martha G. Hill, Madison (replacing Gary Haygood)

Brantley Snipes, Greenwood (filling the seat vacated by Chris Hoffman)

Interior Design Advisory Committee

Beth R. Miller, Louisville

Welcome to all our new members, and thank you to those who have served in the past!

A complete list of Board and Committee members is available on the Board's [website](#).

Qualifications-Based Selection Reminder

It has recently come to the Board's attention that many school districts are issuing Requests for Proposals/Qualifications that

require the architect to provide pricing information as a critical component of the RFP/RFQ. Board of Architecture Rule 3.2.10 encourages architects to seek professional employment on the basis of qualifications and competence for all projects (see also Rule 2.1.2 for landscape architects). The Board believes that qualifications-based selection (QBS) is the method of procurement of professional design services that is in the best interest of the public and provides the most protection of the public's life, health and property.

Under the QBS method, public entities publicly announce requirements for architectural services and procure these services first on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications, and only then negotiate contracts at fair and reasonable prices after the most qualified firm has been selected. If an acceptable contract cannot be negotiated, the entity is free to negotiate with the next qualified respondent until an acceptable contract is agreed upon.

Additionally, various public procurement statutes and regulations, including *Miss. Code Ann.* § 31-7-13.2 and the federal Brooks Act, 40 U.S.C. §§1101 *et seq.*, require the use of a QBS procedure for certain public projects. Design professionals are urged to bear this in mind when responding to requests.

Board Members Elected to NCARB Offices

Board President Richard H. McNeel was elected as Director of Region 3 (the Southern Conference of NCARB) at NCARB's 2021 Annual Business Meeting. [Click here](#) to read the press release. Additionally, former Board member Greg Durrell was elected to serve as Vice-Chair of Region 3.

In Memoriam: Robert V.M. Harrison (1935–2020)

The Board was saddened to learn that former architect member Robert V.M. Harrison passed away on December 29, 2020. Mr. Harrison was instrumental in establishing the School of Architecture at Mississippi State University in 1973, and he served many years as a faculty and advisory board member. He served on the MSBOA from 1975–1984, and on the NCARB Board of Directors from 1981–1983. Mr. Harrison played a key role in the establishment of the Intern Development Program (now the Architectural Experience Program) for architects, and, due largely to Mr. Harrison's efforts, Mississippi was the first state to adopt IDP in 1978. The Board and staff extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Mr. Harrison.

NCARB Launches Analysis of Practice

NCARB has officially launched the Analysis of Practice—a comprehensive study that will explore the current practice of architecture, as well as what’s on the horizon for the near future. Findings will shape how the regulation of architecture evolves. To ensure accuracy, the Analysis of Practice needs input from as many individuals as possible. To learn more and complete the survey, visit www.analysisofpractice.com.

NCARB Releases Demographic Data

The 2021 edition of *NCARB by the Numbers* includes a new section on Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) pass rates by several demographic categories. The pass rates show significant disparities for people of color, women, and individuals who are 40 or older.

NCARB is working to resolve these disparities by increasing licensure candidate representation on NCARB exam committees, developing free practice exams and test prep materials, conducting independent bias audits, and collecting community feedback. Read more [here](#).

New Report Highlights the Value of Professional Licensing

For years, professional associations and regulatory boards lacked hard data that demonstrated the value of licensing. In 2020, the [Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing \(ARPL\)](#) sought to fill that information gap by commissioning Oxford Economics to help better understand the nuanced impacts of licensing on professions and trade and vocational occupations. The study, entitled [Valuing Professional Licensing in the United States](#), was released in January 2021. A key finding among professionals in technical fields who require significant education and training demonstrates that licenses increase wages for all, while narrowing the gender-driven wage gap by about one-third and the race-driven wage gap by about half. The study also cautions against one-size-fits-all regulatory reform.

Recent Disciplinary Actions

Every effort is made to ensure that the following information is correct. Before making any decision based on this information, you

should contact the MSBOA.

David Vito Canizaro, Architect #4747

Brandon, Mississippi

Violation: Practice outside areas of competence; submitting incomplete and incorrect documents for permitting.

Penalty: Public reprimand, payment of \$5,000 fine, one (1) year probation.

Consent Agreement: January 26, 2021

Kevin Reff, Landscape Architect #606

Springfield, Tennessee

Violation: Practice on an inactive license.

Penalty: Payment of \$700 fine and submission of proof of continuing education hours.

Consent Agreement: April 20, 2021

Legislative Update

[House Bill 1263](#), the “Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act,” passed during the 2021 legislative session. This Act requires issuance of a license to any applicant who establishes residence in Mississippi if they hold a current license in good standing another state, have held the license for at least one year, and meet certain other conditions. If the applicant worked in a state that does license the profession, the Act requires issuance of a license if the applicant worked for at least three (3) years in the profession and meets certain other conditions. Although the Act applies to landscape architects and certified interior designers, architects are exempted from the provisions of the Act.



Staff Changes

Former Administrative Assistant Faye Dodds (pictured here with Board President Richard McNeel and Executive Director John Cothron) retired in April 2021 after 18 years of service to the Board. The Board recognized Ms. Dodds at the April Board



meeting, and we wish her well in her retirement!

Ms. Azelia Scott was welcomed as the Board's new Administrative Assistant in April.

Have You Renewed?

Online renewal began on October 1, 2021, for architects and landscape architects, and on November 1, 2021, for certified interior designers. Don't let your registration lapse! Unsure of your registration expiration date? Look it up [here](#). Renewal FAQs are available on our [home page](#).

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM MSBOA!

The mission of the Mississippi State Board of Architecture is to serve the State of Mississippi by protecting and preserving the life, health and property of the Mississippians who live, work, and play in the built environment through the regulation of the professions of architecture, landscape architecture and certified interior design.

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