

**MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE,  
INTERIOR DESIGN AND RESIDENTIAL DESIGN (NSBAIDRD)**

**January 21, 2026**

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84326289977>

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

Chairman James Mickey called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Board members present: James Mickey (Chairman), Tina Wichmann (Secretary/Treasurer), Greg Erny, George Garlock, Sheri Kovac, Chelsea Lavell, and Kreg Mebust.

Board members excused: Coffee Polk

Staff present: Stacey Hatfield (Deputy Director), Louis Ling (Legal Counsel), Laura Bach (Chief Investigator), and Jessica Hernandez (Licensing Specialist / Bookkeeper)

**NSBAIDRD Mission Statement:**

“The mission of the NSBAIDRD is to promote, preserve, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by regulating architects, registered interior designers, and residential designers to provide competent professional services in the built environment.”

Mickey announced that Public Member Nathaniel Waugh resigned from the board because he moved out of state. He said the board will miss Waugh, a valuable member of the board for over a decade. Mickey also welcomed the newly appointed board members, Sheri Kovac, Kreg Mebust and Coffee Polk.

**AGENDA ITEM 1      Public comment**

There was no public comment.

**AGENDA ITEM 2      Approval of consent agenda**

Consent agenda included the following:

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes: October 22, 2025
- C. Secretary/Treasurer Report (Reports and bank statements)
  1. Nevada Architect, Registered Interior Designer and Residential Designer Licensing Statistics
  2. Wells Fargo Bank Statements
  3. Bank of Nevada Statements
  4. First Independent Bank Statements
- D. Ratification of Reciprocal Licenses (see attached list)
- E. Firm Name Approval Requests
  1. JHET Architects, PLLC
  2. PHX Architecture
- F. Firm Registration Approval Requests
  1. Manuel Zeitlin Architects, LLC

**Architects: Registration by Reciprocity**

9858	Bian Kern	9873	Tyler Meyr	9888	Robert James Markley
9859	Michael McDonald	9874	Amy P. Korte	9889	Gordon Thomas Knowles
9860	Ryan D. Martin	9875	David A. Bois	9890	Charles Michael Rogers
9861	Franz Josef Nalezny	9876	Jennifer L. Kossler	9891	Rachel Turner-Lauck
9862	Stephen M. Teeters	9877	Mark R. Nielsen	9892	Alisa Anna Rice
9863	Michael David Lopez	9878	Sean K. Selby	9893	Jonathan Michael Heltz
9864	Elizabeth R. Mitchell	9879	Matthew Cramer	9894	Kayla Jonas
9865	Jenny Sartain	9880	Erica Zoren	9895	Daniel Levy
9866	Fariba Shoravi Shantiyai	9881	David R. Hodge	9896	Derrick J. Mroz
9867	Brett Terpeluk	9882	Timothy Morshead	9897	Ryan Hamrick
9868	Adam Henry Joseph Smith	9883	Jeffrey K. Mandyck	9901	Lindsay Anne Eder
9869	Paul V. Ashworth	9884	Manuel Zeitlin	9902	Kelly Somers
9870	Mark Bixler	9885	Jeremy Michael Stewart	9903	Russell Joseph Platt
9871	John Rausch	9886	Jeremy D Helfert	9904	Karin B. Settles
9872	Scott Harootyan	9887	Kenneth William Meyer		

Erny requested Item 2F-1 be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.

**Motion:** Garlock moved to approve the consent agenda, except item 2F-1. Motion seconded by Erny.

**Vote:** All in favor. Motion passes.

**AGENDA ITEM 2F-1 Firm registration approval request: Manuel Zeitlin Architects, LLC**

Erny stated there are firm members using the title “project architect.” They cannot use the term “architect” in Nevada if they are not licensed. Staff will include this information in the approval letter.

**Motion:** Erny moved to approve the firm registration approval request of “Manuel Zeitlin Architects, LLC,” with caution note in the approval letter. Motion seconded by Garlock.

**Vote:** All in favor. Motion passes.

**AGENDA ITEM 4 Review and possible decision regarding restoration of registration of Florence Barber pursuant to NRS 623.260 and NAC 623.280**

Hatfield said Florence Barber’s application for restoration of her registered interior design registration was in the board books. She noted Barber meets all the requirements for restoration. Barber appeared before the board in case there were any questions.

**Motion:** Lavell moved to approve restoration of registration of Florence Barber pursuant to NRS 623.260 and NAC 623.280. Motion seconded by Kovac.

**Vote:** All in favor. Motion passes.

**AGENDA ITEM 6**                    **Update of the NSBAIDRD jurisprudence examination and appointment of board members to assist with preparation of practice-specific jurisprudence exams**

Mickey said the board will update the jurisprudence exam for all three professions. He said each profession should be represented on the committee. Erny, Lavell, Mebust and Mickey will be on the committee. Wichmann will help if she is able but noted she will be travelling for much of the next month.

**AGENDA ITEM 7**                    **Review and possible approval of the new workers' comp coverage through the Department of Risk Management**

Hatfield said the Department of Risk Management is requiring all boards get their workers' compensation coverage through the state. The board is currently covered through a private carrier, ProGroup. This item is before the board because of the substantial cost increase and effect on the budget. Board members noted this new requirement impacts our licensees who must bear the state-mandated cost increase.

**Motion:** Erny moved to amend the budget and approve new workers' comp coverage through the Department of Risk Management. Motion seconded by Wichmann.

**Vote:** All in favor. Motion passes.

**AGENDA ITEM 8**                    **Review and possible approval of the Master Calendar for FY2026 and FY2027**

Hatfield said the proposed calendar through FY2026-27 is in the board book. If board members have a conflict for a future date, please let staff know.

**Motion:** Garlock moved to approve the Master Calendar for FY2026-27. Motion seconded by Erny.

**Vote:** All in favor. Motion passes.

**AGENDA ITEM 9**                    **Review and possible approval of contract with Lobbyist James Wadhams with the NSBAIDRD for legislative representation services**

Hatfield said Wadhams has been the board lobbyist for many years and board members and staff have been happy with his services. Wadhams has agreed to represent the board for three more years and has included a modest fee increase for the new contract. Erny asked if Ling had reviewed the contract. Ling said it is the standard state contract and is an approvable contract.

**Motion:** Garlock moved to approve contract with James Wadhams. Motion seconded by Wichmann.

**Vote:** All in favor. Motion passes.

**AGENDA ITEM 10**

**Review and possible approval of contract with Casey Neilon, Inc. with the NSBAIDRD for the review and audit of the Board’s financial documents**

Hatfield said Casey Neilon has performed the board’s last two audits. This contract will cover the board for the next two audits, through 2027.

**Motion:** Wichmann moved to approve contract with Casey Neilon, Inc. Motion seconded by Lavell.

**Vote:** All in favor. Motion passes.

**AGENDA ITEM 3A**

**Deliberations/Action on Applications for Registration: Architects**

Mickey greeted the attendees and explained the swearing-in process and ceremony.

The following individuals were sworn in as architects:

- 1. Yi Lu ..... 9898
- 2. Suzanne Taylor..... 9899
- 3. Xu Zhang..... 9900

**Motion:** Wichmann moved to approve the registration of the above-referenced individuals as architects. Motion seconded by Erny.

**Vote:** All in favor. Motion passes.

**AGENDA ITEM 3B**

**Deliberations/Action on Applications for Registration: Registered Interior Designers**

The following individuals were sworn in as registered interior designers:

- 1. Kety Jabbour ..... 337-ID
- 2. Natalie Klainer ..... 338-ID
- 3. Stanley Schimke..... 339-ID
- 4. Kristi Riva ..... 340-ID
- 5. Alisha Hancock ..... 341-ID

**Motion:** Lavell moved to approve the registration of the above-referenced individuals as registered interior designers. Motion seconded by Kovac.

**Vote:** All in favor. Motion passes.

Board members and staff congratulated the new registrants. Glenn Nowak, Associate Professor of Architecture, congratulated new registrants on behalf of the UNLV School of Architecture. Carlos Fernandez, AIANV Executive Director, congratulated new registrants on behalf of AIA. New registrants provided feedback on the registration process.

**AGENDA ITEM 11**

**Business & Industry – Boards and Commissions Update**

Hatfield reported that B&I held a workshop on proposed regulations in November. No additional workshop is scheduled at this time, but is expected. Ling said revised language is expected. Mickey explained that when official language is proposed for a hearing, it will come to the board for a vote for an official position. Mickey added that the Sunset Committee met and chose boards to review in the legislative interim. This board was not selected at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM 12A-1 Case No. 26-024N in the matter of Jay Yabut and J. Interiors, LLC**

The Respondent is alleged to have violated NRS 623.360.1(c) by engaging in the practice of architecture without having a certificate of registration with this board.

A settlement agreement was negotiated incorporating a Public Reprimand, a Guilt clause, and restitution in the amount of \$750. The board and the Respondent will each bear their own costs.

Staff recommended approval of the settlement agreement.

**Motion:** Garlock moved to approve the settlement agreement. Motion seconded by Erny.

**Vote:** All in favor. Motion passes.

**AGENDA ITEM 12A-2 Case No. 26-025N in the matter of Theodore Reeds and Ted Reeds Architecture, LLC**

The Respondent is alleged to have violated NRS 623.360.1(a)(b)(c) by holding himself out and engaging in the practice of architecture without having a certificate of registration with this board.

A settlement agreement was negotiated incorporating a Guilt clause, an administrative penalty of \$8,000 and investigative costs in the amount of \$1,600.

Staff recommended approval of the settlement agreement.

**Motion:** Garlock moved to approve the settlement agreement. Motion seconded by Wichmann.

**Vote:** All in favor. Motion passes.

**AGENDA ITEM 12A-3 Case No. 26-036R in the matter of Jay Lems and Prescott Muir & Associates, a Professional Corporation**

The Respondent is alleged to have violated NRS 623.270.1(f) and ROC 1.1 by using a former registrant's stamp after finding out that the registration had already expired.

A settlement agreement was negotiated incorporating a Non-Admission of Guilt clause, an administrative penalty of \$10,000 and investigative costs in the amount of \$2,000.

Staff recommended approval of the settlement agreement.

**Motion:** Erny moved to approve the settlement agreement. Motion seconded by Mebust.

Board members asked Bach to clarify questions about the case. They were very concerned about responsible control of the Nevada projects and the Non-Admission of Guilt clause. Ling advised the board that some of their questions were getting into fact finding and could not be addressed in this agenda item.

**Vote:** None in favor. All opposed. Motion fails. The settlement agreement is not approved.

Garlock stated he appreciated the work staff had done to bring this case to a resolution. However, based on backup materials for the settlement agreement, he thought further review was warranted.

**AGENDA ITEM 12B      Discussion and possible decision regarding closure of enforcement cases**

The following cases were recommended for closure without disciplinary action per NRS 623.131:

25-057R	26-010N	26-019N	26-020N	26-023N
26-028N	26-029N	26-031N	26-033N	26-035N
26-042N				

**Motion:** Garlock moved to approve the closure of the cases listed above without disciplinary action. Motion seconded by Mebust.

**Vote:** Mickey recused. All others in favor. Motion passes.

**AGENDA ITEM 12C      Enforcement report**

Bach had nothing to report.

**AGENDA ITEM 13A      Architect Report – FYI: NCARB Fast Facts November and December 2025**

This information was presented in the board meeting e-book.

**AGENDA ITEM 13B      Architect Report – FYI: NCARB’s Statement on the Department of Education’s Professional Degree List**

This information was presented in the board meeting e-book.

**AGENDA ITEM 13C      Architect Report – FYI: NCARB Board of Directors FY27 Call for Candidates**

This information was presented in the board meeting e-book.

**AGENDA ITEM 14A**      **Residential Designer Report – Update of the Residential Design Examination**

Mickey reported that the Residential Design Exam will be administered February 12-13, 2026.

**AGENDA ITEM 15**      **Registered Interior Designer Report**

There is no report.

**AGENDA ITEM 16**      **Public Member Report**

There is no report.

**AGENDA ITEM 17**      **Board Counsel Report**

Ling updated the board on the Matter of Jeffrey Hagen and JAHA Architecture.

**AGENDA ITEM 16**      **Executive Director Report**

On behalf of Harrison, Hatfield updated the board on renewals and stated that late fees were now being assessed. The next board meeting is March 25 in Las Vegas. It is important that everyone attends so the bank signature cards can be updated. The May 25 board meeting will be on Zoom.

**AGENDA ITEM 17**      **Public Information Report**

Hatfield updated the board on outreach activities and recapped the CEU seminar. She said a letter issued to TMCC BArch students is in the board books. The letter details the procedure for these students to establish eligibility with NCARB to take the ARE while the program is in NAAB candidacy.

**AGENDA ITEM 5**      **Formal Contested Administrative Hearing in the matter of Michael Peterson (Case No. 26-040R)**

A formal hearing was held in the matter of Michael Peterson, Case No. 26-040R.

Board members present: James Mickey (Chairman), Tina Wichmann (Secretary/Treasurer), George Garlock, Sheri Kovac, Chelsea Lavell, and Kreg Mebust. Greg Erny recused himself from the matter.

In attendance:

Todd Weiss, Sr. Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to the Board

Louis Ling, Prosecuting Attorney

Michael Peterson, Respondent

Laura Bach, NSBAIDRD Chief Investigator, Witness for the Prosecution

The counts brought against Michael Peterson are as follows:

First Cause of Action

Respondent did not comply with conditions set out in a June 25, 2024 Board Order (Cases 24-027R and 24-034R), violating NRS 623.270(1)(g).

Second Cause of Action

Respondent performed work for which an active registration as a residential designer would be required after January 1, 2025, when his registration was suspended, violating NRS 623.180(1)(b) and NRS 623.270(1)(g).

Testimony was heard and evidence was introduced into the record.

**Motion:** Mebust moved to find the respondent in violation of NRS 623.270.1(g) in the First Cause of Action. Motion seconded by Garlock.

**Vote:** Garlock, Kovac, Lavell, Mebust and Wichmann in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.

**Motion:** Garlock moved to find the respondent in violation of NRS 623.180(1)(b) and NRS 623.270(1)(g) in the Second Cause of Action. Motion seconded by Mebust.

**Vote:** Garlock, Kovac, Lavell, Mebust and Wichmann in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.

**Motion:** Mebust moved to find the factual allegations in paragraphs 1-6 of the complaint were substantiated. Motion seconded by Garlock.

**Vote:** Garlock, Kovac, Lavell, Mebust and Wichmann in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.

**Motion:** Mebust moved to impose the following penalties:

- Respondent's license will be revoked, effective on the date the order is signed. Respondent may reapply for a license after ten years.
- Respondent must return his stamp within 15 days.
- Respondent pays all costs and fees for the investigation and hearing.
- Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty of \$2000.
- Prior to applying for reinstatement, the Respondent must pay all fees, costs and penalties associated with this case and all prior disciplinary actions.

Motion seconded by Garlock.

**Vote:** Garlock, Kovac, Lavell, Mebust and Wichmann in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.

Per NRS 622A.410 the board may place conditions, limitations or restrictions on Respondent's future license.

**AGENDA ITEM 20      Items for future agenda**

Mebust requests a discussion on the RD Exam.

**AGENDA ITEM 21      Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

Mickey adjourned the meeting.

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Monica Harrison, Executive Director

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Tina Wichmann, Secretary/Treasurer