

Columns

*The Newsletter of the Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers
January 2024*

President's Message



Happy new year!

The North Carolina Board of Architecture & Registered Interior Designers has begun the process of updating some of its rules as set forth in 21 NCAC 02.

The proposed changes are posted at www.ncbarch.org. Comments on the proposed changes will be accepted until February 15, 2024. Comments should be sent to Cathe Evans at cathe@ncbarch.org

While most of the proposed changes are housekeeping and language updates, a slight fee increase is included in the new language. The Board has not increased its fees in over thirty years. The Board voted for a slight fee increase to fund special projects that will enhance the opportunities for continuing education, public protection, and DEI initiatives.

The Board, after its November meeting hosted a New Architect and Registered Interior Designer luncheon in Charlotte.

The luncheon honored North Carolina architects newly



*Board Member
Walt Teague with
New Architect
Crystal Soyer*

Board Members

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| Cathy Morrison | President/Architect |
| Fred Dodson, Jr. | Vice President/Public Member |
| Emmy Williams | Treasurer/Registered Interior Designer |
| Roula Qubain | Secretary/Architect |
| Cora Cole-McFadden | Public Member |
| Timothy Hillhouse | Architect |
| Ilesha Patel | Registered Interior Designer |
| Elizabeth Pyle | Registered Interior Designer |
| Walt R. Teague | Architect |
| Walter Sawyer | Architect |

Board Staff

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| Cathe M. Evans | Executive Director |
| Julie L. Piatek | Director of Administration |
| Tyler Barrick | Firm/CE Compliance Director |

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- January 12, 2024, Raleigh, NC
- March 1-2, 2024, Savannah, GA NCARB Regional Summit
- April 12, 2024, Raleigh, NC
- June 13-15, 2024, Chicago, IL NCARB ABM
- July 12, 2024, Raleigh, NC

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All Board meeting are open to the public.



Kerri Goodman, SVP McGuire Woods speaks about the RID Bill

licensed by exam as well as Registered Interior Designers who have qualified for registration based on their NCIDQ. It is always one of my favorite events to celebrate this great achievement!

As always, I am proud to serve on this board and continue to use this platform to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our state's citizens.

I hope everyone has a wonderful 2024!

Cathy Morrison, AIA



Chelsea Lawrence, RID addresses the group.



New Architects and Registered Interior Designers celebrate licensure and registration.



Kristin Locke speaks about AIA Membership

Executive Director's Message



*Cathe M. Evans
Executive Director*

It is with great pride that I announce that Board President Cathy Morrison, AIA has been awarded the 2023 AIA William H. Dietrick Service Medal by the AIA North Carolina. This award is presented to an AIA North Carolina member who exhibits extraordinary service to the community, profession, or AIA North Carolina. The medal is named in honor of the late William Henley Deitrick, FAIA, a former president of AIA North Carolina. Ms. Morrison was also awarded the 2023 NCARB President's Medal for Distinguished Service by Bayliss Ward, FY 23 NCARB President.

Board Member Walt Teague, FAIA, has been awarded the F. Carter Williams Gold Medal by the AIA-NC. This is the highest honor presented by the Chapter to a member of AIA North Carolina. It is awarded to an individual in recognition of a distinguished career or extraordinary accomplishments as an architect. The award is named in memory of Raleigh architect F. Carter Williams, FAIA.

ASID has awarded Emmy Williams, the Advocate of the Year Award. Based in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Emmy Williams



Cathy Morrison, AIA and Walt Teague, FAIA

is a distinguished leader who has advocated for legislation to broaden the services and enhance the professional standing of interior designers since 2006. Her remarkable efforts in strengthening the interior design profession have had a profound impact on the industry in North Carolina and beyond.

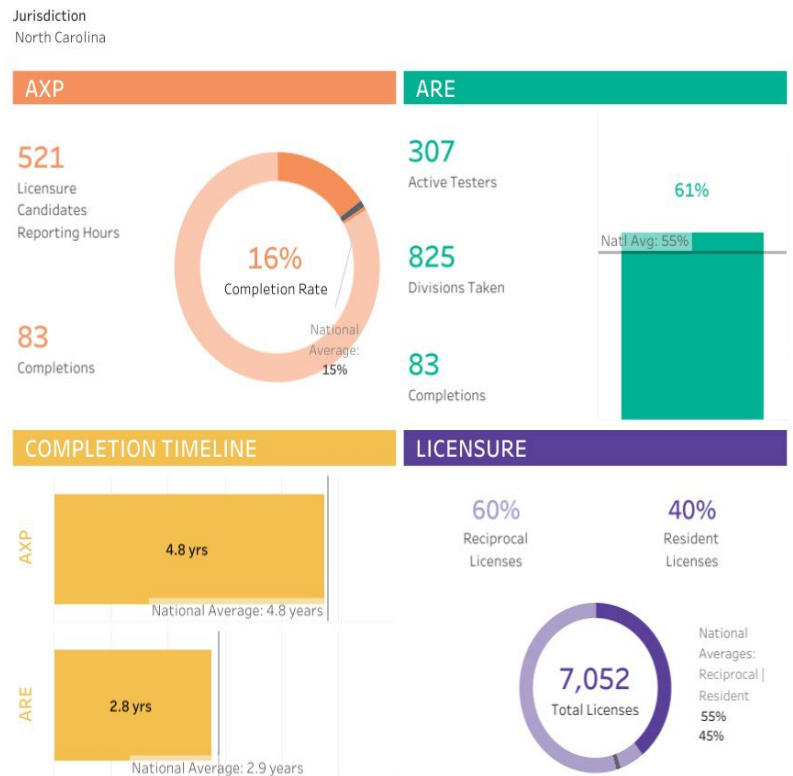


Emmy Williams

The North Carolina Board of Architecture & Registered Interior Designers is fortunate to have such dedicated and service-oriented individuals as members.

NCARB BY THE NUMBERS

NCARB in 2023 released their annual publication “NCARB By the Numbers” for the 2022 year. This publication offers an inside look at the data behind the architecture profession, including the timeline to licensure, demographics of architects and licensure candidates, and more. The chart below shows North Carolina’s licensure candidates and how they compare to the national average in completing the AXP and ARE. It also shows the balance between reciprocal and in-state licenses. The charts show that North Carolina is slightly above the national average on most of these metrics. If you’d like to read more about the data in the report, charts, graphs, and demographics can be found in the full [NCARB BY THE NUMBERS – 2023 EDITION](#).



License and Registration Statistics as of January 9, 2024

Licensed Architects Expiring on June 30, 2024

7159

Break down:

NC - 2841

Out of State - 4318

Licensed Architecture Firms Expiring on December 31, 2024

1832

Break down:

NC – 680

Out of State - 1152

Registered Interior Designers Expiring on June 20, 2024

338

Break down:

NC - 272

Out of State - 66

Registered Interior Designer Firm Expiring on December 31, 2024

57

Break down:

NC - 40

Out of State – 17

Expired License and Registration Report

Individual architect licenses that expired on June 30, 2023, can be found [here](#).

Individual interior designer registrations that expired on June 30, 2023, can be found [here](#).

Architecture Firm Licenses that expired on December 31, 2023, can be found [here](#).

Interior Design Firm Registrations that expired on December 31, 2023 can be found [here](#).

These lists are current as of January 9, 2024, at 2:45 p.m. EST. If you renewed after that date you may check the status of your architecture firm or individual license by [clicking here](#) or to check the status of your interior designer [registration click here](#).

The staff for the Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers is dedicated to assisting you in keeping your license active and in good standing. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions whatsoever. The Board office main number is 984-328-1161.

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For Individual Licensure or Registration or status and general information – Julie Piatek, Director of Administration. juliap@ncbarch.org

For official complaints, rules or laws or inquiries from Code Officials – Cathe Evans, Executive Director. cathe@ncbarch.org

Best wishes in the New Year!

Cathe M. Evans, Executive Director

NCARB NEWS

SANCTIONS ISSUED FOR A.R.E. MISCONDUCT

Washington, DC—The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has issued sanctions for six candidates who violated the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) Candidate Agreement ranging from copying and sharing exam questions to, in some cases, attempting to sell exam questions online. Further, all of the sanctioned parties utilized the exposed questions in advance of taking at least one division of the ARE.

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 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 late 2022, a whistleblower alerted NCARB of the potential disclosure of ARE questions on an online platform. An in-depth investigation revealed multiple candidates copied and shared exam questions, a violation of Category 4 of the [Policy for the ARE: Exam Candidate Conduct](#). In addition, some candidates were involved in attempting to sell ARE exam questions through an online platform. All of the candidates being sanctioned accessed copied ARE questions prior to taking at least one ARE division, a violation of Category 1 of the Policy for the ARE: Exam Candidate Conduct.

Following the investigation, and after providing each candidate the opportunity to refute the charges against them, each case was reviewed independently by NCARB’s Professional Conduct Committee. Final disciplinary decisions were made by NCARB’s Board of Directors at their June 2023 meeting. The candidates receiving sanctions are:

- Hao Wu was found to have violated Category 1 and Category 4
- Yan Chen was found to have violated Category 1 and Category 4
- Yixin Liu was found to have violated Category 1 and Category 4
- Ou Liu was found to have violated Category 1 and Category 4
- Jiani Zhu was found to have violated Category 1 and Category 4
- Meng Di Zhao was found to have violated Category 1

In addition to each candidate receiving this public reprimand, their exam scores have been invalidated for any division taken that was found to have violated Category 1 and/or Category 4. Each candidate has had their testing authorization suspended for a period ranging from 5 years to 12 years from their last testing event. Each candidate is required to complete ethics education

ranging from 6 to 10 hours within the next 12 months. Candidates found to have violated Category 4 are also not eligible for the NCARB Certificate for a period of no less than 5 years beginning after they receive a valid license.

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. The candidates' misconduct has been reported to the appropriate licensing boards. 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.

Enforcement Report

The following Enforcement Report is for the period July 8, 2023 to January 9, 2024. 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 and Registered Interior Designers has jurisdiction pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §83A-15 and 21 NCAC 02 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 and Registered Interior Designers are deposited with the Office of State Budget management where they are disbursed to school systems throughout the State.

The Board dismissed three cases with no action or as unfounded.

The Board dismissed three cases without prejudice.

The Board issued one Letter of Caution to an architect.

The Board issued Consent Orders to the following individuals:

Case 1260 Greg Frech

Case 1261 Maria Rusafova