

The REGULATOR

“Our mission is to protect the citizens of Oklahoma by regulating the professions... & promoting quality practice.”

FY20 Brings Changes to the Board:

The quality and effectiveness of the Board is a direct result of the volunteers who are willing to serve. We would like to congratulate Architect Bradley Gaskins from Tulsa on his reappointment to the Board by Governor Stitt.

Appointments to further service by the Governor always signal the end of service for others and this year is no exception:

- **Nathan Baker**, who has served on the Board for five years, including one year as Secretary-Treasurer and as the chair of the Finance and the Investigations Committees, has completed his term and will not be returning to the Board. We greatly appreciate his contributions to and his insight into architecture in Oklahoma and how this Board can better serve the members of the public and of the architecture community. Thank you, Nate!

During the June 12th board meeting, several changes were made to the roles of the Oklahoma Board of Architects' board members. 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. We are pleased to announce:

- **James Hasenbeck**, who has been a member of the Board since 2006 and has served in several different roles, was voted by the members of the Board to serve in the position of Chair for FY20.
- **Elizabeth Windel**, a member of the Board since 2015 and has been the chair of the Architecture and Engineering Joint Committee and the University Scholarship Committee, was voted by the members of the Board to serve as Vice-Chair for FY20.
- **Bradley Gaskins**, who has served on the Board since 2014 and was the 2018-2019 Chair, will begin his reappointment in the role of Secretary-Treasurer, after being voted upon by the members of the Board.

BOARD MEMBERS

Jim Hasenbeck, Chair

Architect

Elizabeth Windel, Vice-Chair

Architect

Brad Gaskins, Secretary-Treasurer

Architect

Jim Bruza, Architect

Mark Taylor, Registered Interior Designer

David Hornbeek, Architect

Gary Armbruster, Architect

David Blackburn, Public Member

Scott Howard, Landscape Architect

Brian Dougherty, Landscape Architect

Betsy Guthrie-Brunsteter, Architect

BOARD**Leslie Hanska, Executive Director****STAFF****Ellen White,**
Licensing Manager**Janie Hollars,**
Communications/Information Manager**Lauren Vaughan,**
Enforcement & Compliance**Director's Corner:**

A great deal of time is spent each year as we aim to educate policymakers and the public on the importance of high standards, rigorous education, and extensive experience within the highly complex, technical professions that are relied upon to protect public safety. We also look to offer best practices and solutions gathered from the experience gained working alongside other states as a member board of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), the Council of Landscape Architectural Boards (CLARB), and the Council of Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ).

While CLARB and CIDQ meet later this fall, the NCARB Annual Business Meeting took place in Washington, D.C. earlier this summer. Board representatives met with our counterparts from around the country, offering invaluable insight into the regulatory process and to the challenges we often share with other states and jurisdictions.

This year's annual meeting was particularly special, in that it was NCARB's 100th anniversary. Oklahoma has played a significant part in the history of NCARB; its national headquarters were here in Oklahoma City, housed in the Commerce Exchange Building downtown from 1958-1962, just prior to its move to the nation's capital.

In addition to the practical discussion of vital issues related to our regulatory duties, it was particularly meaningful to see, through a powerful historical presentation, how NCARB and the state member boards began out of a definitive desire to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Out of these beginnings, standards of practice have been developed that impact the lives of Oklahomans every day.

In a political world where regulation and professional licensing are under scrutiny, it is clear that Oklahoma has played a role in assisting NCARB in simplifying the path to reciprocal licensing. For a walk through history, visit the "Centennial" website at <https://centennial.ncarb.org>.

**Leslie Hanska, Executive Director****Important Dates:****September 2—Labor Day, Office closed****November 11—Veterans' Day, Office closed****September 4—Board Meeting****November 28-29—Thanksgiving, Office closed****November 1—Continuing Education Event****December 24-25—Christmas, Office closed****November 6—Board Meeting**

Notice:

All entities—LLC, LLP, PLLC, PLLP, Partnerships, Limited Partnerships, etc.—are required to file legal documents with the Oklahoma Secretary of State’s Office, in order to be legally formed and to do business in the state. However, the process begins with the Board:

1. Complete the Certificate of Authority or Certificate of Title application, found under the “Forms/Applications” tab at ok.gov/architects

*Each office/branch location producing work in Oklahoma is required to have a separate CA/CT.

2. An official Certificate of Authority or Certificate of Title will be issued for your use.

3. Complete the necessary documents to file with the Secretary of State, found at www.sos.ok.gov.

3,881

**renewals were done
for the 2019-2021
renewal period.**

**Thank you for making
it successful!**

In the past year, the Path to Licensure Scholarship Fund has given \$59,500 in scholarships to seventeen recipients studying architecture, landscape architecture, and interior design at four Oklahoma universities!

- The Oklahoma Board of Architects was created in 1925.
 - In 1984, OBA merged with an independent landscape architects board.
 - In 2007, the Board added registered interior design.
- The first female architect was licensed in Oklahoma in 1945.
- From 1958 until 1962, NCARB’s headquarters was in Oklahoma City to be near First Vice President Joseph Smay.
- The Oklahoma Board of Architects now falls under the Cabinet of Commerce and Workforce Development in the state government.

DID YOU KNOW??

Continuing Education Opportunity for LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Statewide Pollinator Conservation Group to Host Symposium for all Professionals who Influence Urban & Wild Spaces

Okies for Monarchs, an initiative of the Oklahoma Monarch & Pollinator Collaborative (OMPC), announces the opening of registration for a state-wide, full-day pollinator education symposium, Rewilding Oklahoma, to be held on Wednesday, August 28th at the OKC Zoo & Botanic Garden's Education Center found at 2000 Remington Pl. in Oklahoma City.

The event will highlight Oklahoma successes and future goals in monarch and pollinator conservation, best practices for large and small land holders, insights for municipalities and urban planners, new perspectives for landscape architects, and advice for gardeners of any experience level for supporting pollinator species and restoring habitat.

Award-winning writer, Benjamin Vogt, Ph.D., will deliver the keynote address and be available to autograph copies of his newest book, "A New Garden Ethic: Cultivating Defiant Compassion for an Uncertain Future." Vogt speaks nationally on **issues of sustainable design for wildlife, landscape ethics and ecophilosophy**. He is the founder of the Lincoln, Neb. Landscape firm, Monarch Gardens LLC.

Speakers include: Matt Pinnell, Lt. Gov. and Secretary of Tourism & Branding, State of Oklahoma; Kevin Mink, Urban Soil Health Specialist, Oklahoma County Conservation District; Rebecca Quinonez-Pinon, Monarch Outreach Coordinator, National Wildlife Federation, Texas Field Office; Katie Gillies, Director of Conservation, The Nature Conservancy; Dustin Lamoreaux, Oklahoma State Coordinator, Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Quail Forever.

Also presenting will be Katie Hawk, Director of Communications and External Affairs, The Nature Conservancy; Katie Boyer, Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Austin Ecological Services Field Office; and Bob Hamilton, Preserve Director, the Joseph H. Williams Tallgrass Prairie Preserve.

Registration includes a catered box lunch. This is a "green" event, so participants are asked to bring sustainable, personal beverage bottles, the host site will recycle all post-food materials, and documents will be shared with attendees in digital format only.

Registration for individual seats or table vendors can be made at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rewilding-oklahoma-a-people-places-and-pollinators-symposium-tickets-62815443683>.



This is to certify that the person named below has earned _____ CEUs by attending Rewilding Oklahoma on August 28, 2019.

NAME OF PARTICIPANT

MARY WALLER, DIRECTOR, OKIES FOR MONARCHS



Oklahoma Licensees Serving on National Councils:

The majority of the work for state boards, NCARB, CLARB, & CIDQ is done by professionals from across the country, volunteering their time and expertise to create standards that protect the public, while enabling mobility and reciprocity.

Each year, we have representatives from Oklahoma serving on national councils and FY20 is no exception:

Nathan Baker, Architect
NCARB Professional Conduct Committee
Chair

David Hornbeek, Architect
NCARB Region 5 Leadership Committee
Chair & NCARB Policy Advisory
Committee

Elizabeth Windel, Architect
NCARB Examination Committee & ARE
5.0 Case Study Subcommittee Chair

Bradley Gaskins, Architect
NCARB Interiors Taskforce

Caitlin Whitley Hayes, Architect
NCARB Business Continuity Exam
Workgroup: Project Planning and Design

Daryl Bray, Architect
NCARB Examination Committee

Scott Oglesby, Architect
NCARB ARE 5.0 Item Development
Subcommittee

What's New in Oklahoma Legislation:

- House Bill 1373 was signed by Governor Stitt on May 14 and will be effective November 1, and requires all state licensing agencies to list criminal histories, which would disqualify an applicant from licensure.
 - It also requires all state licensing agencies to remove any language referring to “good moral character” from their acts and rules.
- Senate Bill 670 was signed by Governor Stitt on April 30 and permits current or former military personnel and their spouses stationed in Oklahoma to notify licensing authorities in Oklahoma of any licenses they possess in good standing in other states, and to be granted temporary or reciprocal licenses, effective November 1.
 - It is important to note that military deployment exemptions already exist in the Oklahoma Architectural and Registered Interior Designers Act and Rules. In order to continue honoring the sacrifices of service men and women, the current rules provide that all fees, penalties, and continuing education, if applicable, will be waived during the time that Licensees, Registrants, or Candidates are called to active military duty and deployed to a temporary military assignment. We are proud of our service men and women and look forward to assisting anyone preparing for duty.
- The Occupational Licensing Advisory Commission, tasked with conducting a review of all occupational licenses and making recommendations to the legislature, produced their findings in a report for 2019, after looking into each state licensing agency’s justification, methods, and the overall necessity for licensure. The Architectural license was selected in this first round of reviews; regarding OBA, they wrote:
 - “No recommended changes to Architect license. The Commission appreciates the model used by the Board of Architects.”

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

www.ok.gov/architects

Congratulations to Our New Oklahoma Licensees:

ARCHITECTS

JACOB HUNT	SEAN O'BRIEN	DEZIREE MILLER
RODNEY BOREN	JOSEPH EVANS	JENNIFER BRADSHAW
CAITLIN WHITLEY HAYES	JOHN AREND	KINGKINI AREND
MARK KASULIS	TRISHA MURRAY	SHANNON MARSHALL
KEVIN OYLER	ADAM BALDWIN	CHRISTOPHER BUNAL
SARAH KING	CHRISTOPHER BOSWELL	REESE SCARBOROUGH
ALISON ACKER	CHRISHELL RICARD	KATHRYN MAXSON
ASHLEY MARKLEY	DANIEL GRUDEK	JARED ZICKEFOOSE
HANA WAUGH	AMBER ORGANTINI	JENNIFER YARD
NICHOLAS NEWELL	CRAIG THILSTED	CIENNA CULLEN
CHASE WINKEL	MORGAN HOLT	CANDICE LEINNEWEBER
KIMBERLY MURRAY	GRACE SMITH	MOLLY ALLEN
JESSIKA POTEET	AMANDA LABROSSE	

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

AUDREY CLARK	JEFFREY MORALES
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REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS

MELISSA PERRY	STANLEY SPELLMAN	CHELSEY SCHIMMELS
ANGELA MCFALL	KATELYN BELL	TIFFANY DENNIS
KARLA LOVE		

By the Numbers:

<u>Architects</u>		<u>Landscape Architects</u>		<u>Registered Interior Designers</u>	
Active	2446	Active	196	Active	278
Emeritus	80	Emeritus	5	Emeritus	3
Reciprocal	66%	Reciprocal	67%	Reciprocal	10%
				Total	3,008

Reporting a Complaint

In order to ensure the safety of the public, the Oklahoma Board of Architects, Landscape Architects and Registered Interior Designers investigates all complaints and violations through its enforcement and compliance officer. Rulings and decisions are based on the current Oklahoma State Architectural and Registered Interior Designers Act, and all disciplinary actions are made public and shared with other registration boards throughout the United States.

File a Complaint

1. Individuals who wish to file a complaint in regards to a violation committed in Oklahoma can find a complaint form at [https://www.ok.gov/Architects/Complaint\(s\)/index.html](https://www.ok.gov/Architects/Complaint(s)/index.html).
2. The form should be filled out completely, including a detailed description of the violation, and should be accompanied by as many documents that support the complaint as possible.
3. The completed form and documentation can be mailed or brought to 220 N.E. 28th Street, Suite 150, or can be sent electronically to lauren.vaughan@boardofarch.ok.gov.

Please do not file a complaint if any parties involved in the complaint are anticipating litigation or if litigation is already underway. The complaint can be investigated after the legal action is resolved, unless the immediate failure to investigate would adversely impact public health, safety, or welfare.

4. The complaint and documentation will then be reviewed and evaluated by the Investigation Committee to determine if the matter falls within the Board's jurisdiction, if a violation has occurred, or if more information is required.
5. Unless the complaint is determined to be outside the Board's jurisdiction or there are insufficient grounds to support any action by the Board, the Investigation Committee will begin a full investigation to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public are being guarded.

Investigating a Complaint

6. Once an investigation has begun, the Investigation Committee will notify the architect, landscape architect, interior designer, or unlicensed individual of the need for further documents or proofs, and will communicate with other parties involved to determine the truth and validity of the allegations of the complaint.
7. As a result of the investigation, the Investigation Committee will present the facts and findings to the Board in order to establish if there is probable cause to warrant or further proceedings, or to recommend that the investigation be dismissed due to a lack of sufficient evidence that a violation has occurred.
8. If probable cause is found, a public hearing will be scheduled, at which time the Board will hear all facts and testimonies, and will vote on the final charges. Prior to the hearing, the accused practitioner will receive a notice outlining all the charges, as well as his or her right to appear before the Board at the hearing.

Throughout the investigation process, the complainant will be kept apprised of all of the findings of the Investigation Committee and the final charge of the Board.

Disciplinary Actions

Breakdown of Allegations for Current Investigations

Unlicensed practice of architecture (individual)	8
Unlicensed practice of landscape architecture (individual)	1
Unlicensed practice of architecture (firm)	11
Unlicensed practice of landscape architecture (firm)	1
Recklessness, fraud, dishonesty, gross negligence	6
Failure to submit building plans	3
Advertising architectural services without a license	3
Incorrect use of codes	2

Breakdown of Cases Closed in 2018-2019

No evidence of a violation	43
Not within jurisdiction of the Board	7
Civil Penalty	4
Warning Letter	12
No further action	2
No further action due to compliance	9

FOR ALL RECENT
DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS,
CIVIL PENALTIES, AND
OKLAHOMA ATTORNEY
GENERAL OPINIONS,
VISIT
THE COMPLAINTS PAGE
AT
OK.GOV/ARCHITECTS

MOVING?

Please notify the Board Office of your new mailing address or email 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.

