



Oklahoma Board of Architects, Landscape Architects and
Licensed Interior Designers

FY26 Annual Report

Executive Summary—Year in Review

- Several Board members, along with Board staff, participated in presentations throughout the year. In January, the Board's Executive Director and Enforcement and Compliance Officer presented to a group of architecture students at the Oklahoma State University to inform them of Oklahoma laws that govern the practice of architecture. In March, members of the staff and the Board gave a presentation on the Board's enforcement procedures to members from other architectural registration boards throughout the country. In April, several Board members and staff spoke with the American Institute of Architects' Oklahoma Chapter on upcoming changes to national standards for architectural licensure and the impact of those changes in Oklahoma.
- The Board underwent the periodic sunset review process with the Oklahoma state legislature in the Spring of FY26. The Board's Executive Director appeared before a House of Representatives committee to explain the need for professional licensure and to respond to their questions and requests for information. Senate Bill 1455 recommended that that Board be recreated until July 1, 2031, was passed by both chambers, and went into effect on July 1, 2026.
- The Board also submitted and was approved by the Oklahoma state legislature for changes to OAC 55:10, the Board's Rules. The changes ensured that Oklahoma's requirements for landscape architectural licensures are now aligned with the national standards recommended by the Council for Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. Aligning with the CLARB Uniform Standard gives Oklahomans a clearer, more consistent path to licensure while keeping the focus on protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public.

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 each Architect, Landscape Architect, and Licensed Interior Designer is five years; the public member's term is coterminous with the Governor.
- The Board's FY26 members are:
 - Chair: Vicki VanStavern, Licensed Interior Designer, term expires 1/9/2027
 - Vice-Chair: J. Mark Taylor, Licensed Interior Designer, term expires 7/1/2026
 - Secretary-Treasurer: Scott Howard, Landscape Architect, term expires 7/1/2028
 - Candace Dillingham, Landscape Architect, term expires 7/1/2026
 - 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
 - Seth Cavin, Architect, term expires 1/09/2030
 - David Blackburn, Public Member, coterminous with the Governor
- Current Board Meeting agendas and minutes can be found at <https://oklahoma.gov/architects/board-information/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 FY26

- Architect Licenses: 2829
 - Oklahoma-Based Architects—819
 - Out-of-State-Based Architects—2,010
- Landscape Architect Licenses: 266
 - Oklahoma-Based Landscape Architects—79
 - Out-of-State-Based Landscape Architects—187
- Licensed Interior Designer Licenses: 254
 - Oklahoma-Based Licensed Interior Designers—228
 - Out-of-State-Based Licensed Interior Designers—26
- Total Licenses issued in FY26: 283
- Total Active Individual Licensees in FY26: 3349
- Total Firm Licenses: 1103
 - Architecture Firms—974
 - Oklahoma-Based Architecture Firms—261
 - Out-of-State-Based Architecture Firms—713
 - Landscape Architecture Firms—85

- Oklahoma-Based Landscape Architecture Firms—27
 - Out-of-State-Based Landscape Architecture Firms—58
- Licensed Interior Design Firms—44
 - Oklahoma-Based Licensed Interior Design Firms—39
 - Out-of-State-Based Licensed Interior Design Firms—5
- Total Firm Licenses issued in FY26: 88
- Emeritus Licensees: 215
- Disciplinary Complaints Received in FY26: 37
- Disciplinary Cases Closed in FY26: 31

OBA Criminal History Statistics for FY26

- License Applications Received—274
- License Applications with a License Granted—271
- License Applications with a License Denied—0
- License Applications Denied due to Criminal History—0
- Criminal Offenses Reported by Individuals Granted a License—0
- Criminal Offenses Reported by Individuals Denied a License—0
- 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.