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# OBA Newsletter

Oklahoma Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, and Licensed Interior Designers

## Board Members

**Candace Dillingham,**  
Chair

Landscape Architect

**Vicki VanStavern,**  
Vice Chair

Licensed Interior  
Designer

**Scott Howard,**  
Secretary-Treasurer

Landscape Architect

Jim Hasenbeck,  
Architect

Wade Scaramucci,  
Architect

Elizabeth Glasgow,  
Architect

Anthony Blatt, Architect

M. Bradley Gaskins,  
Architect

Nathan Baker,  
Architect

J. Mark Taylor,  
Licensed Interior  
Designer

David Blackburn,  
Public Member

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## FY25 Changes to the Board

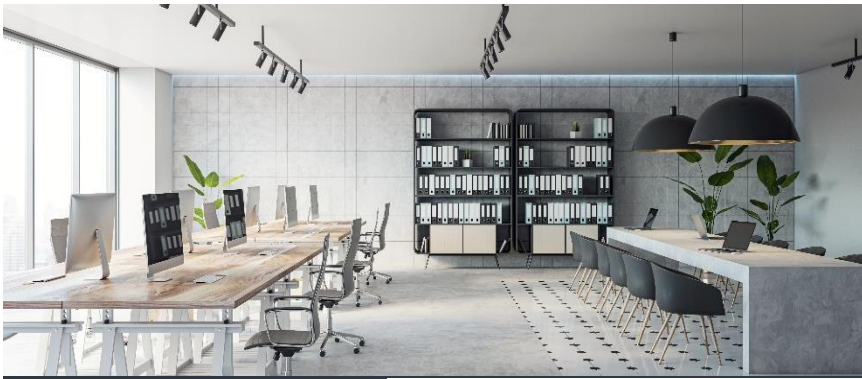
The Board voted at the June 5, 2024 meeting to elect new officers for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. For the position of Board Chair, Landscape Architect Candace Dillingham was chosen. Candace has been working as a Landscape Architect for over twenty years and was appointed to the Board in 2021 by Governor Kevin Stitt.

The Board appointed previous Secretary-Treasurer, Licensed Interior Designer Vicki VanStavern, to the position of Vice Chair. Vicki has been working in interior design for the majority of her career and was appointed to the Board in 2022 by Governor Stitt. Vicki was actively involved in the HB1147 changes to the Oklahoma State Architectural and Licensed Interior Designers Act in 2021 and in the HB1793 changes to the Act that will go into effect on August 29, 2024.

The Board chose Landscape Architect Scott Howard to the position of Secretary-Treasurer, a position that is served for two years and is heavily involved in the daily activities of the Board office and in the enforcement and investigation process. Scott has been a licensed Landscape Architect for more than thirty years and he has been a member of the Board since 2018.

In addition to the new officers, two Board members were appointed by Governor Stitt for new five-year terms. Architect Bradley Gaskins was reappointed to serve his third term on the Board. Architect Anthony Blatt was appointed to serve for the first time on the Board.

Congratulations to our new officers and to our new Board members!



# HB1793 Changes to Oklahoma Statutes

HB1793 goes into effect on August 29, 2024.

## REMINDER:

If you are the Architect of Record for a firm, please ensure that the job titles of all employees in the firm are in line with 59 O.S., Section 46.8a.

Any person who is unlicensed cannot have any derivation of "architect(ural)" in their job title.

**THIS INCLUDES EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE FINISHED EDUCATION AND ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON EXPERIENCE AND TESTING.** The only titles that include "architect(ural)" to be used for these employees are "Intern Architect" or "Architectural Intern."

1. Buildings designated as High Hazard by the IBC 2018 will now require an Architect.

2. The title "Registered Commercial Interior Designer" is now **"Licensed Interior Designer."**

3. Expands the scope of the practice of "Licensed Interior Design" to include the following work done on any building type:

- a. The design of interior spaces of a building for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- b. The design and specification of code-compliant interior finishes, furnishings, fixtures, or equipment.
- c. The design or modification of new or existing non-structural elements of a building, i.e., partitions, circulation systems, the number and/or configuration of interior exits, etc.
- d. The review, analysis, and evaluation of building codes, accessibility standards, or guidelines for interior planning, design, and non-structural construction compliance.

**4. Licensed Interior Designers are still not allowed to:**

- a. Practice architecture or engineering,

- b. To act as a coordinating professional on projects involving multiple licensed professionals,
- c. To design or alter a building's primary structural, fire and life safety, mechanical, electrical, or plumbing systems, or any other primary building system,
- d. To make changes to the building's core or shell.


**5. It is unlawful for a Licensed Interior Designer, Architect, or Landscape Architect to receive compensation, either directly or indirectly, from anyone other than a client in relation to the renovation, construction, or alteration undertaken for a specific project. (59 O.S., §46.43)**

6. The title, Interior Designer, and the practice of interior design are not regulated by either 59 O.S., §46.1 et al or OAC 55:10 - anyone can use this title and practice this profession without a license.

**Important Note—while Licensed Interior Designers can perform non-structural work on any building type, unlicensed Interior Designers are still limited to work only on certain building types as set out in 59 O.S., §46.21b.**

Visit [www.oklahoma.gov/architects](http://www.oklahoma.gov/architects) to view the changes made to the Oklahoma State Architectural and Licensed Interior Designers Act and to find updated seal designs for Licensed Interior Designers.

Building Code Use Group	Criteria	Architect Required	Licensed Interior Designer Can Do Interior Non-Structural Work
I—Institutional		X	X
R-2—Residential/dormitories, sororities, fraternities, convents		X	X
A-1—Assembly, theaters		X	X
A-4—Assembly, arenas & courts		X	X
A-5—Assembly, bleachers & grandstands		X	X
H—High Hazard		X	X
Buildings where code use group changes to or from a non-exempt building type		X	X
A-2 & A-3—Assembly, food and drink consumption	Code-defined occupancy is <b>MORE</b> than 50 OR the height is <b>3+ stories</b>	X	X
E—Educational	Code-defined occupancy is <b>MORE</b> than 50 OR the height is <b>3+ stories</b>	X	X
B—Business	Building’s square footage is <b>MORE</b> than 100,000sq.ft. OR the height is <b>3+ stories</b>	X	X
M—Mercantile	Building’s square footage is <b>MORE</b> than 200,000sq.ft. OR the height is <b>3+ stories</b>	X	X
R-1—Residential, including hotels and motels	Building has <b>MORE</b> than 64 units OR the height is <b>3+ stories</b>	X	X



## HB3253 Changes to Oklahoma Statutes

HB3253 goes into effect on November 1, 2024.

### **Many of the proposed amendments are a result of a multiyear Joint Task Force between the Board of Architects and the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors:**

- a. The effort was modeled after a similar Texas law, which has been in effect for over 10 years.
- b. Clarifies areas of professional practice that are exclusively within the scope of either engineering or architecture.
- c. Lists services that can be performed by either an engineer or an architect – or both.
- d. Updates and adds definitions to align with the International Building Code (IBC) for clarity.
- e. WHO BENEFITS: Practicing professionals, project owners, contractor, building code officials and the public.

### **The Board of Architects' statutes changes include additional proposed revisions other than clarifications and removing obsolete language:**

- a. An exemption clarification for military or government personnel practicing within the scope of their authority and employment.
- b. Clarifies that single family residences are exempt from the regulation of the Oklahoma State Architectural and Licensed Interior Designers Act, based on the International Residential Code (IRC).
- c. New language expands the Board's ability to provide for evolving alternative paths to licensure and future workforce development.

## 2025 LICENSE RENEWALS ARE COMING!

**License renewal applications will open in the License Portal in April 2025.**

Until then, please log into the Portal and make sure that your email address and contact information are correct. If you have forgotten your password, click "Forgot Password" link on the login page. If your email has changed and you no longer have access to the email on file with the Board, please call the Board office.

Also, remember that 24 HSW hours of Continuing Education must be completed prior to renewing your license.

For more information on the requirements for the renewal of a license, visit [www.oklahoma.gov/architects](http://www.oklahoma.gov/architects)

# CONGRATULATIONS to Our New Oklahoma Licensees:

(This list includes first-time Oklahoma-based professionals licensed since April 2022)

## ARCHITECTS:

JULIE COFFEY	BRIAN LETZIG	ELIZABETH DOWNEY
LUCAS GERDES	RUSSEL BAKER	ZACHARY SUMMERS
TRUSHNA PATEL	ATTICUS MULLON	MATTHEW HEDGREN
MARK SABOURI	AMANDA EDWARDS	NOAH MEDLEY
ERIN YEN	BARRY BALLINGER	TAYLER THOMPSON
ISAAC BISHOP, JR.	JOHN FISHER	CAITLIN DETTLING
ERIC DRESSER	HOPE BAILEY	SALI HARFOUSH
CAROL HENDERSON	CONNOR HOPPER	MASON WIESE
DUSTIN CORDRY	JOHN HUDACKO	ANA RUIZ NAVA
DANIELLE CAVIN	KURT GARISS	TYLER PYLE
SAMANTHA SIMPSON	JACOB EVRAETS	TOAN HUYNH
DEVIN WEDDLE	MICHAEL DOERNEMAN	MICHAEL MCCLUNG
ADAM LANMAN	BRIAN BOURN	JENNIFER TURINETTI
LAKIN HALL	JEREMY DUNNINGTON	TREVOR LABROSSE
ALANNA BREHM	AVERY SLAVIN	KELLY EISNER
JOHN DECUYPER	WYATT SMITH	COLIN BOST
ANDREW YARNELL	EMILY BAZOR	BREECIA KINDER
JUAN VILLAGOMEZ PENALOZA	MARY MILLER	THOMAS JONES
KEITH EVANS	JESSICA IMPSON	MADELINE MAKER
STEPHEN BURGIN	MATTHEW MCLARTY	KATHARINE YOUNG

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## ARCHITECTS (CONTINUED):

CHANDLER BROWN

ZANE WYATT

JOSE GARCIA

CHELSEA HOLCOMB

JORDAN DROZ

JOSHUA HELMS

## LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS:

NICHOLAS SPRIGGS

RACHEL WARE

HANNAH BELEW

SUBHASHINI GAMAGEDARA

TREVOR GRANT

JESSICA LERNER

## LICENSED INTERIOR DESIGNERS:

JORDAN YARBOROUGH

IVAN DUBIKOVSKY

SANDRA PERKINS

ABIGAIL VAZ

SARA DEMENT

JANA ROYER

TUESDAY FAY

KAITLYN JACKSON

LESLIE CALDWELL

JULIA WHITE

LYDIA FRANKLIN

EMILY JEAN

HANNAH PORTER

MIRANDA BRUENING

ELIZABETH KUNKEL

KYLIE HUDDLESTON

MADISON SIFFORD

MACKENZIE MATRA

SYDNEY STAFFORD

TAMMY BURKE

STEFANIE NIIMI

ABIGAIL JOHNSTON

LILY FORAN

CORTLYN BIRDSSELL

JINGFEN GUO

NANCY POUNDS



To learn more about Oklahoma licensure or reciprocal licensure, to find forms and applications, or to update your CEUs, visit our website at

[www.oklahoma.gov/architects](http://www.oklahoma.gov/architects)

## Upcoming Events

- 📅 **September 2—Labor Day, Office Closed**
- 📅 **September 4—Board Meeting**
- 📅 **September 17-21—CLARB Annual Meeting**
- 📅 **October 6-9—ASLA Annual Meeting**
- 📅 **November 6—Board Meeting**
- 📅 **November 7-9—CIDQ Annual Meeting**
- 📅 **November 11—Veterans' Day, Office Closed**
- 📅 **November 28-29—Thanksgiving, Office Closed**
- 📅 **December 24-25—Christmas, Office Closed**
- 📅 **January 1—New Year's Day, Office Closed**

## Recent Disciplinary Actions

- Case 2021-604—the Board vs. Arcturis, Inc. for unlawfully holding out that the firm could practice architecture in Oklahoma without a license to do so. Fined \$5,000.
- Case 2022-625—the Board vs. Phillip B. Townsend for unlawfully practicing architecture without a license, unlawfully holding himself out as being able to practice architecture in Oklahoma without a license, and for violating previous orders of the Board. Fined \$40,000.
- Case 2022-628—the Board vs. Cray Bauxmont-Flynn and Amatoya, LLC for unlawfully holding out the individual and the firm as being able to offer architectural services in Oklahoma without having licenses to do so. Fined \$2,000.
- Case 2023-659—the Board vs. Jeffrey Fry for unlawfully failing to meet the requirements of the consent order agreed upon by the Board and Mr. Fry, pursuant to case 2020-600. Fined \$10,000.
- Case 2023-664—the Board vs. Lisa Bradford for failure to complete the required Continuing Education prior to renewal of a license or registration. Fined \$1,500.
- Case 2023-670—the Board vs. RamTech Building Systems, Inc. for unlawfully providing architectural services in Oklahoma without a license and for unlawfully holding itself out as being able to perform architectural services in Oklahoma. Fined \$7,500.
- Case 2023-671—the Board vs. Marsha Hoffman for failure to complete the required Continuing Education prior to renewal of a license or registration. Fined \$1,500.