



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.

NCARB Retires the Rolling Clock Policy

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) announced earlier this year that its rolling clock policy, which placed a five-year expiration date on passed divisions of the Architect Registration Examination (ARE), was retired on April 30, 2023. It has been replaced with a new score validity policy, which bases the validity of passed ARE divisions on exam versions (such as ARE 4.0 or ARE 5.0) rather than a set time frame. Under the score validity policy, a passed exam division will remain valid throughout the delivery of the exam version under which it was taken, as well as the next exam version. NCARB determined that the rolling clock policy was an unnecessary impediment to licensure and unnecessarily restrictive, given that many current exam items were originally developed under ARE 4.0 and were simply restructured under ARE 5.0 content areas. [Click here](#) for more information.

Committee Member Elected to CIDQ Board of Directors

Interior Design Advisory Committee Chair Beth Miller joined the Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ) Board of Directors in January 2023; she will serve a two-year term.

Governor Appoints Members

Governor Tate Reeves recently reappointed five members to the Board of Architecture and its Committees:

Board of Architecture

Leigh Jaunsen, Ocean Springs

Landscape Architecture Advisory Committee

Alan Hoops, Madison

Interior Design Advisory Committee

Jessica Cecil, Gulfport

Demmie Dunaway, Clinton

Timothy Geddie, Ridgeland

Congratulations!

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

Sanctions Issued for ARE® Candidate Misconduct

NCARB announced in July 2023 that six candidates were sanctioned for violating the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) Candidate Agreement, ranging from copying and sharing exam questions to, in some cases, attempting to sell exam questions online. Further, all of the sanctioned parties utilized the exposed questions in advance of taking at least one division of the ARE. Sanctions included a public reprimand, invalidation of exam scores, testing authorization suspensions, a requirement to complete ethics education, and, for some candidates, denial of the NCARB Certificate for a period of time. [Read the full article](#). Information on NCARB's exam security measures is available [here](#).

An Important Message from MDEQ

All public and private, not for profit, schools in Mississippi are required to have a Management Plan maintained by a Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) certified Management Planner per the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) regulations. All activities that disturb asbestos in these same schools also require the use of an MDEQ certified Project Designer. Both certifications require the applicant to be a licensed Architect or Professional Engineer if the individual was not grandfathered in as of April 1, 1990. As the individuals that were grandfathered are aging out of the profession, there is a need for licensed architects and engineers to fill the void. If you are interested in performing this needed work and would like more information on what it would entail, contact Dennis Kelly at MDEQ at [601-961-5630](tel:601-961-5630) or dkelly@mdeq.ms.gov.

U.S. Businesses Agree that Lowering Licensing Standards Raises Business Risk

The [Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing \(ARPL\)](#) recently released new research findings showing that businesses are concerned about the weakening of professional licensing standards and the resulting rise in business risk. 84% of businesses surveyed responded that they are concerned that weakening licensing standards will increase public exposure to physical and financial risk. Also, 90% of business decision-makers said that professional licensing protects customers and the public from receiving substandard work, and 92% responded that licensing helps assess qualifications accurately and make hiring decisions with confidence. [Click here](#) for more information on the research.

Did You Know?

On July 12, 2023, the Biden administration [announced](#) that landscape architecture has been designated a STEM discipline, confirming that landscape architecture is a discipline rooted in the application of natural and physical sciences.

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. Disciplinary actions taken against registrants in the past three (3) years, along with copies of orders/agreements, are displayed in the [license search system](#).

Greta Hansen, Architect #5897

New York, New York

Violation: Practice of architecture prior to licensure.

Penalty: Public reprimand and payment of \$1,000 fine.

Consent Agreement: July 18, 2023

Paul George Homeyer, Architect #5862

Pascagoula, Mississippi

Violation: Practice of architecture prior to licensure.

Penalty: Public reprimand and payment of \$1,000 fine.

Consent Agreement: October 17, 2023

Eileen Marie Kemp, Landscape Architect #760

Denver, Colorado

Violation: Practice of landscape architecture prior to licensure.

Penalty: Public reprimand and payment of \$750 fine.

Consent Agreement: October 17, 2023

Derek C. Webb, Architect #5932

Houston, Texas

Violation: Practice of architecture prior to licensure.

Penalty: Public reprimand and payment of \$1,000 fine.

Consent Agreement: October 17, 2023



Have you renewed?

Online renewal began on October 1, 2023, for architects and landscape architects, and on November 1, 2023, 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](#).

[Click here for online services](#)

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 and others 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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