

The REGULATOR

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.

FY21 Changes at the Board:

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought changes to all aspects of life and life at OBA has been no exception. This year's June Board meeting was our first meeting to ever be done online!

June signals the end of the fiscal year for state agencies and, every year during the June Board meeting, elections are held for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer for the next fiscal year. During the June 3rd board meeting, several changes were made to the roles of the Oklahoma Board of Architects' Board members. We are pleased to announce:

- **Elizabeth Windel**, Architect, who has been a member of the Board since 2015 and served as Vice-Chair for FY20, was voted by the members of the Board to serve as **Chair** for FY21.
- **Scott Howard**, Landscape Architect, who has been a member of the Board since 2018 and has served as the Chair of the Architects and Engineers Joint Committee and as a member of the Act & Rules/Legislative Committee, was voted by the members to serve as **Vice-Chair** for FY21.

In other news:

- The Board office is in the middle of a database conversion. The new database will offer greater usability for our licensees and firms. When the process is complete, licensees will have greater control over making changes to their information and the application process will be streamlined for efficiency and speed. Stay tuned!
- It is important for our licensees and the public to have easy access to information. We want to be your resource. Be sure to check out the Board's new website at ok.gov/architects!

BOARD MEMBERS:

Elizabeth Windel, Chair
Architect

Scott Howard, Vice-Chair
Landscape Architect

M. Bradley Gaskins, Secretary-Treasurer
Architect

Jim Hasenbeck, Architect

David Hornbeek, Architect

Nate Baker, Architect

Betsy Guthrie-Brunsteter, Architect

J. Mark Taylor, Registered Interior
Designer

David Blackburn, Public Member

Brian Dougherty, Landscape Architect

STAFF:

Leslie Hanska, Executive Director

Ellen White, Licensing Manager

Janie Hollars, Communications &
Information Manager

Lauren Vaughan, Enforcement &
Compliance Officer

I have had the privilege of serving on the Oklahoma Board of Architects for nine years and am in my second term. I have been a Registered Interior Designer since the time our Oklahoma law changed, adding designers to those governed by our Board.

During her first year in office, Governor Mary Fallin asked if I would be willing to serve as the Interior Design representative on the Board of Architects. Always willing to serve our profession, and our state, I agreed – not really knowing what I was getting into, and the process of appointment was fairly simple. All of that changed when I attended my first meeting. I was met with an onslaught of acronyms I had never heard, used freely in nearly every sentence. NCARB, CLARB, AXP, IDP, BEA, BEFA, ASLA, and many others are the common language of the Board of Architects, but not common to the practice of interior design! So I made it a point to know as much as I could know about those acronyms, their meanings, and how the information behind them affects the decision-making process for Oklahoma’s design professionals. I began by attending a regional meeting of NCARB and have attended most regional and national meetings since that first one. I’ve also attended CLARB’s annual meeting, and of course participate in the CIDQ annual meetings representing our Board and the designers of our state.

The role of the Board of Architects is a complicated one. With the exception of our public member, the members of the Board are working professionals in our three represented professions – Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Interior Design, but when we step into the role of “Board Member,” we must remove our professional hats and put on the hat of a regulator. We do not sit on this Board to promote our individual professions, but rather to ensure, on behalf of the people of Oklahoma, that these professions are upholding standards that protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens. We interact regularly with our colleagues from other states and provinces, often discussing current and upcoming issues and legislation, policy changes, and the future of education, experience, and examination. We stay abreast of pending legislation in our state government as it relates to the professions we regulate. Most importantly, we are always looking for opportunities to educate our legislators and the public about the need for appropriate regulation that provides for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens we are called upon to protect.

One of my most fulfilling roles on our board has been helping to develop our scholarship program. Since its inception about five years ago, the program has provided over \$250,000 in scholarships to upcoming professionals in Oklahoma’s accredited schools of architecture, landscape architecture and interior design. The “Oklahoma Board of Architecture Path to Licensure Scholarship” will, in perpetuity, continue our mission of protecting the citizens of our great state by helping to train future generations of skilled professionals in the design fields.



J. Mark Taylor,
Registered Interior Designer

Important Dates:

July 3—Independence Day Observed, Office Closed

November 11—Veterans’ Day, Office Closed

September 2—Board Meeting

November —Fall Continuing Education Event

September 7—Labor Day, Office Closed

November 26-27—Thanksgiving, Office Closed

November 4—Board Meeting

December 24-25—Christmas Holidays, Office Closed

Congratulations to Our New Oklahoma Licensees:

(This list includes first-time Oklahoma-based professionals licensed since January 2020)

ARCHITECTS:

CHRISTOPHER BURKHART

JUAN CANTU

SARAH FREEMAN

JOSHUA SHOENBORN

OLIVIA HUPY

BHREE BARRETT

CLARISSA HOSKISON

MORGAN KENNEDY

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS:

BENJAMIN CROSBY

REMINDER: All licenses in Oklahoma must be renewed by June 30th of every odd-numbered year. Renewal notices will be sent out in the Spring of 2021 to the last known address on file.

If your contact information has recently changed, please update your records by calling the Board office at (405) 949-2383 or by emailing okla@boardofarch.ok.gov.

The Fall Continuing Education Event will not be at Metro Tech this year, due to ongoing concerns about COVID-19.

Watch your email for updates on when and how the event will happen!

This year, the Path to Licensure Scholarship Fund has given \$67,400 in scholarships to twenty-one recipients studying architecture, landscape architecture, and interior design at Oklahoma universities! Congratulations to:

Alanna Brehm, OSU	Sidney Curtsinger, OSU
Holly Sandberg, OSU	Taylor Haden, OSU
Tiffany Mollohan, OSU	Brooke Ryan, OSU
William Crawford, OSU	Kelsey Wagner, OSU
Monica Chavez, OSU	Sarah Waddell, OSU
Sarah Parks, OC	Breecia Crawford, OU
Tyler Koehl, OU	Chelsea Holcomb, OU
Robert Hammond, OU	Connor Hopper, OU
Alice Calmon Ramos, OU	Amanollah Golshan, OU
Bethany Grissom, OU	Samin Shokoohi, OU
	Christa Woods, OU

Oklahoma Legislative Update:

HB2831, the bill that would recreate the Oklahoma Board of Architects, was combined with a bill that recreated multiple state agencies until 2023 and was passed by the Legislature before the session ended. It was signed into law by Governor Stitt in May.

Due to a shortened legislative session this year, many of the bills that could have affected the professions of architecture, landscape architecture, or registered interior design did not make it through the entire process necessary to be signed into law. However, several of these bills will most likely be revisited during next year's legislative session:

- **HB3098**—modifies the practice of Registered Interior Designers in the state, changing the name of the registration to Registered Commercial Interior Designers. This bill would also modify the Board, expanding the number of members from 11 to 13, with the inclusion of another Registered Commercial Interior Designer and another public member. It would require a Registered Commercial Interior Designer to plan and design for certain Code Use Groups as defined by the current International Building Code, and it would remove specified educational requirements to qualify for registration.
- **SBI431**—requires all state agencies that have authority to issue administrative fines for a violation of the licensing act to establish procedures and rules for an individual who is physically or financially injured as a direct result of a licensee's violation of the license provisions or the rules and laws governing the license.
- **SB1891**—requires an occupational license or certificate be issued, in the discipline applied for and at the same practice level as determined by the regulating entity, to a person who establishes residency in this state or is married to an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States and who is accompanying the member to an official permanent change of station to a military installation located in this state when certain criteria are met. This bill is a universal occupational licensing bill.
- **HB2134**—requires that no person be disqualified from pursuing, practicing or engaging in any occupation for which a license is required solely or in part because of a prior conviction, unless it is a conviction directly related to the occupation for which the license is sought.



Violations and Disciplinary Actions

Case #2016-451 Alan McMillan \$1500
Edmond, OK

The Respondent held themselves out to the public as being able to offer architectural services in Oklahoma, despite not holding a license.

Since January 2020:

Investigations Resolved—11

Actions Taken—6

Pending Investigations—10

For all recent disciplinary actions, civil penalties, and Oklahoma Attorney General opinions, please visit the “Enforcement & Complaints” page at ok.gov/architects

MOVING?

Please notify the Board Office of your new address via:

Phone—(405) 949-2383

Email—okla@boardofarch.ok.gov

Mail—220 N.E. 28th Street, Ste. 150

Oklahoma City, OK 73105

We will send renewal reminders, notices, and letters to the address on file with OBA, so be sure to keep your current address updated.



Meet the Board



Elizabeth Windel, AIA
 Chair
 Architect
 Ardmore



Scott Howard
 Vice-Chair
 Landscape Architect
 Edmond



M. Bradley Gaskins, AIA, CASp, NCARB
 Secretary-Treasurer
 Architect
 Tulsa



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Want to join the Board??

If you are a resident of Oklahoma, have been a licensed architect, landscape architect, or a registered interior designer in Oklahoma for more than five years, and are interested in serving as a Board member, go online to governor.ok.gov and click the "Serve" tab at the top of the page to apply. When there is an open position, the Governor will then appoint a new Board member from the applications received.

Take a Break



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