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Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design

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## Board Office Open, In-Person Board Meetings Resume

The board office is now open to the public. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm, excluding holidays. Staff may be reached at 702-486-7300 or through email. Staff email addresses can be found on our [website](#).

The board is excited to resume in-person board meetings. The next two scheduled board meetings are August 18, 2021 in Reno and October 20, 2021 in Las Vegas. New registrants who were sworn-in virtually during the board office closure are invited to attend either board meeting to personally meet board members and staff.

The board is exploring options for hybrid in-person/virtual meetings for the future. Hybrid meetings are not expected to take place earlier than January 2022. Updates will be posted to the board website and future issues of Focus Newsletter.

## Board Chair James Mickey Receives Award

Board chair James Mickey received the 2021 NCARB President's Medal for Distinguished Service. NCARB President Robert Calvani commended the recipients for their commitment to architectural regulation and NCARB's mission to protect the public's health, safety and welfare.

Mickey, a Reno architect, was recognized for his outstanding contributions to NCARB and the NSBAIDRD. Mickey was first appointed to the Nevada Board in 2012, and has served as secretary/treasurer and chair during his tenure. During his years of service to NCARB, Mickey led multiple volunteer efforts including the ARE 5.0 Case Study Committee and Task Force and the Interiors Task Force. In addition, he has been a member of the Examination Committee and multiple Programming & Analysis and Structural Systems division-focused subgroups. Mickey was elected by his peers to the Region 6 Executive Committee in 2016 and went on to serve the region as secretary/treasurer.



## Calendar

### August 18, 2021

Board Meeting  
*Reno*

### August 19, 2021

Residential Design  
Graphic Exam  
*Las Vegas and Reno*

### August 20, 2021

Residential Design Written  
Exam  
*Las Vegas and Reno*

### October 20, 2021

Board Meeting  
*Las Vegas*

### November 5, 2021

Annual CEU Seminar  
*Virtual*

## Board Members

James Mickey  
*Chair*

William E. Snyder  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

Kimberly Ciesynski

Gregory L. Erny

Ann Fleming



James Mickey (right) receives the 2021 NCARB President's Medal for Distinguished Service from NCARB President Robert Calvani.

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## FAQ: Reproduction of Documents

### Can one design professional use another design professional's drawings?

NAC 623.770 addresses this issue:

NAC 623.770 Reproduction of documents. (NRS 623.140)

1. Upon approval by the Board, a firm may reproduce any plan, specification, drawing or other document that was prepared by a registrant of the firm for any project after the registrant's association with that firm has ended.
2. If the approval is granted, the Board may make special provision for the stamping of the documents and any modification of the documents it deems necessary.

### Who retains ownership of drawings when a design professional leaves a firm?

Under most employment contracts, a firm retains ownership of any drawings made while a design professional is employed by that firm. In some instances, the contract may state that ownership remains with the design professional. It is always best to refer to the employment contract.

### What happens when a design professional cannot complete the project because of an illness or death?

If the original design professional was unable to give permission, in writing, for a new design professional to take over the project, the new design professional will have to come before the board to ask for a special provision.

### What about when a design professional and client part ways and a new design professional is hired by the client to complete the project?

If the original design professional will not release the drawings, the client or new design professional should contact the board office for more direction and assistance. These instances would need to be looked at on

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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)

a case by case basis. Some may be able to be handled at the board staff level, but others may need to go before the board for a special provision.

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## NV Board and Commission Openings for Architects

There are currently three openings on Nevada's boards and commissions specifically for Nevada licensed architects. The vacancies are:

Board of Museums and History  
Comstock Historic District Commission  
Fire Services Board

To learn more about these openings or to apply, please visit the [Boards and Commissions page](#).

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## Firm FAQs



We will be starting a new FAQ series on social media in August all about firms. Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to see all the questions and answers!

### **The Nevada Secretary of State (NV SOS) rejected my "Qualification to Do Business in Nevada" form and said I must get approval from the NSBAIDRD. What do I need to do?**

The NV SOS most likely rejected the filing because the applicant failed to provide proof of licensure.

The terms "architecture," "residential design" and "registered interior design" are protected under NRS 623. If the firm is providing architectural, residential design and/or registered interior design services, or using any of those terms in the firm name, the applicants must provide a copy of the principal(s) current Nevada wallet card to the NV SOS. The current wallet card verifies that they are licensed to provide those services in Nevada. To get a copy of your current wallet card go to [nsbaidrd.org/registant-information/](https://nsbaidrd.org/registant-information/).

After approval by the NV SOS, you must provide a copy of the firm's Nevada Business License and Nevada Certificate of Existence with Status of Good Standing with your NSBAIDRD Firm Approval Application.

More questions about the firm application process? Please contact the board at 702-486-7300.

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## RD Exams Offered in August

The written and graphic sections of the Residential Design Exam will be given August 19-20, 2021 in Las Vegas and Reno. The exam registration form can be found [online](#). The deadline to submit the complete application with supporting documents is July 22, 2021.

Information about the exams, including a study guide for the written exam, can be found on the [board website](#).

Don't forget, candidates who pass all four sections on their first attempt are eligible for the Dewey Jones Residential Design Exam Scholarship, which reimburses the cost of the exam.

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## New Registrants By Examination

Four new registrants by examination were sworn-in at the June 2021 board meeting.

### Architect

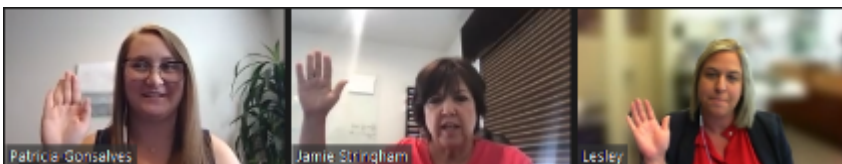
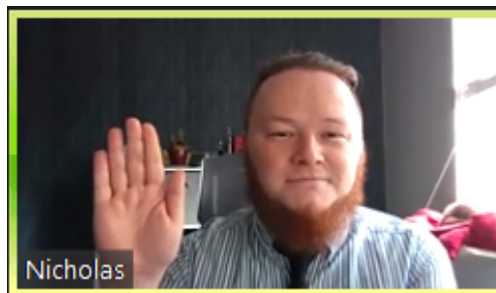
Nicholas Voell-White (San Marino, CA) #8629

### Registered Interior Designers

Lesley Bosch (Reno) #270-ID

Patricia Gonsalves (Las Vegas) #271-ID

Jamie G. Stringham (Las Vegas) #272-ID



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## Promote Registration in Your Firm

Do you want to promote registration in your firm? Do you have staff who are 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 can help!

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

Contact Stacey Hatfield, Public Information Officer, at [shatfield@nsbaidrd.nv.gov](mailto:shatfield@nsbaidrd.nv.gov) with questions or to schedule a meeting.

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## Disciplinary Actions

(March 25, 2021 through June 9, 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, 11 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, Advertising, and Unlicensed Practice of Architecture, Registered Interior Design or Residential Design: NRS 623.360.1(a)(b)(c)**

#### Case 21-046N

The allegations against *Bridget Herdman* and *Herdman Architecture & Design* 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 \$7,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,500.

#### Case 21-057N

The allegations against *Maurice Lombardo* and *Taylor Lombardo Architects* 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 \$7,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,500.

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

#### Case 21-029N

The allegations against *Julie Perkins* and *Modavero* were that they advertised as being qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of registered interior design and engaged in the practice of registered interior design, 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 \$1,800.

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

Case 21-044N

The allegations against *Charles Bennett* and *Premiere Project Management* were that they 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 \$3,000 plus investigative costs of \$1,800.

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