

Columns

*The Newsletter of the Board of Architecture and
Registered Interior Designers
March 2022*

President's Message



Katherine N. Peele, FAIA

The Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers welcomes three new professional members. Emmy Williams, Elizabeth Pyle and Ilesha Patel were appointed by Governor Roy Cooper in December 2021. All three of the new members are now Registered Interior Designers.



Emmy Knott Williams is a NC registered interior designer and is NCIDQ certified. Award winning interior design projects have been a part of Emmy's career

since the time she graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Emmy opened Interior Solutions Inc, a full-service commercial interior design firm where she has built a team of interior designers who collectively create successful design solutions. Based in Winston-Salem, the firm's projects have grown to include regional and nationally recognized clients including law firms, car dealerships, corporate design and senior living communities. Emmy has been recognized as an accomplished interior designer exemplified in winning multiple awards for design as well as for her leadership in the interior design industry. Nationally, ASID has recognized Emmy's leadership and professional design work by honoring her with the ASID Medalist Award in 2021



Ms. Pyle obtained her Bachelor of Science in Interior Design at California State University. She has over twenty years of experience in the design industry, including the markets of Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill and the San Francisco Bay Area.

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Upcoming Meeting Dates

April 8, 2022 - Raleigh
May 3, 2022 - Raleigh
June 1-4 NCARB Annual Meeting – Austin, TX
July 8, 2022 - Raleigh

Board Office Location

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All Board meeting are open to the public.

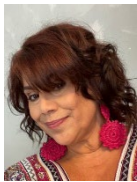
President's Message, continued

She has experience managing a wide range of projects for corporate, residential, medical, and government agencies. Early in her career, she worked as an Interior Designer for the nationally recognized firm, Studio O+a based in San Francisco, then as a Project Manager for CRA Architecture in their regional office on GSA projects throughout Region 9 including California, Arizona, Hawaii, and as a Senior Interior Designer with Tina Barnard Designs leading projects throughout the state of North Carolina. Ms. Pyle is presently consulting with Bartone Interiors based in Chapel Hill and is a professional member of the International Interior Design Association (IIDA).

Ms. Patel brings over 15 years of Interior Design and Project Management experience to the North Carolina architecture and design firm Perkins & Will. Her expertise and client dedication have led to maintaining client relationships throughout her career. Ilesha comes with a broad spectrum of work across the USA including corporate interiors for financial and professional services firms, workplace strategy, aviation & transportation, government, and retail. From this diverse pool of experience, Ilesha draws upon numerous strengths to ensure project success.



Executive Director's Message



The Board staff has been busy working on administrative items to support the registration of interior designers. We appreciate your patience as we navigate through these new rules and laws.

I'm excited to share that I've been elected by the NCARB Member Board Executives to a second term on the Board of Directors as the MBE representative. It has been an amazing experience.

Please don't hesitate to call the Board office with any questions you may have regarding licensure or registration. The licensing statistics as of March 29, 2022, are as follows:

Licensed Architects Expiring on June 30, 2022 – 6840

Break down:

NC - 2781

Out of State - 4059

Licensed Architecture Firms Expiring on December 31, 2022 – 1815

Break down:

NC - 704

Out of State - 1111

Registered Interior Designers Expiring on June 30, 2022 – 157

Break down:

NC - 142

Out of State - 15

Registered Interior Designer Firm Expiring on December 31, 2022 – 28

Break down:

NC - 23

Out of State - 5

Expired License Report

Individual architect licenses that expired on June 30, 2021, can be found here.

Architecture Firm Licenses that expired on December 31, 2021, can be found here.

These lists are current as of March 17, 2022, at 11:35 a.m. If you renewed after that date and time, you may check the status of your firm or individual license [by clicking here](#).

BOARD NEWS

Senate Bill 188 is now in effect. In order to clarify some of the language in the statute the Board has issued guidelines related to North Carolina General Statute 83A. The Position Statement and Guidance on ratified Senate Bill 188 regarding Chapter 83A, paragraph 83A-1 Definitions, (5a) is as follows:

83A-5(5a) Interior design. – Includes, but is not limited to, the preparation of reflected ceiling plans, space planning, creation or alteration of paths of egress, occupancy calculations, provided no increases in occupancy or number of exits is required, selection of furnishings, and the fabrication of nonstructural elements within and surrounding interior spaces of buildings. The term "interior design" specifically excludes the following:

- a. The design of or the responsibility for architectural and engineering work, except as explicitly provided for within this Chapter.***
- b. Altering or affecting the structural system of a building.***
- c. Changing the means of access system.***
- d. Changing the building's live or dead load on the structural system.***
- e. Changes of use to occupancies not already allowed by the current building.***
- f. Changes to life safety plans, including exiting and exit stairs.***

The Board offers the following guidance policy:

- a. The design of or the responsibility for architectural and engineering work, except as explicitly provided for within this chapter.**
- b. Altering or affecting the structural system of a building.**
 - 1. Should be defined as modification to any portion of the vertical or lateral support systems of a building, including but not limited to, foundations, columns, bearing walls, beams, trusses, shear walls, and lateral bracing systems and components.
- c. Changing the means of access system.**
 - 1. Should be defined as modifications to a building's egress system, including means of egress sizing, exterior exits, stairways and exit shafts, exit passageways, horizontal

exits, exit discharge, interior exit access stairways and ramps, and exit doors or doorways located within these components.

2. Existing or proposed locations of corridors identified within shell building drawings connecting required egress components listed in item 1 above may not be relocated.
3. Design of interior means of egress doors required by a tenant space leading into corridors or exit passageways may be performed by a Registered Interior Designer.

d. Changing the building's live or dead load on the structural system.

1. Should be defined as increasing the live and/or dead load(s) beyond the existing designed parameters of the structural system.

e. Changes of use to occupancies not already allowed by the current building.

1. Should be defined as "Change of Occupancy" per Chapter 2 definition of NCSBC Building Code, current edition: "A change in the purpose or level of activity within a building that involves a change in application of the requirements of this code".
2. Occupancy classifications are as defined in Chapter 3 of NCSBC Building Code, current edition.
 - a. Referring to existing buildings with one or more existing occupancy classifications, should be defined as a change of use to a different occupancy purpose or level of activity within an occupancy classification not currently in existence within the space.
 - b. Referring to new shell buildings with one or more proposed occupancies, should be defined as a change of use to a different occupancy purpose or level of activity within an occupancy classification not currently identified in the shell building's Building Code Summary (NC Administrative Code and Policies, Appendix B).
3. For existing or new buildings without an existing Appendix B and Life Safety Plan, creation of Appendix B and Life Safety Plan by a NC-Registered Architect is first required.

f. Changes to life safety plans, including exiting and exit stairs.

1. Should be defined as an increase in calculated occupancy load beyond the capacity available at each means of egress component.
2. Should be defined as changes to means of egress components defined in paragraph C above
3. Should be defined as new fire and smoke protection features, or modification to existing fire and smoke features, for fire-rated building components as described in Chapter 7 of the NCSBC Building Code, current edition. This includes, but is not limited to, fire and/or smoke rated walls, horizontal floor and roof assemblies, vertical openings, shafts, and penetrations of these components.
4. Should be defined as the addition or removal of fire protection systems as described in Chapter 9 of the NCSBC Fire Code. Relocation of fire protection devices to accommodate new partition layouts should be permitted.

5. Permissible items of Life Safety Plan Requirements within Appendix B that may be performed by Registered Interior Designers should include:
 - a. Occupancy classification for each area as it relates to occupant load calculation
 - b. Occupant loads for each area.
 - c. Exit Access travel distance
 - d. Common path of travel distances
 - e. Dead end lengths
 - f. Locations of doors with hold-open devices
 - g. Documentation of existing special locking conditions identified by referenced Appendix B building Code Summary.

Additional General Commentary:

1. Separately identifiable Interior Design drawing sheets included within an architectural project drawing set may be sealed by either the Registered Interior Designer who was in responsible control of said drawings, or by the Architect sealing the overall project set including A and I drawings (if both Architect and Registered Interior Designer are within the same firm).

Questions related to this document should be emailed to Cathe Evans at cathe@ncbarch.org

NCARB NEWS

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Enforcement Report

Following is the Enforcement Report for the period August 2021 to March 2022. 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 be sure to include the case number with your request. 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. All civil penalties collected by the Board of

Architecture are deposited with the Office of State Budget management where they are disbursed to school systems throughout the State.

Enforcement Report *continued*

The Board dismissed 6 cases as unfounded.

The Board dismissed 1 case without prejudice.

The Board issued 2 Letters of Caution to architects.

Consent Orders

1200 - Rantilla

1201 – Egan

1204 – Aiken

1205 - Haschel

1208 – Bernard

1210 – Gandy

1212 – Gibson

1214 – Stogner

1216 – Webster

Letter of Warning to Non-Licensed Individuals

1196 – Burns

1213 – Simpson

1217 – Lemos

1220 – Miles

1221 - Leisy