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Nevada news & updates

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Calendar

Upcoming Board Meetings

(Location TBD)

May 25, 2022

August 17, 2022

October 19, 2022

Residential Design Exam

August 18-19, 2022

(tentative)

Las Vegas and Reno

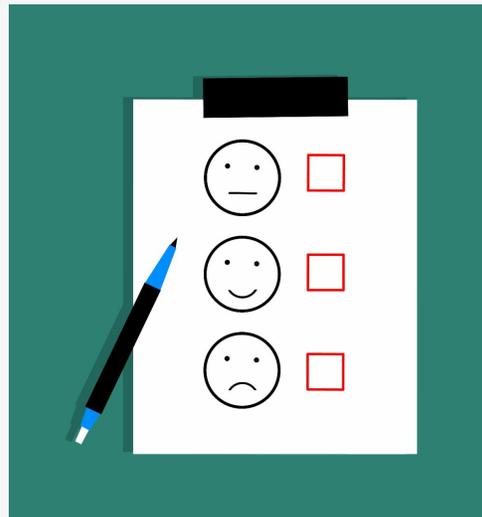
Keep Your Contact Information Up to Date

Registrants have 30 days to
notify the board of a change
of address or place of
employment per NRS
623.720.

[Change of Address](#)

Board Members

Staff



Board Launches Customer Service Survey

In March, the board sent a Customer Service Survey to all registrants, candidates and other stakeholders in order to help improve service.

Thank you to everyone who has responded. Board staff are in the process of reaching out to those who have requested we contact them for further feedback or information.

If you did not receive the email with the survey link, you can [take the survey](#)

Firm Owners: Don't Forget to Update the Board of New Firm Ownership and/or Management

[NAC 623.740](#) requires every firm using a corporate or fictitious name have its name approved by the board. We refer to this as “firm name approval.” **These firms are required to notify the board in writing within 30 days after there are any changes in the ownership or management of the firm.** Additionally, if the firm decides to change its name, it must have the new firm name approved by the board.

[NRS 623.349](#) allows registrants to form business organizations or associations with persons who are not licensed, as long as two-thirds of the ownership is held by design professionals licensed under NRS 623, 623A or 625. We refer to this as “firm registration.” **If these firms are corporations, they must give the board a complete list of all stockholders with their initial application and update the board annually thereafter within 30 days of the corporation’s annual meeting.**

For information about firm name approval and firm name registration, [please visit our website](#) or contact the board office.

NCARB News

Analysis of Practice Survey Launched

Earlier this month, NCARB launched its once-in-a-decade Analysis of Practice. This study is the largest and most comprehensive study undertaken to date, exploring everything from advances in technology to shifts in cross-professional collaboration and specialization.



Nevada uses the experience and examination programs developed through NCARB to assess architecture applicants’ readiness for licensure and to regulate the practice to ensure public health and safety. Insights from the Analysis of Practice study will shape the future evolution of these programs, so it is important that Nevada registrants are well-represented in the study.

NCARB is seeking the input of architects, candidates and other design professionals. To participate, individuals should visit www.analysisofpractice.com. The survey includes 12 individual sections and will take approximately 50 minutes to complete. Participants can complete the survey in one sitting or complete one section at a time. The final survey will close on April 29 at 5 p.m. EST.

ARE Migration to PSI Update

The change in testing vendors for the ARE is happening this summer. Tests will continue to be administered by Prometric through May 31. Beginning June 14, all tests will be administered by PSI.

Later this spring, exam candidates can choose whether to migrate seat credits to PSI or keep testing with Prometric. Once an appointment is scheduled with Prometric, it cannot be transferred to PSI. Candidates who have an appointment scheduled with Prometric will have to take the test with Prometric or forfeit the cost of that appointment. Tests with Prometric will continue though May 31.

NCARB says the switch to PSI will allow for a better exam experience, including more direct customer service, more flexible and less expensive exam rescheduling, more detailed feedback on failing score reports, and more [physical test center locations](#).

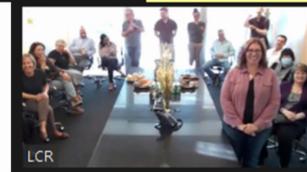
New Registrants by Examination

Architects

Torrey D. E. Tracy (Fayetteville, AR) #8850

Taylor John Wolak (Las Vegas) #8851

Amy N. Cordes (Henderson) #8867



Registered Interior Designers

Carina Gaytan (Las Vegas) #283-ID

Erica A. McLaughlin (~~San Valley, ID~~)

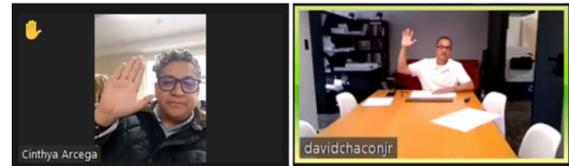
#284-ID (Las Vegas, NV)



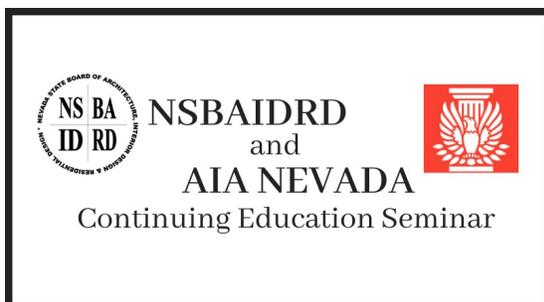
Residential Designers

Edgar D. Montalvo (Las Vegas) #412-RD

David Chacón Jr. (Long Beach, CA) #413-RD

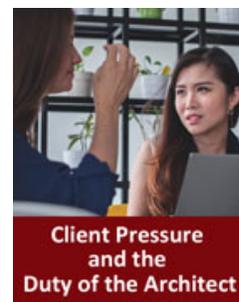


CEU Opportunities



NSBAIDRD / AIALV Announce Dates for Annual CEU Seminar

The 10th Annual NSBAIDRD / AIALV CEU Seminar is scheduled take place



NCARB Continuum Education Client Pressure and the Duty of the Architect (1 HSW)

This course prepares the architect to

on **November 4, 2022**. In response to attendee feedback, this year's seminar will again be held in a virtual format. Speaker line-up and further details will be announced later this year.

recognize and respond appropriately to ethical dilemmas encountered at work, especially when engaging with forceful clients or clients with differing values. The three scenarios presented will help the architect successfully recognize potential ethical challenges and build effective strategies to meet their duty to the client and the public.

CIDQ Seeking Public Member for Board of Directors

CIDQ is recruiting members for its 2023 Board of Directors, including a Public Member.

The Public Member is charged with representing the public interest in the interior design profession. To be eligible for the Public Member position on the CIDQ Board of Directors, individuals must meet certain criteria:

- Not be, nor have been, a practitioner or educator of interior design or architecture
- Not be, nor have been, the spouse, child, parent, or significant other of a practitioner or educator of interior design or architecture
- Be unaffiliated with any Officer, Director, Council Delegate, member of Member Board or Council staff member.

For more information about the CIDQ Board of Directors nominations and service requirements, visit www.cidq.org/nominations. Applications will be accepted through May 13, 2022.



What do I need to do if I want to use a DBA (Doing Business As) or FFN (Fictitious Firm Name) instead of the legal name of my business?

Most importantly, make sure your business is licensed through the Nevada Secretary of State. Once you have your State Business License, you can register your DBA or FFN with any Nevada County Clerk. Please provide any DBA/FFN documentation when applying for firm approval or registration with the board.

More questions about the firm name registration and approval process? Please contact the board at 702-486-7300.

Disciplinary Actions (January 21 through March 23, 2022)

Inquiries are routinely sent to both registrants and non-registrants for alleged violations of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Codes (NAC).

There were three cases this period that were submitted for board consideration and approved. Additionally, five cases were closed because there was no basis for the allegations, or the complaint did not fall within the board's jurisdiction.

The following cases were closed by means of settlement agreement; as part of the agreement respondents agreed to assure compliance with Chapter 623. Should the respondents be involved in a subsequent case and found to have again violated NRS, NAC or Rules of Conduct, the case may be used as an aggravating factor.

Every effort is made to ensure that the following information is correct. Before making any decision based on this information you should contact the NSBAIDRD.

Fraud, Deceit or Concealment of a Material Fact in His or Her Professional Practice; Violating Rules of Conduct; and Disregarding the Rights of Others: NRS 623.270.1(b), NRS 623.270.1(f) and Rules of Conduct 4.2

Case 22-013R

The allegations against *Lei Su* (#6643) were that she acted deceitfully and disregarded the rights of others. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$8,000 plus investigative costs of \$1,800.

Holding Oneself Out, Advertising, and Unlicensed Practice of Architecture, Registered Interior Design or Residential Design: NRS 623.360.1(a)(b)(c)

Case 22-002N

The allegations against *Ali Fakh* and *SEG* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of architecture and engaged in the practice of architecture, without having a certificate of registration with the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$5,000 plus investigative costs of \$1,300.

Case 22-020N

The allegations against *Hyeonjoo Park* and *Fish Design & Architecture* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of architecture and engaged in the practice of architecture, without having a certificate of registration with the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$3,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,500.