



Oklahoma Board of Architects, Landscape Architects and
Registered Interior Designers

FY19 Annual Report

Executive Summary—Year in Review

- Successful Scholarship Campaign--\$59,500 were given to seventeen recipients from four universities.
- January 19, 2019 was the first pinning ceremony for new licensees. Over 125 people were in attendance.
- The Oklahoma Board of Architects appeared before the Occupational Licensing Commission for review of the architecture license. About the Board, the Commission wrote:

“No recommended changes to Architect license. The Commission appreciates the model used by the Board of Architects. Architects do not need to be licensed when working under a principle or firm that is licensed. (59 OS §46.21) Therefore, a state mandated license is not necessary for an architect to be employed.”
- The Board of Architects now falls under a new cabinet in the Oklahoma state government—the Commerce & Workforce Development Cabinet.
- Continuing Education events in November 2018 and April 2019 each drew more than 200 people to learn about various topics related to health, safety, and welfare.

Purpose and Mission of the Board

- The Oklahoma Board of Architects, Landscape Architects and Registered Interior Designers was created in 1925 to serve both the professions of architecture, landscape architecture and interior design and the public.

“The profession is pleased to call itself a learned profession. If this assumption is to be supported, then it is paramount that broad and high standards of qualifications shall be maintained.”

Emery Stanford Hall, 1922
- The Board’s mission is to protect the citizens of the State of Oklahoma by establishing standards for professional qualifications, ensuring competence through examinations, setting practice standards, and enforcing the Architectural and Registered Interior Designers Act.
- The Board is concerned with public safety and welfare above all other concerns and works to ensure that licensees remain up-to-date with regulatory requirements by:
 - Reviewing applications for licensure, registration, and certification.
 - Monitoring and disciplining unlicensed, reckless, dishonest, or fraudulent practice.
 - Reviewing and auditing licensees’ continuing education credits to guarantee that they are knowledgeable of best practices in regards to health, safety, and welfare.

Board Composition and Membership

- The Board consists of 11 members, who are residents of Oklahoma, in good standing in their chosen profession, and directly appointed by the Governor, including:
 - 7 persons who are licensed to practice and are actively engaged in the practice of architecture, or are a teaching professor of architecture;
 - 2 persons who are license Landscape Architects;
 - 1 person who is registered as an interior designer; and
 - 1 member of the public.
- The term of office of each Architect, Landscape Architect, and Registered Interior Designer is five years.
- The Board's current members are:
 - Chair: James Hasenbeck, Architect, term expires 7/1/2021
 - Vice-Chair: Elizabeth Windel, Architect, term expires 1/9/2020
 - Secretary-Treasurer: M. Bradley Gaskins, Architect, term expires 7/1/2023
 - Jim Bruza, Architect, term expires 1/9/2022
 - Scott L. Howard, Landscape Architect, term expires 7/1/2023
 - J. Mark Taylor, Registered Interior Designer, term expires 7/1/2021
 - David Hornbeek, Architect, term expires 1/9/2022
 - Gary Armbruster, Architect, term expires 1/9/2020
 - David Blackburn, Public Member, coterminous with the Governor
 - Brian Dougherty, Landscape Architect, term expires 7/1/2021
- Current Board Meeting agendas and minutes can be found at www.ok.gov/architects/Board_Meeting_Agendas_&_Minutes/index.html
- The Board is a member of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards' (NCARB) Region 5 committee. NCARB is a nonprofit organization made up of the architectural regulatory boards of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, and several U.S. territories.
- Several of the Board's current members serve on committees for NCARB, including the Examination Committee, Policy Advisory Committee, and Interiors Taskforce Committee.
- The Board is also a member of the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) and the Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ).

OBA Statistics for FY19

- Oklahoma-based Licenses: 1147
- Reciprocal Licenses: 1773
- Total Licenses issued in FY19: 370
- Total Certificates of Authorization: 920
- Total Certificates of Authorization issued in FY19: 129
- Renewals: 3,881
- Emeritus: 89
- Disciplinary Cases Pending Investigation: 35
- Disciplinary Cases Closed in FY19: 58

Architectural Licensure and Practice

- Oklahoma offers two paths to licensure for architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers: one for initial licensure applicants, whose base state is Oklahoma, and one for applicants who are already licensed in another U.S. jurisdiction (known as reciprocal licensure).
- **Initial Licensure:** Applicants must meet the requirements for education, examination, and experience as follows:
 - *Education:* The applicant must hold a degree from a National Architecture Accrediting Board-accredited university or college, or have at least five years of education credits using these standards and the Board's current Rules;
 - *Examination:* The applicant must have passed all sections of the NCARB Architect Registration Examination (ARE) and must have passed the Oklahoma Act and Rules exam; and
 - *Experience:* The applicant must successfully complete at least three years of experience, including completion of NCARB's Architectural Experience Program (AXP).
- **Reciprocal Licensure:** Applicants must already be licensed in another U.S. jurisdiction and meet the requirements as follows:
 - The applicant must meet all of Oklahoma's requirements for education, examination, and experience, including passing the Oklahoma Act and Rules exam.
 - The applicant must not have violated any statutes, laws, or regulations in Oklahoma, or any other U.S. jurisdiction, which would call into question their ability to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- **Practice Requirements:** A firm, which is seeking to provide architectural services as a corporation, limited liability company/partnership, or a professional limited liability company/partnership, must obtain a Certificate of Authority from the Board.
- **Renewal Requirements:** Oklahoma-licensed architects, landscape architects, registered interior designers, and firms must renew their license or Certificate of Authority every two years.
 - *Continuing Education:* each renewal period, a licensee must present a record of 24 completed Continuing Education units, all of which must be "HSW" (health, safety, and welfare).
 - Upon renewal, each licensee will complete a renewal form, updating current contact information, answering a series of questions regarding continuing education, current good standing in base state, and any professional disciplinary action or investigation.

Landscape Architectural Licensure and Practice

- Oklahoma offers two paths to licensure for architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers: one for initial licensure applicants, whose base state is Oklahoma, and one for applicants who are already licensed in another U.S. jurisdiction (known as reciprocal licensure).
- **Initial Licensure:** Applicants must meet the requirements for education, examination, and experience as follows:
 - *Education:* The applicant must hold a degree from a Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB)-accredited university or college, or have at least five years of education credits using these standards and the Board's current Rules;
 - *Examination:* The applicant must have successfully passed the Landscape Architect Registration Exam (LARE), as well as the Oklahoma Plant Materials exam and the Oklahoma Act and Rules exam; and

- *Experience:* The applicant must earn at least three years of training experience following the completion of the education program, or as established by CLARB.
- **Reciprocal Licensure:** Applicants must be already licensed in another U.S. jurisdiction and meet the following requirements:
 - The applicant must meet all of Oklahoma’s requirements for education, examination, and experience, including passing the Oklahoma Plant Materials exam Oklahoma Act and Rules exam.
 - The applicant must not have violated any statutes, laws, or regulations in Oklahoma, or any other U.S. jurisdiction, which would call into question their ability to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- **Practice Requirements:** A firm, which is seeking to provide landscape architectural services as a corporation, limited liability company/partnership, or a professional limited liability company/partnership, must obtain a Certificate of Authority from the Board.
- **Renewal Requirements:** Oklahoma-licensed architects, landscape architects, registered interior designers, and firms must renew their license or Certificate of Authority every two years.
 - *Continuing Education:* each renewal period, a licensee must present a record of 24 completed Continuing Education units, all of which must be “HSW” (health, safety, and welfare).
 - Upon renewal, each licensee will complete a renewal form, updating current contact information, answering a series of questions regarding continuing education, current good standing in base state, and any professional disciplinary action or investigation.

Interior Design Registration and Practice

- Oklahoma offers two paths to licensure for architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers: one for initial licensure applicants, whose base state is Oklahoma, and one for applicants who are already licensed in another U.S. jurisdiction (known as reciprocal licensure).
- **Initial Registration:** All applicants must meet the requirements for education, experience, and examination as follows:
 - *Education:* Applicants must hold a degree in interior design from a program accredited by the Council of Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA), or obtain an equivalent education to an accredited professional degree in interior design;
 - *Experience:* Applicants must obtain two years or 3,520 hours of training under an Oklahoma Registered Interior Designer, a CIDQ Registered Interior Designer, or a licensed Architect offering service as registered interior design.
 - *Examination:* An applicant must successfully complete the CIDQ examination.
- **Reciprocal Licensure:** An applicant may seek registration in Oklahoma if they have been issued a valid registration from another U.S. jurisdiction, provided the requirements for registration are equivalent to the requirements of this state.
- **Practice Requirements:** A firm, which is seeking to provide registered interior design services as a corporation, limited liability company/partnership, or a professional limited liability company/partnership, must obtain a Certificate of Title from the Board.
- **Renewal Requirements:** Oklahoma-licensed architects, landscape architects, registered interior designers, and firms must renew their license or Certificate of Authority every two years.
 - *Continuing Education:* each renewal period, a licensee must present a record of 24 completed Continuing Education units, all of which must be “HSW” (health, safety, and welfare).

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Recent Updates and Improvements

- During the 2019-2021 renewal period, online renewals were offered for the first time, with 62%, or 2,397 out of 3,881, licensees and firms choosing to renew online.