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NSBAIDRD Updating Database

This spring the NSBAIDRD will be updating its technology and migrating to a new database. When this migration starts, the board will be sending an email to all registrants to inform them of the timeline. The new database will allow for more efficient processing, including online applications, automated services, and complaint filing.

We will do our best to make the transition as seamless as possible, however we anticipate access to some records may be slower than usual during this time. Please plan ahead and allow for slower processing times during this transition.

Again, we will send an email to all registrants when we know the exact dates of the migration – so keep an eye on your email inboxes.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to board staff.

Continuing Education Audits

A percentage of registrants who renewed their licenses for 2022 will be randomly selected for audit of their continuing education units this 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.

Board Revises Notice to HOAs Regarding Qualified Design Professionals

Last year the board updated its long-standing "Notice to Architectural Review Committees and Homeowners Associations Regarding Qualified Design



Calendar

March 23, 2022

Board Meeting
Location TBD

May 25, 2022

Board Meeting
Location TBD

August 17, 2022

Board Meeting
Location TBD

Board Members

Gregory L. Erny
Chair

Kimberly Ciesynski
Secretary/Treasurer

Ann Fleming

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Professionals.” After the update, the board received comments and concerns about the clarity of the notice.

At the January board meeting the board considered the feedback and again updated the notice. The notice addresses the fact that both architects and residential designers are qualified to design residences in Nevada. The board has been made aware that some architectural review committees and homeowners’ associations in Nevada are limiting who may design homes in their communities to only architects and are excluding licensed residential designers. While the board cannot force these groups to allow residential designers to design homes in their communities, it hopes to educate them that both design professions are qualified to do so.

The revised January 2022 notice is not being mailed to all HOAs in Nevada. It is posted and can be [downloaded from the board’s website](#). Registrants may download the notice and use it as an education tool.

New Registrants By Examination

Six new registrants by examination were sworn-in at the January 2022 board meeting.

Architects

Landon Baker (Las Vegas) #8792
Marco Davis (Las Vegas) #8793
Ryan Perdue (Las Vegas) #8794
Pornpavee Mungrueangsakul (Las Vegas) #8795

Registered Interior Designers

Kathleen Stachowiak (Milwaukee, WI) #280-ID
Sheryl Gordon (Las Vegas) #281-ID



Above: Architects Baker, Mungrueangsakul, Davis and Perdue.
Below: RIDs Stachowiak and Gordon



Residential Designer Given Dewey Jones Award

David Blay (093-RD) was awarded the Dewey Jones Residential Design Exam Award in recognition of his passing all exam sections on the first attempt. Blay became a residential designers prior to the implementation of the Dewey Jones Award and Scholarship. Seven residential designers have now been given the award.

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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)

The Dewey Jones Award and Scholarship was created in 2013 to honor the late Dewey Jones (029-RD). Jones was a board member and instrumental in the creation of the residential design law. The scholarship covers the cost of the RD Exams and is awarded to any residential design candidate who passes all four exams on the first attempt. The scholarship is funded by members of the residential design community.

For more information about the scholarship contact the board office or [download the application](#).

NSBAIDRD on Social Media

Follow the board on Facebook and Twitter for the latest happenings, upcoming deadlines, CEU opportunities and more.

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CEU Opportunities

EduCode Conference Feb 28 - March 4

The [2022 EduCode Conference and Expo](#) is scheduled for February 28 to March 4 at the Orleans Hotel & Casino Conference Center. Classes will be offered both in-person and virtually. 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.

Right to the City: Equity, Sustainability, and Single-Family Zoning, Part 1 (1.5 HSW)

Growing US cities face escalating housing costs, residential and commercial displacement, homelessness, and the suburbanization of poverty. As increasing numbers of households are pushed out of the city by rising housing costs, they are burdened with long commutes and increased transportation costs while their carbon emissions escalate. These challenges are exacerbated by a deeply embedded policy - single-family zoning - that accounts for 75% or more of the land area allotted for housing in many fast-growing US cities. In this first of a two-part series, the history, evolution, and social equity and environmental impacts of single-family zoning policy in one city, Seattle, serve as an example of conditions in a number of fast-growing cities around the country. It also outlines the aggressive resistance to change and strategies architects can employ to address this. Visit [NCARB for more information](#).

Firm FAQs



We started a 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!

How do we apply for firm name approval or registration if our firm is structured as an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP)?

Statute (NRS 623.349) requires at least two-thirds ownership and control of a firm must be held by Nevada registered design professionals. The firm application must include a list of all individuals who hold ownership in the ESOP, and how much they own, to ensure the firm meets the two-thirds control requirement.

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

NCIDQ Exams Now Offered Via Remote Proctoring

The IDFX and IDPX sections of the NCIDQ Exam are now offered through remote proctoring by Prometric, CIDQ's test delivery vendor. The PRAC is currently only offered in Prometric test centers. Whether remote or in person, exams are only offered during the April and October testing windows.

In order to take the test remotely, a candidate's testing environment and computer systems must meet Prometric requirements. Candidates who are

considering taking the test remotely are encouraged to do a system readiness check to learn if their operating system is compatible to install and run the ProProctor app.

Candidates can learn more about remote proctoring, including a link to the system readiness check, by reading the [CIDQ "Remote Proctoring Frequently Asked Questions."](#)

Board Leadership Elected, Members Reappointed

Board members elected architect member Greg Erny as Chair and registered interior designer member Kimberly Ciesynski as Secretary/Treasurer at the board's October 2021 meeting. In December Governor Sisolak re-appointed architect board member James Mickey, registered interior designer member Ann Fleming and public member Nathaniel Waugh to new three-year terms.

Disciplinary Actions

(October 21, 2021 through January 21, 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 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 22-020N

The allegations against *Joel Berman* and *Joel Berman 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 \$6,000 plus investigative costs of \$1,500.

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

Case 21-052N

The allegations against *Giovani Rodriguez* were that he 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 \$1,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,200.

Case 21-062N

The allegations against *Jose Gonzalez* were that he 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 \$1,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,300.

Case 22-006N

The allegations against *Amy Beaumont* and *Knob Design* 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 \$1,000 plus investigative costs of \$1,200.

Expired Certificates of Registration

[See a list of certificates of registration that expired on December 31, 2021.](#)

Late Registration Policy

Registrants whose certificate of registration has been expired for one year or less must pay a late renewal fee of \$220, in addition to the \$180 annual registration fee (\$400 total).

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 (\$300 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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