



Oklahoma Board of Architects, Landscape Architects and
Licensed Interior Designers

FY25 Annual Report

Executive Summary—Year in Review

- The Board partnered with the Engineering board in FY24 to develop and pass legislation with the purpose of removing confusion between the architecture and engineering professions. HB3253 was passed by the Oklahoma Legislature, signed by the Governor, and went into effect on November 1, 2024.
- The Board also partnered with the Oklahoma Interior Design Coalition in FY24 to develop statute changes to define a scope of practice for licensed interior designers. HB1793 was passed by the Oklahoma Legislature, signed by the Governor, and went into effect on August 29, 2024. The new law changed the title from "Registered Commercial Interior Designers" to "Licensed Interior Designers," and allows Licensed Interior Designers to perform non-structural, interior work in non-exempt building types.
- The Board upgraded its online licensing software, created and developed by Thentia Cloud. The new system was launched in February 2025 and features a new Firm Licensing Portal, as well as new administrative features that make licensure a smoother and more efficient process.
- The Board had another successful renewal year, which resulted in almost 90% of individual and firm licenses being renewed. The new online licensing system was used almost exclusively to renew all licenses.
- The Board gave \$88,000 in scholarships as part of its Path to Licensure Scholarship to twenty-three recipients enrolled in architecture, landscape architecture, and interior design programs at the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, and the University of Central Oklahoma.

Purpose and Mission of the Board

- The Oklahoma Board of Architects, Landscape Architects and Licensed Interior Designers was created in 1925 to serve the professions of architecture, landscape architecture and licensed interior design and the public.
- The Board's mission is to serve the State of Oklahoma by protecting and preserving the health, safety, and welfare of Oklahomans who live, work, and play in the built environment by ensuring professional competence through education, examination, experience & practice.
- 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 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, have worked in their profession for at least five years and are in good standing, and are directly appointed by the Governor, including:
 - 6 persons who are licensed Architects,

- 2 persons who are licensed Landscape Architects,
 - 2 persons who are Licensed Interior Designers, and
 - 1 member of the public.
- The term of office of each Architect, Landscape Architect, and Licensed Interior Designer is five years; the public member's term is coterminous with the Governor.
- The Board's FY25 members are:
 - Chair: Candace Dillingham, Landscape Architect, term expires 7/1/2026
 - Vice-Chair: Vicki VanStavern, Licensed Interior Designer, term expires 1/9/2027
 - Secretary-Treasurer: Scott Howard, Landscape Architect, term expires 7/1/2028
 - James Hasenbeck, Architect, term expires 7/1/2026
 - Wade Scaramucci, Architect, term expires 1/9/2027
 - M. Bradley Gaskins, Architect, term expires 7/1/2029
 - Anthony Blatt, Architect, term expires 7/1/2029
 - Nathan Baker, Architect, term expires 1/09/2030
 - Elizabeth Glasgow, Architect, term expired 1/9/2025
 - J. Mark Taylor, Licensed Interior Designer, term expires 7/1/2026
 - David Blackburn, Public Member, coterminous with the Governor
 - Seth Cavin (replaced Elizabeth Glasgow), Architect, term expires 1/09/2030
- Current Board Meeting agendas and minutes can be found at <https://oklahoma.gov/architects/about/board-meetings-and-agendas.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.
- The Board is also a member of
 - The Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB)
 - The Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ), and
 - The Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB).

OBA Statistics for FY25

- Architect Licenses: 2922
- Landscape Architect Licenses: 267
- Licensed Interior Designer Licenses: 264
- Total Licenses issued in FY25: 212
- Total Active Individual Licensees in FY25: 3453
- Total Firm Licenses: 1163
- Total Firm Licenses issued in FY25: 67
- Emeritus Licensees: 196
- Disciplinary Complaints Received in FY25: 26
- Disciplinary Cases Closed in FY25: 21

OBA Criminal History Statistics for FY25

- License Applications Received—246
- License Applications with a License Granted—246
- License Applications with a License Denied—0
- License Applications Denied due to Criminal History—0
- Criminal Offenses Reported by Individuals Granted a License—None
- Criminal Offenses Reported by Individuals Denied a License—None
- Number of Petitions to Determine whether Criminal History would prevent Licensure—0

Architectural Licensure and Practice

- Oklahoma offers two paths to licensure for architects, landscape architects, and licensed 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 equivalent standards outlined in the Board's current Rules, found in section 55:10-5-4.1;
 - *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 5,600 hours 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, licensed 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 licensed 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 equivalent standards outlined in the Board's current Rules, found in section 55:10-5-4.2;
 - *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, licensed 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.

Licensed Interior Design Licensure and Practice

- Oklahoma offers two paths to licensure for architects, landscape architects, and licensed 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 Licensed Interior Designer, a CIDQ-registered Interior Designer or a licensed Architect, or meet equivalent training, as outlined in the Board's current Rules, section 55:10-5-10.
- *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 licensed 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, licensed 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.