

# Architecture Columns

## February 2019 Presidents Message

Recently, the Professional Standards Committee of the Board reviewed a case involving non-licensed practice of architecture by an individual from out of state. The individual was licensed to practice in his home state and worked for an architectural firm. He was hired by an in-state architectural firm to work as a consultant. Neither the architect nor the North Carolina firm that hired him, ensured proper licensure in North Carolina.



As licensed professionals, you know that there is more to the practice of architecture than just sealing documents. Sometimes a project requires you to hire an architect from out of state who specialized in certain areas. Common consultants can be laboratory, public safety, food service or sustainable design.

The definition of the practice of architecture in this state is quite broad and includes consulting. Per NC General Statute 83A-1(7), the definition is as follows:

*"Practice of architecture" means performing or offering to perform or holding oneself out as legally qualified to perform professional services in connection with the design, construction, enlargement or alteration of buildings, including consultations, investigations, evaluations, preliminary studies, the preparation of plans, specifications and contract documents, administration of construction contracts and related services or combination of services in connection with the design and construction of buildings, regardless of whether these services are performed in person or as the directing head of an office or organization.*

Therefore, if you are going to hire an architect to provide consulting services on a project, that individual and their firm (if applicable) must be duly licensed to offer and render architectural services in North Carolina even if there are no documents to be sealed.

On another note, several members of the Board will be attending the NCARB Regional Summit in Nashville, TN in March. North Carolina is a member of NCARB Southern Region (R3) along with 12 other southeast states. The Regional Summit is the Council's second largest meeting and is planned and executed by the NCARB Regional Leadership Committee. It provides a forum where issues important to the regions and licensing boards are addressed. This year's agenda will cover several topics including:

- The future of architectural practice and how regulatory boards can keep pace with evolving technology.
- The current regulatory environment and what boards can do to ensure they are communicating the important work they do to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- How boards can continue to enact their statutory authority to protect the public by enforcing Appropriate architectural practice.

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## Upcoming Meeting Dates

March 8-9, 2019 Nashville, TN - NCARB Regional Summit

April 12, 2019

May 10, 2019

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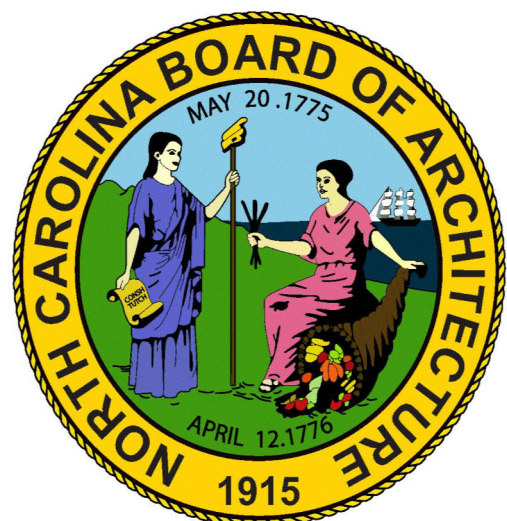
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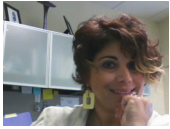
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# from the executive director's desk



## **HAVE YOU COMPLIED WITH THE CE REQUIREMENTS?**

On a monthly basis, a percentage of registrants who renew their licenses annually are randomly selected for an audit of their continuing education. The selected registrants are notified by email. The notice of audit explains the audit process and requires a response by a specified date.

Submittals are then reviewed to determine if the continuing education requirements were met. Supporting documentation to prove completion of a course or activity is required as set forth in 21 NCAC 02 .0900. 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.

The most common of violations is certifying that you have done the CE, but, you did not. Always check your records or AIA transcripts prior to submitting the renewal certification. You may inadvertently violate the rules by just checking 'yes, I have complied' and assuming you have met the criteria, when perhaps, you did not.

For more information on the continuing education requirement or audit process, please refer to the Continuing Education page of the board website or Tyler Barrick at [tyler@ncbarch.org](mailto:tyler@ncbarch.org)

## **Renewal Season is Coming Up**

Speaking of CE... in order to renew your individual license for 2019-2020, you must be able to certify that you have completed twelve hours of HSW CE during the 2018 calendar year.

As usual, notice of individual renewal for 2019-2020 will be sent out on May 15, 2019. The Board is no longer using Constant Contact for notice of renewal. From this point forward, you will receive an email from [donotreply@ncbarch.net](mailto:donotreply@ncbarch.net). Be sure you add this email to your address book as a trusted source, as this is the email that will be used to send all Board correspondence related to renewals, general information and newsletters. However, this email is not monitored for responses, so do not reply to or send email to that address. General correspondence should be sent to [ncba@ncbarch.org](mailto:ncba@ncbarch.org)

In the meantime, you may log in to your record using the Board website by [clicking here](#) and to update your contact information. You will need your license registration number and PIN.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Board staff if you have any questions or concerns related to your renewal.

Sincerely,

Cathe M. Evans, Executive Director

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# licensing statistics as of February 20, 2019

## **Active Individual licenses : 6311**

expiring on June 30, 2019

Breakdown:

NC 2365

Out-of-State 3946

## **Active Firm licenses: 1710**

expiring on December 31, 2019

Breakdown:

NC 682

Out-of-State 1028

# NCARB news

## **Sanctions Issued for ARE Candidate Misconduct**

Washington, DC—The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has issued sanctions for eight candidates who violated the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) Candidate Agreement.

The ARE plays a crucial role in ensuring the public’s health, safety, and welfare by affirming that candidates have the required knowledge and skills to competently practice architecture. To ensure the validity of exam results, NCARB takes several steps to protect the security of ARE—including administering the exam at Prometric’s secure test centers and requiring that all candidates abide by the ARE Candidate Agreement. The agreement prohibits candidates from attempting to access or distribute exam content before or after taking any ARE division and outlines other responsibilities of each candidate for licensure.

In 2018, an anonymous whistleblower alerted NCARB of the alleged misconduct of several individuals. Each case underwent substantial investigation by NCARB staff members, who were able to confirm violations of the Candidate Agreement. Following the investigation, each case was reviewed by NCARB’s Professional Conduct Committee, and final disciplinary decisions were made by NCARB’s Board of Directors at their January 2019 meeting.

Each candidate is receiving a public reprimand and is required to complete six hours of ethics continuing education within the next 12 months. In addition, candidates found to have had knowledge of exam questions prior to testing have had those exam scores invalidated, along with additional exam scores invalidated for any exam division for which they were found to have shared identifiable exam content. The following individuals were found to have violated the ARE Candidate Agreement:

Charles Harris, New York, NY

Isaiah Miller of Brooklyn, NY

Nicole Kotsis of Brooklyn, NY

Marti Gottsch, Brooklyn, NY

Miguel Ferreira Da Silva Brochado,

William Eng-Feng of Brooklyn, NY

Irene Wangpataravanich, Woodside, NY Brooklyn, NY

Rami Abou-Khalil of Brooklyn, NY

NCARB is dedicated to reviewing and strengthening the role of ethics in the regulation of architecture, and released [updated Model Rules of Conduct in June 2018](#). Going forward, NCARB will maintain a public database of all disciplinary actions receiving a public reprimand. The candidate misconduct has been reported to the appropriate licensing board. Additional sanctions may be taken at the discretion of individual jurisdictions. Individuals who wish to learn more about ARE security can learn more on the [NCARB blog](#) or visit the [ARE 5.0 Community](#) to discuss the topic with NCARB’s examination experts.

## President’s Message, continued from page 1

Finally, please join me in congratulating the following individuals who were licensed by exam from May 1, 2018 through February 12, 2019:

Scott Michael Barber ,Concord NC

Grace Ann Hall, Winston-Salem NC

Jeffrey Michael Rynes, Roanoke VA

Leslie C.A. Bloem, Raleigh NC

Zuoda He, Philadelphia PA

William Mathias Sinkovic, Asheville NC

Emily Elizabeth Boone, Charlotte NC

Garrett Michael Herbst, Charlotte NC

Natalie M. Stenger, Charlotte NC

Samantha R. Buell, Charlotte NC

Kimberly Lynn Janiszewski, Greensboro NC

Jennifer LeNora Stutzman, Durham NC

Bronwyn Moya Charlton, Durham NC

Hunter Alexander Knight, Los Angeles CA

Jennifer R. Todd, Matthews NC

Miken Chévevo Clark ,Virginia Beach VA

Jose Lopez, Raleigh NC

Jesse Tyler White, Raleigh NC

Sarah Corbitt, Durham NC

Micah J. Martin, Kernersville NC

Kristin Veloza Wimmer, Raleigh NC

Robert Andrew Cox, Raleigh NC

Jessica E. Martin, Huntersville NC

Nicholas Charles Zastrow, Durham NC

Natasha C. Edwards, Matthews NC

Allison Grey Menius, Charlotte NC

Veronica C. Grant, Winston-Salem NC

Kevin William Pappa, Mayer AZ

Please don’t hesitate to contact Cathe Evans, Executive Director at [cathe@ncbarch.org](mailto:cathe@ncbarch.org) with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Steve McClure, President 2018-2019

# enforcement report

Following is the Enforcement Report for the period May 1, 2018 through February 8, 2019. The Board is not bound by precedence in matters of disciplinary action. It is the prerogative of the Board to be conservative in its review of cases and to enforce the rules and laws with sanctions and civil penalties as allowed by law. You may request a copy of the entire order by sending an email to [cathe@ncbarch.org](mailto:cathe@ncbarch.org) be sure to include the case number with your request.

The Board Closed 18 cases with Consent Orders:

1076 Gilbert, Christopher  
1084 Fredman, Merrick  
1086 Currin, Belinda C.  
1087 Ejups, Gunars  
1090 Gentry, Kevin  
1092 Cargill, Joseph  
1093 Thomas, Michael  
1096 Morse, Michael  
1097 Hondros, Nick

1098 Golightly, James  
1101 Huss, David  
1102 Thompson, Kurt  
1103 Franz, Kevin  
1106 Brown, Jody  
1107 Cable, Joseph  
1109 Burns, Linda Dominy  
1108 Caudill, Lenny  
1111 Geyer, Ronald

The Board closed 4 cases with Letters of Warning to non-licensed individuals:

1082 Plummer, Wade  
1089 Zalys, Alfred  
1100 Okie, Ed (P.E.)  
1115 Sokol

The Board issued 2 Letters of Caution to a Architects.

The Board closed 2 cases without prejudice.

The Board closed 4 cases as unfounded.

## A note on Board enforcement and jurisdiction—

The Board of Architecture has jurisdiction pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §83A-15 and 21 NCAC 02 .0208, 21 NCAC 02 .0209 and 21 NCAC 02 .210 to receive and investigate complaints involving dishonest conduct, incompetence and unprofessional conduct and non-licensed practice. This Board does not have the statutory authority to discipline architects regarding complaints involving contract disagreements between a client and architect or allegations of ordinary negligence, nor can the Board mediate these situations.

# expired license lists

Individual licenses that expired on June 30, 2018 can be [found here](#). Firm Licenses

that expired on December 31, 2018 can be [found here](#).

lists are current as of February 15, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. EST. If you renewed after that date and time, you can check the status of your [firm or individual here](#).

Random FACT...

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