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Board Randomly Selecting Registrants for Continuing Education Audits

A percentage of registrants who renewed their licenses for 2021 will be randomly selected for audit of their continuing education units next month. The selected registrants will be notified by mail. The notice of audit will explain the audit process and will require a response by a specified date.

Submittals will be reviewed to determine if the continuing education requirements were met. Supporting documentation to prove completion of a course or activity is required. Registrants who fail to meet the requirements will be notified and offered an opportunity to resolve the violation. Registrants who choose not to resolve the violation will be subject to the board's disciplinary process.

For more information on the continuing education requirement or audit process, please refer to the [Continuing Education page of the board website](#).

CEU Opportunities

EduCode Virtual Classes March 1-5

Registration is open for Educode 2021. The week-long educational event will be held entirely online this year. EduCode features specialized courses, including architecture, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, structural, fire protection, code enforcement and leadership topics, which are essential for building design, expanding skills, and earning and maintaining certifications and other credentials. Full and half-day sessions are available.

For more information or to register, visit educode.us.



Calendar

March 24, 2021
Board Meeting
Virtual

June 8, 2021
Board Meeting
Virtual

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Gregory L. Erny

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AXP Supervisor Training

NCARB's newest edition to its Continuum Education Courses is "AXP Supervisor Training." This course explains the requirements for supervision in the AXP as well as practical and ethical considerations for supervisors and mentors. It also explains learning science related to professional training, how to give useful feedback, how to utilize the AXP to provide structured experience, and considerations of unconscious biases which may affect licensure candidates in their professional development. Case study examples help learners to better understand how to apply the concepts described. The course is free for NCARB certificate holders and users will earn 1.5 HSW CEUs.

More information at [NCARB.org](https://www.ncarb.org).

NSBAIDRD on Social Media

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Moving? Changing Jobs?

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

Download a [change of address form](#), or [email the following information](#)

to the board office:

- Full name
- Registration Number
- Prior Address & Phone #
- New Address & Phone #
- Email Address
- Effective Date of Change
- Type of Change (Business or Home)

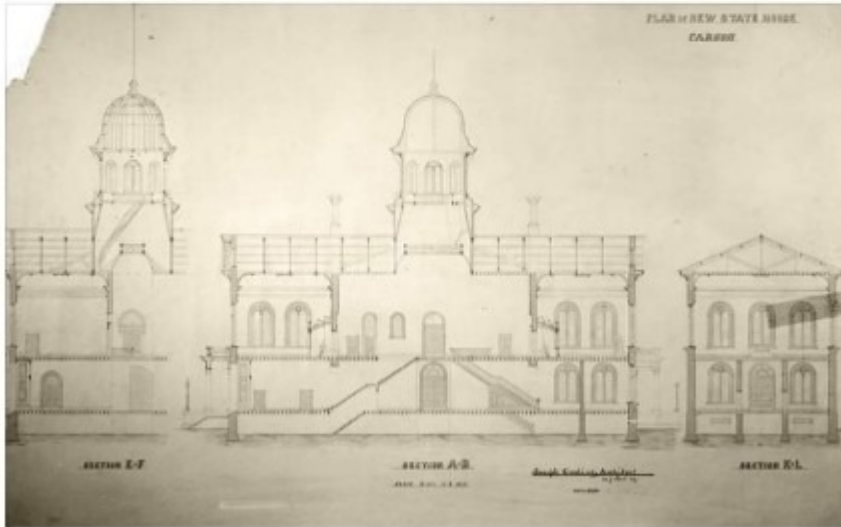


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February 1 at 10:18 AM · 🌐

The Nevada Legislature convenes today for its 81st session. The legislature originally met in the Capitol Building, completed in 1871, until it moving to its current building 100 years later. The Capitol Building was designed by San Francisco architect Joseph Gosling. Sandstone for the exterior was quarried at the nearby Nevada State Prison.



New Registrants By Examination

Eight new registrants by examination were sworn-in at the January 20, 2021 board meeting.

Residential Designer

Emmett D. Henry, Jr. (Austin, TX) #394-RD

Registered Interior Designers

Megan Gruppo (Reno) #265-ID

Diane Nicole McCann (Virginia Beach, VA) #267-ID

Emily G. Hiott (Charlotte, NC) #266-ID

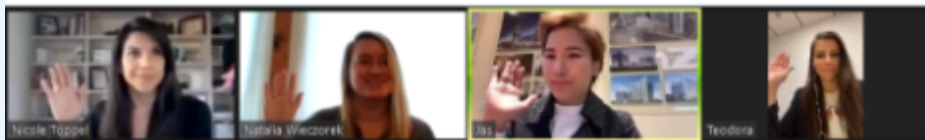
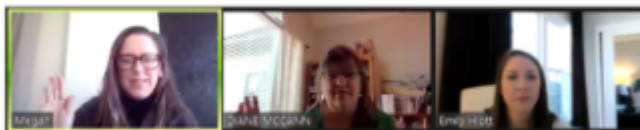
Architects

Nicole Violani Toppel (Los Angeles, CA) #8501

Natalia M. Wiczorek (S Lake Tahoe, CA) #8503

Jas Le (Las Vegas) #8500

Teodora M. Vasilev (Las Vegas) #8502



Promote Registration in Your Firm

Do you want to promote registration in your firm? Do you have staff in the licensure pipeline or thinking about it? Are there unlicensed staff in your firm who have questions about Nevada law?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, invite someone from the board to speak to your firm! These small, informal discussions allow your staff to get their questions answered in a comfortable environment and give them personal contact with board staff. The licensure process can be long, and is sometimes confusing. We want to help!

Staff in multiple offices? No problem! All meetings will be held virtually so we can talk to staff in remote locations too!

Contact Stacey Hatfield, Public Information Officer, at shatfield@nsbaidrd.nv.gov with questions or to schedule a meeting.

Board Honors AIALV ED Randy Lavigne Upon Retirement

Long time AIA Las Vegas Executive Director Randy Lavigne, FAIA, retired earlier this year. In recognition of the valuable partnership between the board and AIA, the board honored Randy with a certificate of appreciation during the January board meeting. Randy has been instrumental in the success of the joint NSBAIDRD / AIA Continuing Education Seminar series.



Nani Aguada, NSBAIDRD Executive Assistant, presents a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the board to AIALV Executive Director Randy Lavigne.

Disciplinary Actions

(October 19, 2020 through January 19, 2021)

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 four cases this period that were submitted for board consideration and approved. Additionally, seven 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.

Holding Oneself Out and Advertising Qualifications to Practice

Architecture, Registered Interior Design or Residential Design: NRS 623.360.1(a)(b)

Case 20-043N

The allegations against *Howard Rakestraw* and *Banner Construction* were that they held themselves out and advertised that they were qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of architecture, without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$1,000 plus investigative costs of \$1,000.

Case 21-012N

The allegations against *Leonardo Carmignani* and *C2-Architects* were that they held themselves out and advertised that they were qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of architecture, without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$2,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,200.

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

Case 21-016N

The allegations against *Yvonne Stillman* and *Power CAD* were that they advertised that they were qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of architecture and engaged in the practice of architecture, without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$3,000 plus investigative costs of \$1,000.

Unlicensed Practice of Architecture, Registered Interior Design or Residential Design: NRS 623.360.1(c)

Case 21-027N

The allegations against *George Chapman* and *Studio Level 1, Ltd.* were that they engaged in the practice of architecture without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$5,000 plus investigative costs of \$1,500.

Expired Certificates of Registration

[See a list of certificates of registration that expired on December 31, 2020.](#)

Late Registration Policy

Registrants whose certificate of registration expired and have failed to renew their registration must pay a late renewal fee of \$220, in addition to the \$180 annual registration fee.

Registrants who do not renew their certificate of registration within one year of its expiration can renew it before the end of the third year by: submitting a letter of application for renewal; paying the required late registration fees (\$220 late fee plus \$180 for every year lapsed); paying the renewal fee for the current year (\$180); and completing the required CEUs for each year the license was lapsed.

For further questions regarding late registration, please contact the board office at (702) 486-7300.

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