



# Columns

*The Newsletter of the Board of Architecture and  
Registered Interior Designers  
August 2024*

## President's Message



*Cathy Morrison, Board  
President 2024-2025*

At our July board meeting, myself and those listed below were voted to serve as officers on the board. It is my privilege to serve another term as the President of the Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers and serve along side these individuals.

Roula Qubain, Architect - Vice President  
Emmy Williams, Registered Interior Designer – Treasurer  
Timothy Hillhouse, Architect – Secretary

Over the past two years, the Board has updated its rules and laws as well as its policies and guidelines. Most recently, the Guidelines for Design/Build Arrangements were added to the list. With the help of several architects, including Phil Szostak, Katherine Hogan, Richard Alsop and Parker Platt, the Board at its July 12, 2024 published the guidelines, you will find it at this link [2024-0712\\_DesignBuildGuidelines.pdf \(ncbarch.org\)](#) We would like to thank everyone who was involved in this effort.

The updated guidelines stress that Licensed Architects or Registered Interior Designers who offer design/build services as both a licensed or registered design professional AND a General Contractor, must maintain a standard of care to appropriately provide services as the architect, registered interior designer or the other design entity respectively with each avoiding any conflict of interest in the fair representation of the client and

### Board Members

Cathy Morrison	President/Architect
Roula Qubain	Vice President/Architect
Emmy Williams	Treasurer/Registered Interior Designer
Timothy Hillhouse	Secretary/Architect
Cora Cole-McFadden	Public Member
Fred Dodson	Public Member
Ilesha Patel	Registered Interior Designer
Elizabeth Pyle	Registered Interior Designer
Walt R. Teague	Architect
Walter Sawyer	Architect

### Board Staff

Cathe M. Evans	Executive Director
Julie L. Piatek	Director of Administration
Tyler Barrick	Firm/CE Compliance Director

### Upcoming Meeting Dates

November 1, 2024 – Winston Salem  
January 10, 2025 – Raleigh, NC  
May 9, 2024 – Raleigh, NC  
July 11, 2025 – Raleigh, NC

### Board Office Location

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All Board meetings are open to the public.

the public. In addition to separate business entities, this shall include separate contracts, contract changes, change orders, accounting practices, invoicing, etc. and clear and transparent documented communication as to which entity you are representing. As a licensed professional, you must ensure that you are familiar with all [the rules and laws that govern the practice of architecture](#).

Should you have any questions related to this or any of the rules, laws and guidelines, please contact Cathe Evans, Executive Director at [cathe@ncbarch.org](mailto:cathe@ncbarch.org) or 984-328-1161.

For the Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers,  
*Cathy Morrison, AIA*



## Executive Director's Message

Cathe M. Evans

I'm proud to announce that once again, the Board has donated funds to the American Institute of Architects – North Carolina to support the publication of continuing education offered at its ASPIRE Conference. The continuing education opportunities funded with the Board's contribution ***will be made available free of charge***, by the end of the 2024 calendar year, to any architect licensed and registered interior designer licensed or registered in the State of North Carolina, ***regardless of their membership status with the AIA***. A link to the continuing education site for last year's content that will be published in upcoming newsletters and on [www.ncbarch.org](http://www.ncbarch.org)

As a reminder, all licenses expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Renewal notices for the 2024-2025 license year were sent on May 15, 2024. As a courtesy, we send reminders throughout the year. However, if you don't keep your contact information current, you may not receive these notices. Please be sure to keep your email address current as that is where the notices are sent.

### **License and Registration Statistics as of July 26, 2024**

Licensed Architects Expiring on June 30, 2025

6750

Break down:

NC - 2686

Out of State - 4064

Licensed Architecture Firms Expiring on December 31, 2024

2074

Break down:

NC – 766

Out of State - 1308

Registered Interior Designers Expiring on June 30, 2025

322

Break down:

NC -258

Out of State - 64

Registered Interior Designer Firm Expiring on December 31, 2024

71

Break down:

NC -

Out of State – 24

## **Expired License and Registration Report**

Individual architect licenses that expired on June 30, 2024, can be found here.

Individual interior designer registrations that expired on June 30, 2024, can be found here.

Architecture Firm Licenses that expired on December 31, 2023, can be found here

Interior Design Firm Registrations that expired on December 31, 2023 can be found here.

**These lists are current as of July 26, 2024, at 07:30 EST.** If you renewed after that date you may check the status of your architecture firm or individual license by clicking here - [Architect Search – NC Board of Architecture \(ncbarch.org\)](#) or to check the status of your interior designer or interior designer firm by clicking here - [Registered Interior Designer Forms/Information – NC Board of Architecture \(ncbarch.org\)](#)

The staff for the Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers is dedicated to assisting you in keeping your license or registration active and in good standing. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions whatsoever. The Board office main number is 984-328-1161.

For Firm Licensure or Registration, Continuing Education – Tyler Barrick, Director of Firm/CE Compliance. [tyler@ncbarch.org](mailto:tyler@ncbarch.org)

For Individual Licensure or Registration or status and general information – Julie Piatek, Director of Administration. [juliap@ncbarch.org](mailto:juliap@ncbarch.org)

For official complaints, rules or laws or inquiries from Code Officials – Cathe Evans, Executive Director. [cathe@ncbarch.org](mailto:cathe@ncbarch.org)

Cathe M. Evans, Executive Director

## **NCARB NEWS**

Explore the latest edition of the NCARB annual data report, highlighting key trends on the path to licensure—including information about exam pass rates, demographics, attrition along the

path to licensure, and more. You will find NCARB By the Numbers at this link [NBTN 2024 | NCARB - National Council of Architectural Registration Boards](#)

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards' (NCARB) member licensing boards passed resolutions to update two of NCARB's Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs), one involving adjustments to the agreement with Australia and New Zealand and the other streamlining elements of the Canada/Mexico/U.S. Tri-National Agreement, which establish reciprocity with several of NCARB's international counterparts. In both cases, the updates expand access to the MRAs, allowing more architects to pursue international licensure through these agreements. You can learn more about the MRA at this link - [NCARB Expands Access to International Reciprocity | NCARB - National Council of Architectural Registration Boards](#)

## CIDQ News

The Model Legislation Task Force was assigned by the CIDQ Board of Directors with updating draft model language from 2010, with the goal of providing a modernized template for reasonable regulation of interior design to regulated and unregulated jurisdictions alike. The Model Legislation Task Force, in collaboration with law firm Venable LLP, has completed its review and update of the Provisions of Interior Design Registration Model Legislation document. The Task Force is ready to begin hearing feedback from our member boards. Please complete the survey at this link - [CIDQ Model Legislation Feedback Survey \(office.com\)](#)

## NCBA/RID Enforcement Report

The following Enforcement Report is for the period April 13, 2024 to August 1, 2023. The Board is not bound by precedence in matters of disciplinary action. It is the prerogative of the Board to be conservative in its review of cases and to enforce the rules and laws with sanctions and civil penalties as allowed by law. You may request a copy of the entire order by sending an email to [cathe@ncbarch.org](mailto:cathe@ncbarch.org) be sure to include the case number with your request. The Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers has jurisdiction pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §83A-15 and 21 NCAC 02 to receive and investigate complaints involving dishonest conduct, incompetence and unprofessional conduct and non-licensed practice. This Board does not have the statutory authority to discipline architects regarding complaints involving contract disagreements between a client and architect or allegations of ordinary negligence, nor can the Board mediate these situations. All civil penalties collected by the Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers are deposited with the Office of State Budget management where they are disbursed to school systems throughout the State.

The Board dismissed two cases with no action or as unfounded.

The Board dismissed two cases without prejudice.

The Board issued four Cease and Desist / Letters of Warning letters to non-licensed individuals using the title architect or offering and rendering services without a license to do so:

Case 1272 – Wheeler, Zachary

Case 1276 – Colucci

Case 1278 – Solkolski

Case 1284 – Gatlin

The Board issued one formal Letter of Reprimand:  
Case 1279 – Godfrey, Robert

The Board issued Consent Orders to the following individuals:  
Case 1280 - Simpson  
Case 1287 – Marion  
Case 1288 - Olson