

California Architects Board  
Board Meeting  
November 12, 2026





**Board Members**

Ron Jones, President  
Robert C. Pearman, Jr.,  
Vice President  
Victoria Brash, Secretary  
Irvine Carrillo  
Kasheica McKinney  
Amanda Steidlmayer  
Fuad Sweiss  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**The California Architects Board (Board) will meet at  
10:00 a.m., on Thursday, November 12, 2026**

Cosumnes River College  
Winn Center, Room 150  
8401 Center Parkway  
Sacramento, CA 95823

### AGENDA

**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
(or until completion of business)

**ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THIS AGENDA.**

- A. Call to Order / Roll Call / Establishment of a Quorum
- B. President's Procedural Remarks and Board Member Introductory Comments
- C. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda  

The Board may not discuss or act on any item raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting (Government Code sections 11125 and 11125.7(a)).
- D. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve September 10, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
- E. Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Update and Discussion of Update
- F. Presentation on the Architecture Program at Cosumnes River College – Jason Ellis
- G. Update and Discuss National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)
  - 1. Update and Discuss Education, Experience and Examination Committee Meetings
- H. Update and Discussion on Board Committees

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1. November 20, 2026, Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) Meeting
- I. Executive Officer's Report and Discussion: Status and Statistics for the Board's Administration / Management, Examination, Licensing, and Enforcement Programs
- J. Legislative Update, Discussion, and Possible Action to Take a Position on Legislation
  1. AB 1775 (Ward) Veterans
- K. Regulations Update
  1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Adoption of Proposed Regulatory Text for California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 2, Article 2, Section 109.2 (License Renewal Application)
  2. Discussion and Possible Action to Amend California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, Division 2, Article 2, Section 109.05 (Architect in Training) and Article 7 Section 144 (Fees)
- L. Discussion and Possible Action to Select Future Board Meeting Dates
- M. Election of 2027 Board Officers
- N. Closed Session - Pursuant to Government Code sections 11126(a)(1) and (c)(3), the Board Will Meet in Closed Session to:
  1. Deliberate and Vote on Disciplinary Matters
  2. Approve May 21, 2026, and September 10, 2026, Closed Session Minutes
- O. Adjournment

All times are approximate and subject to change. The meeting may be cancelled or shortened without notice. Any item may be taken out of order to accommodate speaker(s) and/or to maintain quorum. The meeting will be adjourned upon completion of the agenda, which may be at a time earlier or later than posted in this notice. In accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, all meetings of the Board are open to the public.

The Board plans to webcast the meeting on the Department of Consumer Affairs' website at <https://thedcapage.blog/webcasts>. Webcast availability cannot be guaranteed due to limitations on resources or technical difficulties. The meeting will not be cancelled if webcast is not available. Meeting adjournment may not be webcast if adjournment is the only item that occurs after a closed session.

Government Code section 11125.7 provides the opportunity for the public to address each agenda item during discussion or consideration by the Board prior to it taking any action on said item. Members of the public will be provided appropriate opportunities to comment on any issue before the Board, but the Board President may, at their discretion, apportion available time among those who wish to speak. Individuals may appear before the Board to discuss items not on the agenda; however, the Board can neither discuss nor take official action on these items at the time of the same meeting (Government Code sections 11125 and 11125.7(a)).

A person who would like more information about the meeting or needs a disability-related accommodation or modification to participate in the meeting may ask questions about the meeting or make a disability-related accommodation request by contacting:

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<https://cab.ca.gov/about/meetings> (Government Code section 11125(a)).

Protection of the public shall be the highest priority for the Board in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount (Business and Professions Code section 5510.15).



## **CALIFORNIA ARCHITECTS BOARD DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

September 10, 2026  
Sacramento, CA and Various Teleconference Locations

### **A. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

On September 10, 2026, Board President Ron Jones called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. and Secretary Victoria Brash called the roll.

#### **Board Members Present**

Ron Jones, President  
Robert Pearman, Vice President  
Victoria Brash, Secretary  
Irvine Carrillo  
Kasheica McKinney  
Amanda Steidlmayer  
Fuad Sweiss

Six members of the Board present constitute a quorum; a quorum was established.

#### **Board Staff Present**

Laura Zuniga, Executive Officer  
Jesse Laxton, Assistant Executive Officer  
Timothy Rodda, Regulations Manager

#### **DCA Staff Present**

Helen Geoffroy, Attorney III  
Bryce Penney, Television Specialist  
Sam Singh, Attorney III

#### **Guests Present**

Steven Johnson, Professional Engineers in California Government

### **B. PRESIDENT'S PROCEDURAL REMARKS AND BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

President Jones opened the meeting and stated that all motions and seconds will be repeated for the record and votes on motions will be taken by roll call.

No public comments were made on this agenda item.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

No public comments were made on this agenda item.

**D. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE MAY 21, 2026, BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Robert Pearman moved to approve the May 21, 2026, minutes.**

**Victoria Brash seconded the motion.**

No public comments were made on this agenda item.

**Members Jones, Pearman, Brash, Carrillo, McKinney, Steidlmayer, and Sweiss voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed 7-0.**

**E. UPDATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS (DCA) AND DISCUSSION OF SAME**

Lucia Saldivar presented the DCA update which addressed leadership changes, office transition, and mandatory Board member trainings.

No public comments were made on this agenda item.

**F. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON BOARD COMMITTEES**

**1. August 7, 2026, Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) Meeting**

Laura Zuniga provided an update on the August 7, 2026 LATC meeting.

No public comments were made on this agenda item.

**G. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT AND DISCUSSION: STATUS AND STATISTICS FOR THE BOARD'S ADMINISTRATION / MANAGEMENT, EXAMINATION, LICENSING, AND ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS**

Ms. Zuniga reported on the Board's recent outreach activity, examination statistics, and enforcement activity. Ms. Zuniga answered questions posed by members of the Board.

No public comments were made on this agenda item.

## **H. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO TAKE A POSITION ON LEGISLATION**

### **1. AB 1775 (Ward) Veterans**

Ms. Zuniga provided an update on AB 1775 and answered questions posed by members of the Board.

No public comments were made on this agenda item.

## **I. REGULATIONS UPDATE**

### **1. Discussion, and Possible Action to on Comments Received for CCR, title 16, division 2, article 2, section 109.05 (Architect in Training) and article 7, section 144 (Fees)**

Timothy Rodda presented proposed responses to the comments received for CCR sections 109.05 (Architect in Training) and 144 (Fees).

**Robert Pearman moved to approve the proposed responses, direct staff to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking process, delegate to the Executive Officer the authority to make any technical or non-substantive changes to the regulations that may be required to complete the rulemaking file, and adopt the proposed regulatory changes as needed.**

**Kasheica McKinney seconded the motion.**

No public comments were made on this agenda item.

**Members Jones, Pearman, Brash, Carrillo, McKinney, Steidlmayer, and Sweiss voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed 7-0.**

## **J. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES**

The Board discussed future Board and Committee meeting dates.

No public comments were made on this agenda item.

## **K. CLOSED SESSION - Pursuant to Government Code sections 11126(a)(1) and (c)(3), the Board Will Meet in Closed Session to:**

### **1. Deliberate and Vote on Disciplinary Matters**

**2. Approve May 21, 2026, Closed Session Minutes**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned after closed session.

# Quarterly Report of the Executive Officer

## Administrative/Management

The Board met by teleconference on September 10 and will meet in Sacramento on November 12.

The Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) met by teleconference on August 7 and will meet by teleconference on November 20.

## Newsletter

The Summer 2026 issue of the California Architects newsletter was distributed in August.

## Budget

The Board's fund condition was discussed at the May 2026 Board meeting.

## Business Modernization

The Business Modernization Project has entered Maintenance and Operations, and the Board and LATC continue to work with DCA staff on further functionality.

## Outreach

In August, Board staff reminded California architecture schools of the recent changes to California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, sections 116 and 117, relating to paths to licensure.

Board staff continue to reach out to California architecture schools to schedule in-person and virtual presentations explaining the importance of having a license, the Board's licensure process and how the recent regulatory updates offer greater flexibility, making it easier for aspiring architects to tailor their journey to fit their unique backgrounds and goals.

## Personnel

Cong Ho was hired as a Licensing Application Technician in the Examination & Licensing Unit.

Craig Le, CAB Public Information Technician, was promoted to fill the vacant Communications Analyst position in the Administration Unit.

## Social Media

CAB and LATC's social media account information is noted in the chart below.

| CAB       | Posts<br>Jul. – Sep. | Followers<br>9/30/26 | LATC      | Posts<br>Jul. – Sep. | Followers<br>9/30/26 |
|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Bluesky   | 13                   | 37                   | Bluesky   | 0                    | 18                   |
| Instagram | 13                   | 1,771                | Instagram | 8                    | 632                  |
| LinkedIn  | 11                   | 946                  | LinkedIn  | 11                   | 2,978                |
| X         | 16                   | 1,344                | X         | 0                    | 278                  |
| Facebook  | 12                   | 505                  |           |                      |                      |

## Regulatory Proposals

### Architects

**CCR Section 103 (Delegation of Certain Functions).** The proposed change will clarify the Board's delegated enforcement authority to include the assistant executive officer, an interim or an acting executive officer should the office of the Board be without an executive officer.

At its August 21, 2025 meeting, the Board discussed the proposed language and requested additional clarification before it would approve the language. At its November 6, 2025 meeting, the Board reviewed and approved the updated language and delegated the authority to the EO to adopt the regulation, provided no adverse comments were received during the public comment period, and to make minor technical or non-substantive changes, if needed. The regulatory package was submitted to the Department on December 23, 2025. Staff worked with the Department's Regulation Unit to finalize the documents, and they were submitted to the Director the same day. The Director approved the package, and it was sent to Agency for approval on December 29, 2025. Agency approved the package on February 2, 2026, and the package was submitted to OAL for initial noticing. The 45-day comment period began on February 13, 2026 and ended on April 21, 2026. No comments were received. The completed package was submitted to the Director on May 20, 2026. The package was approved by the Director on June 1, 2026 and submitted to OAL the same day. OAL approved the rulemaking package on June 24, 2026 and filed it with the Secretary of State the same day.

**Status:** Regulation approved; it becomes effective October 1, 2026.

**CCR Section 111 (Review of Applications).** The proposed change will update the Board's communication regarding timelines for applications and examination results. This also consolidates similar application processes into relevant sections.

At its August 21, 2025 meeting, the Board approved the language and delegated the authority to the EO to adopt the regulation, provided no adverse comments were received during the public comment period, and to make minor technical or non-substantive changes, if needed. The regulatory package was submitted to the Department on September 26, 2025. Staff worked with the Department's Regulation Unit to finalize the documents, and they were submitted to the Director on December 17, 2025. The Director approved the package, and it was sent to Agency for approval on December 22, 2025. Agency approved the package on January 16, 2026 and was submitted to OAL for initial noticing. The 45-day comment period began on January 30, 2026 and ended on March 17, 2026. No comments were received. The completed package was submitted to the reg unit for final review on March 18, 2026. The completed package was submitted to the Director on April 3, 2026. The package was approved by the Director on June 1, 2026 and submitted to OAL the same day. OAL approved the rulemaking package on July 9, 2026 and filed it with the Secretary of State the same day.

**Status:** Regulation approved; it becomes effective October 1, 2026.

**CCR Section 109.05 (Architect-in-Training).** The proposed change will enact Assembly Bill (AB) 759 (Valencia, Chapter 380, Statutes of 2025) which establishes the Architect-in-Training (AIT) title.

At its February 26, 2026 meeting, the Board approved the language and delegated the authority to the EO to adopt the regulation, provided no adverse comments were received during the public comment period, and to make minor technical or non-substantive changes, if needed. The regulatory package was submitted to the Department on March 6, 2026. Staff worked with the Department's Regulation Unit to finalize the documents, and they were submitted to the Director on April 28, 2026. The Director approved the package, and it was sent to Agency for approval on June 1, 2026. Agency approved the file on June 26, 2026 and it was sent to OAL for initial noticing on June 29, 2026. The 45-day comment period ended on August 24, 2026 with substantive comments received. The Board reviewed and approved responses at its September 10, 2026 meeting and the completed package was submitted to the Director the same day. The package was approved by the Director on September 18, 2026 and was submitted to OAL on September 21, 2026.

**Status:** With OAL and DOF for final review.

**Landscape Architects** - None

### Licensing and Examination Program

#### Architects

Performance data for the Architect California Supplemental Examination (CSE) and Architect Registration Examination (ARE) 5.0 for California candidates are presented in Tables A through F. Licenses issued during this reporting period are presented in Table G.

**Table A****Architect CSE Examinee Performance: July 1 – September 30, 2026**

| Candidate Type         | Pass       | Rate       | Fail      | Rate       | Total Examinees |
|------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|
| Instate First-time     | 150        | 90%        | 17        | 10%        | 167             |
| Instate Repeat         | 43         | 83%        | 9         | 17%        | 52              |
| Reciprocity First-time | 56         | 75%        | 19        | 25%        | 75              |
| Reciprocity Repeat     | 13         | 76%        | 4         | 24%        | 17              |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>262</b> | <b>84%</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>16%</b> | <b>311</b>      |

**Table B****Architect CSE Examinee Performance: FY 2025/26**

| Candidate Type         | Pass       | Rate       | Fail       | Rate       | Total Examinees |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| Instate First-time     | 446        | 74%        | 159        | 26%        | 605             |
| Instate Repeat         | 161        | 72%        | 64         | 28%        | 225             |
| Reciprocity First-time | 175        | 68%        | 83         | 32%        | 258             |
| Reciprocity Repeat     | 51         | 57%        | 39         | 43%        | 90              |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>833</b> | <b>71%</b> | <b>345</b> | <b>29%</b> | <b>1178</b>     |

**Table C****California ARE 5.0 Examinee Performance by Division: July 1 – September 30, 2026**

| ARE Division                          | Pass | Rate | Fail | Rate | Total Exams |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------------|
| Construction and Evaluation           | 149  | 61%  | 96   | 39%  | 245         |
| Practice Management                   | 148  | 48%  | 159  | 52%  | 307         |
| Programming and Analysis              | 135  | 58%  | 99   | 42%  | 234         |
| Project Development and Documentation | 135  | 57%  | 101  | 43%  | 236         |
| Project Management                    | 125  | 51%  | 118  | 49%  | 243         |
| Project Planning and Design           | 119  | 41%  | 168  | 59%  | 287         |

**Table D****California and NCARB ARE 5.0 Performance Comparison: July 1 – September 30, 2026**

| ARE Division                          | CA Pass | Natl. Pass | ▲ % |
|---------------------------------------|---------|------------|-----|
| Construction and Evaluation           | 61%     | 62%        | -1% |
| Practice Management                   | 48%     | 51%        | -3% |
| Programming and Analysis              | 58%     | 59%        | -1% |
| Project Development and Documentation | 57%     | 60%        | -3% |
| Project Management                    | 51%     | 58%        | -7% |
| Project Planning and Design           | 41%     | 43%        | -2% |

▲ % is the difference in the California and national (NCARB) performance.

**Table E****California ARE 5.0 Examinee Performance by Division: FY 2025/26**

| ARE Division                          | Pass | Rate | Fail | Rate | Total Exams |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------------|
| Construction and Evaluation           | 563  | 54%  | 474  | 46%  | 1,037       |
| Practice Management                   | 704  | 49%  | 726  | 51%  | 1,430       |
| Programming and Analysis              | 531  | 51%  | 512  | 49%  | 1,043       |
| Project Development and Documentation | 501  | 52%  | 468  | 48%  | 969         |
| Project Management                    | 630  | 59%  | 432  | 41%  | 1,062       |
| Project Planning and Design           | 499  | 45%  | 614  | 55%  | 1,113       |

**Table F****California and NCARB ARE 5.0 Performance Comparison: FY 2025/26**

| ARE Division                          | CA Pass | Natl. Pass | ▲ %  |
|---------------------------------------|---------|------------|------|
| Construction and Evaluation           | 54%     | 64%        | -10% |
| Practice Management                   | 49%     | 52%        | -3%  |
| Programming and Analysis              | 51%     | 51%        | 0%   |
| Project Development and Documentation | 52%     | 56%        | -4%  |
| Project Management                    | 59%     | 64%        | -5%  |
| Project Planning and Design           | 45%     | 47%        | -2%  |

▲ % is the difference in the California and national (NCARB) performance.

**Table G****License Issuances: July 1 – September 30, 2026**

| License Type               | July       | August     | September | Total      |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Initial (Original) License | 81         | 85         | 74        | 240        |
| Renewals                   | 31         | 14         | 15        | 60         |
| Retired                    | 2          | 6          | 1         | 9          |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>114</b> | <b>105</b> | <b>90</b> | <b>309</b> |

## Landscape Architects

Performance data for the Landscape Architect California Supplemental Examination (CSE) and Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) for California candidates are presented in Tables H, I, and J.

**Table H****Landscape Architect CSE Examinee Performance: July 1 – September 30, 2026**

| Candidate Type | Pass      | Rate       | Fail     | Rate       | Total Examinees |
|----------------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|-----------------|
| First-time     | 28        | 93%        | 2        | 7%         | 30              |
| Repeat         | 3         | 60%        | 2        | 40%        | 5               |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>31</b> | <b>89%</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>11%</b> | <b>35</b>       |

**Table I****California LARE Examinee Performance by Section: Spring 2026**

| LARE Section                                  | Pass | Rate | Fail | Rate | Total Examinees |
|-----------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|-----------------|
| Inventory, Analysis, and Project Management   | 38   | 50%  | 38   | 50%  | 76              |
| Planning and Design                           | 43   | 53%  | 38   | 47%  | 81              |
| Construction Documentation and Administration | 43   | 81%  | 10   | 19%  | 53              |
| Grading, Drainage, and Stormwater Management  | 28   | 42%  | 38   | 58%  | 66              |

**Table J**  
**California and CLARB Performance Comparison: Spring 2026**

| LARE Section                                  | CA Pass | Natl. Pass | ▲ %  |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|------------|------|
| Inventory, Analysis, and Project Management   | 50%     | 63%        | -13% |
| Planning and Design                           | 53%     | 64%        | -11% |
| Construction Documentation and Administration | 81%     | 80%        | 1%   |
| Grading, Drainage, and Stormwater Management  | 42%     | 50%        | -8%  |

▲ % is the difference in the California and national (CLARB) performance.

**Enforcement****Architects**

The most common violations have stayed consistent over the past four years, and are as follows:

- Misuse of the term "Architect"
- Practice without a license/device
- Continuing Education Audit Incompliance
- Written contract violations
- Signature/Stamp on plans and unauthorized practice
- Negligence or Willful Misconduct

**Table K**  
**Architects Complaints and Enforcement Actions**

| Category                                         | Current Quarter<br>Jul. – Sep. 2026 | Prior Quarter<br>Apr. – Jun. 2026 | FY 26–27 |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Complaints</b>                                |                                     |                                   |          |
| Received                                         | 83                                  | 89                                | 83       |
| Opened                                           | 83                                  | 89                                | 83       |
| Closed                                           | 128                                 | 103                               | 128      |
| Average Days to Close                            | 283                                 | 127                               | 283      |
| Pending                                          | 116                                 | 172                               | 116      |
| <b>Citations</b>                                 |                                     |                                   |          |
| Issued                                           | 22                                  | 32                                | 22       |
| Final                                            | 7                                   | 4                                 | 7        |
| <b>Disciplinary Actions</b>                      |                                     |                                   |          |
| Pending Attorney General                         | 8                                   | 4                                 | 8        |
| Final                                            | 1                                   | 2                                 | 1        |
| <b>Continuing Education Citations</b>            |                                     |                                   |          |
| Issued                                           | 15                                  | 22                                | 15       |
| Final                                            | 17                                  | 31                                | 17       |
| <b>Continuing Education Disciplinary Actions</b> |                                     |                                   |          |
| Pending Attorney General                         | 1                                   | 1                                 | 1        |
| Final                                            | 0                                   | 0                                 | 0        |

## Landscape Architects

LATC's most common violations mirror the Board's with the exception of continuing education, signature/stamp on plans, unauthorized practice, and negligence or willful misconduct. LATC does not typically see egregious violations and more commonly receives complaints regarding the Rules of Professional Conduct and the standards of practice within the profession.

The most common violations within the practice of landscape architecture have stayed consistent over the past four years, and are as follows:

- Misuse of the term "landscape architect"
- Practice without a license
- Written contract violations
- Rules of Professional Conduct violations

**Table L**  
**Landscape Architects Complaints and Enforcement Actions**

| Category                 | Current Quarter<br>Jul. – Sep. 2026 | Prior Quarter<br>Apr. – Jun. 2026 | FY 26–27 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Complaints</b>        |                                     |                                   |          |
| Received                 | 12                                  | 6                                 | 12       |
| Opened (Reopened)        | 11                                  | 6                                 | 11       |
| Closed                   | 9                                   | 7                                 | 9        |
| Average Days to Close    | 32                                  | 38                                | 32       |
| Pending                  | 6                                   | 5                                 | 6        |
| <b>Citations</b>         |                                     |                                   |          |
| Issued                   | 0                                   | 1                                 | 0        |
| Final                    | 0                                   | 1                                 | 0        |
| <b>Discipline</b>        |                                     |                                   |          |
| Pending Attorney General | 0                                   | 0                                 | 0        |
| Final                    | 0                                   | 0                                 | 0        |

## Enforcement Actions

### Architects

#### Citations

**Pejman Berjis** (Arcadia) - The Board issued a four-count citation with a \$3,000 administrative fine to Pejman Berjis, an unlicensed person, dba Studio H2O, for alleged violations of Business and Professions Code sections 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect; Misdemeanor), 5536(b) (Unlawful Use of Stamp) and 5536.1(c) (Unauthorized Practice of Architecture).

On May 5, 2025, the Board received a complaint alleging Berjis had used the name and stamp of a licensed architect on two projects. The Board found that Berjis had entered into a contract to perform “architectural design services” and “Design Services for Architecture” on a 3-unit townhome located in West Hollywood, California, and had created design plans for a 3-story, 6-unit structure, which requires a license to design. Berjis then affixed the stamp of licensed architect B.A. to these plans.

The Board found that Berjis had also entered into a contract to perform “architectural design services” and “Design Services for Architecture” on a 3-unit townhome located in Los Angeles, California, and created plans which listed Studio H2O as the “Architect.” Berjis then affixed the stamp of licensed architect B.A. to these plans.

Berjis’s contracts, wherein he described his services as “Architectural” and “Architecture,” and his plans, wherein he listed Studio H2O as “architect,” are devices that might indicate to the public that he is an architect or qualified to engage in the practice of architecture in California. Berjis prepared plans for a structure which is not exempt from licensing requirements under Business and Professions Code section 5537 and applied a licensed architect’s stamp to plans. Such conduct constitutes violations of Business and Professions Code sections 5536(a), 5536(b), and 5536.1(c). Berjis paid the fine, satisfying the citation. The citation became final May 22, 2026.

**Boris Flores** (Redondo Beach) – The Board issued a two-count citation with a \$3,500 administrative fine to Boris Flores, an unlicensed person, dba BF Design Studio and BF Design LLC, for alleged violations of Business and Professions Code sections 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect; Misdemeanor) and 5536.1(c) (Unauthorized Practice of Architecture), and California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 134(a) and (b) (Use of the Term Architect).

The Board found that Flores’ business website offered “architectural services” and referred to him as an “architect.” His online profiles at LinkedIn, Archinect, and Instagram referred to him as an “architectural consultant” and referenced the practice of architecture, without an architect in responsible and management control of professional services provided by the business entity.

Flores also created design plans for a 5-unit, four-story structure with a basement garage in Hermosa Beach, California. The plans listed Flores as being responsible for the building design and contained his business logo in the title block. The general project information sheets and architectural sheets were not stamped by a licensed architect or engineer.

Flores' website and social media profiles, wherein he described himself as an architect and his services as "Architecture" and "architectural," are devices that might indicate to the public that Flores is an architect or qualified to engage in the practice of architecture in California. Such conduct constitutes a violation of Business and Professions Code section 5536(a). Flores advertised these services without having an architect who was in responsible and management control of the services that were offered and provided by the business entity. Such conduct constitutes a violation of California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 134(a) and (b).

Flores prepared plans for a structure which is not exempt from licensing requirements under Business and Professions Code section 5537. Such conduct constitutes the practice of architecture as defined in Business and Professions Code section 5500.1 and is a violation of Business and Professions Code section 5536(a) and 5536.1(c). Flores paid the fine, satisfying the citation. The citation became final on July 22, 2026.

**Elinor Glycher** (Encino) – The Board issued a one-count citation with a \$1,000 administrative fine to Elinor Glycher, an unlicensed person, doing business as LA Plans, Inc., for alleged violations of Business and Professions Code section 5536(a) (Practice Without License or Holding Self Out as Architect; Misdemeanor) and Title 16, California Code of Regulations section 134(a) (Use of the Term Architect).

On February 23, 2026, the Board received a complaint alleging possible violations of the Architects Practice Act (Act) regarding a residential project located on Cloverdale Avenue in Los Angeles, California. The homeowner claimed that they believed Glycher was an architect, had paid in full for "architectural services" two years earlier, but had never received completed plans.

Upon investigation, Glycher's company website was found to advertise themselves as, "one of the leading residential and commercial architecture firm[s]." Glycher's company Yelp profile was also categorized under "Architects" and offered "Architectural design" and "Architectural project management" services.

On March 18, 2026, and April 9, 2026, the Board mailed letters to the address found on Glycher's website and requested information and corrections pertaining to the allegations, but she failed to reply. The Domestic Return Receipt was signed, confirming delivery of the second letter which was sent via certified and regular mail.

Glycher's company website and Yelp profile wherein she used the category of "Architects" and described her services as "Architect," "Architecture," and "Architectural," are devices that might indicate to the public that she is an architect or qualified to engage in the practice of architecture in California. Such conduct constitutes violations of Business and Professions Code section 5536(a) and Title 16, California Code of Regulations section 134(a). The citation became final July 6, 2026.

**Daniel J. Gomez** (Rio Del Mar) – The Board issued a two-count citation with a \$2,000 administrative fine to Daniel J. Gomez, license number C-29000, for alleged violations of Business and Professions Code sections 143.5(a) (Provision Prohibited in Settlement Agreements), 5536.22(a) (Written Contract), and 5536.22(a)(6) (Written Contract Requirements).

On or about September 2, 2020, client J.F. entered into an agreement (contract) with Gomez dba

Fuse Architects, Inc. and Fuse Construction, Inc. (Fuse) to provide architectural and construction services to remodel a home in Santa Cruz, California (Project).

The contract was not signed by Gomez prior to providing architectural services, or at any point during the Project, and did not contain a statement regarding architects being regulated by the California Architects Board. The contract did not include a clear description of its scope, and was contradicted by subsequent discussions and email agreements. The contract did not contain construction costs even though Fuse would be handling the Project as a design/build firm and the architect's fee depended on the construction costs.

During the Project, design and construction issues and subsequent payment disputes resulted in Fuse filing liens against client J.F.'s property. On or about January 23, 2024, client J.F. and Gomez signed a settlement agreement which contained a clause that required client J.F. to withdraw the complaints that he had filed with the Board and the Contractors State License Board and disallowed him from filing new complaints.

Gomez's failure to prepare an appropriate contract and execute a written contract with the client prior to commencing professional services for the above-referenced project constitutes a violation of Business and Professions Code sections 5536.22(a) and 5536.22(a)(6). Gomez further permitted a provision that is prohibited by the Architects Practice Act to be included in a settlement agreement with his client, constituting a violation of Business and Professions Code section 143.5(a). Gomez paid the fine, satisfying the citation. The citation became final July 3, 2026.

### Disciplinary Actions

**Aaron J. Torrence** (Los Angeles) – Effective July 9, 2026, Aaron J. Torrence's architect license number C-29707 was revoked. The action came after a Default Decision was issued by the Board.

On or about April 15, 2026, an Accusation was filed against Torrence for alleged violations of Business and Professions Code sections 5536.22(a)(4) and (a)(8) (Written Contract Requirements), 5558 (Address of Record), 5578 (Violation of Practice in General), 5584 (Willful Misconduct), and 5588(a) and (b) (Failure to Report Settlement), and California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 104 (Filing of Addresses), 150 (Willful Misconduct), and 160(c)(1) (Failure to Timely Respond to Board Investigation).

The Accusation alleged that on or about July 28, 2023, Torrence had a civil action filed against him in Los Angeles Superior Court. On or about January 17, 2024, Torrence settled the case, agreeing to pay the plaintiffs \$50,000. On or about February 12, 2024, Torrence's insurer reported this settlement without details to the Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists (BPELSG), who forwarded the report to the Board.

On or about April 16, 2024, the Board sent Torrence an initial letter requesting a complete report on the settlement by May 16, 2024. On or about June 7, 2024, the Board received a change of address form from Torrence, but no response. On or about January 26, 2026, the Board sent Torrence a second letter to his new address of record through certified and regular mail. On or about February 5, 2026, the United States Postal Service (USPS) returned the letter stamped "attempted – not

known” and “unable to forward.” Torrence never responded to the Board.

The Accusation further alleged that on or about March 13, 2024, Torrence submitted a license renewal application to the Board which contained a question requiring the licensee to declare under penalty of perjury if they had been disciplined by another public agency or convicted of a crime within the previous two years. Torrence answered “Yes” to the question.

On or about May 20, 2024, the Board sent Torrence an initial letter to his address of record requesting further information on the reported action. The Board received no response. On or about January 26, 2026, the Board sent Torrence a second letter to his new address of record through certified and regular mail; on or about February 5, 2026, USPS returned the letter stamped “attempted – not known” and “unable to forward.” Torrence never responded to the Board.

The Accusation further alleged that on or about March 21, 2025, Torrence entered into a contract with client S.L. to design floor plan changes to their home located in Encino, California. The contract did not contain a statement regarding architects being licensed and regulated by the Board and did not contain Torrence’s full and accurate address. Torrence accepted a deposit of \$3,620 but failed to provide as-built plans within the stated week deadline and failed to provide draft floor plan changes within the stated two-week deadline.

In or around May 2025, S.L. requested termination of the contract with Torrence and a refund of the deposit. On or about May 27, 2025, Torrence provided S.L. with as-built plans and agreed to refund a portion of the deposit. Torrence never provided any refund to S.L. or any draft floor plan changes. On or about June 17, 2026, S.L. attempted to send a physical copy of the termination letter to Torrence at his address of record. However, the letter was returned to S.L. by the United Parcel Service as an invalid address.

On or about August 14, 2025, the Board sent Torrence an initial letter requesting a response to S.L.’s complaint allegations at his address of record on file with the Board. On or about August 25, 2025, USPS returned the letter with the messages “insufficient address” and “unable to forward.”

On or about September 16, 2025, the Board sent Torrence a second letter to his address of record through certified and regular mail, and email, advising Torrence that his address of record on file with the Board appeared to be incomplete and needed to be corrected. The letters to his address of record were returned, but Torrence responded to the email stating that he would return S.L.’s deposit. Torrence did not refund S.L.’s deposit or respond to the allegations in S.L.’s complaint.

On or about September 29, 2025, and October 7, 2025, the Board emailed Torrence instructing him to respond to the complaint allegations and correct or revise his address of record immediately. Torrence did not provide a response or correct his address of record.

The Board's Default Decision and Order was issued on June 9, 2026, and became effective on July 9, 2026.

## Continuing Education Audits

## Citations Final: July – September 2026

CE Citations are issued to licensed architects when a violation occurs, regarding the continuing education, license renewal, or coursework audit requirements. You may look up the code sections violated on the Board's website at [www.cab.ca.gov/resrcs/act.shtml](http://www.cab.ca.gov/resrcs/act.shtml).

When a fine is levied with a citation, payment of the fine does not constitute admission of any violations charged but represents a satisfactory resolution of the matter pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 125.9(d). A license shall not be renewed without full payment of any outstanding fines. All final citations are subject to public disclosure for 5 years.

| <u>Architect</u>          | <u>Citation No.</u> | <u>Violation Code Section(s)</u>                | <u>Date Final</u> | <u>Fine Amount</u> | <u>Fine Status</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Barkelew, David W.        | 26-70               | BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b), 166(b)             | 8/16/26           | \$1000             | Unpaid             |
| Bieker, Damian Louis      | 26-77               | BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b)                     | 8/24/26           | \$500              | Paid               |
| Blair, David Dean         | 26-74               | BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 166(b)                     | 8/18/26           | \$500              | Paid               |
| Day, John Griffith        | 26-71               | BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b), 166(b)             | 8/16/26           | \$1000             | Unpaid             |
| Foster, Steven L.         | 26-75               | BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 166(b)                     | 9/4/26            | \$500              | Unpaid             |
| Kim, Helmina              | 26-73               | BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 166(b)                     | 9/3/26            | \$500              | Paid               |
| Lejarraga Ines            | 26-79               | BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b)                     | 8/21/26           | \$250              | Paid               |
| Russell, Jeremiah S.      | 26-63               | BPC 5600.05(a)1, 5600.05(b), CCR 165(b), 166(b) | 7/17/26           | \$1000             | Unpaid             |
| Sander, Whitney Fairbanks | 26-76               | BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b), 166(b)             | 8/24/26           | \$750              | Paid               |
| Shamble, Alfred Noel      | 26-66               | BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b)                     | 7/29/26           | \$500              | Paid               |
| Simonen, Kathrina Lois    | 26-42               | BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 166(b)                     | 7/10/26           | \$500              | Paid               |
| Simones, John Andrew      | 26-80               | BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b)                     | 8/21/26           | \$250              | Paid               |
| Smith, Juli Irene         | 26-57               | BPC 5600.05(a)1, 5600.05(b), CCR 165(b), 166(b) | 7/4/26            | \$1000             | Unpaid             |

## Executive Officer's Report

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|----------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| Swain, Daniel M.     | 26-83 | BPC 5600.05(a)1, 5600.05(b), CCR 165(b), 166(b) | 9/13/26 | \$1000 | Unpaid |
| Tucker, Ronald Keith | 26-72 | BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 166(b)                     | 8/16/26 | \$500  | Unpaid |
| Twadell-Riera, Megan | 26-65 | BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b), 166(b)             | 8/10/26 | \$1000 | Paid   |
| White, Ellesse Akie  | 26-67 | BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b), 166(b)             | 7/29/26 | \$1000 | Paid   |

### Landscape Architects

Citations - None

Disciplinary Actions - None

## **AGENDA ITEM J.1: AB 1775 (WARD) VETERANS**

### **SUMMARY**

[AB 1775](#) requires licensing entities within the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to expedite, and authorizes to assist with, initial licensure for an applicant who has served as an active-duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces and received a discharge solely as a result of federal action to restrict transgender participation in the military. This bill's implementation is delayed to June 1, 2027, for the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board. This bill requires DCA to annually report the number of applications received for expedited licenses resulting from this bill. This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) to revise its Military Discharge Upgrade Grant Program prioritization criteria, as specified, and establish a Veteran's Housing and Supportive Services Grant Program.

AB 1775 was approved by the Governor on September 26, 2026.

### **Action Requested**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM K.1: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Adoption of Proposed Regulatory Text for California Code of Regulations, title 16, division 2, article 2, section 109.2 (License Renewal Application)**

**Summary**

The Board requires the use of a license renewal application that is made available to licensees to renew their licenses in a timely manner. This application has followed the requirements set forth in Business and Professions Code sections 30, 5560, 5600, 5600.05, 5600.2, and 5600.3; however, this application has not been codified in regulation. Therefore, staff is proposing language that requires the contents of a license renewal application that will be provided to licensees upon renewal. By not prescribing a specific form, and instead, prescribing the requirements, this allows for the renewal to be completed through the Board's online system via the Connect system, by mail, email or fax as long as the necessary information is provided.

**Action Requested**

Approve the proposed updated regulatory text for Section 109.2, direct staff to submit the text to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services Agency for review and if no adverse comments are received, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any non-substantive changes to the package, and set the matter for a hearing if requested.

If the Board does not receive any comments providing objections or adverse recommendations specifically directed at the proposed action or to the procedures followed by the board in proposing or adopting the action, during the 45-day comment period, and no hearing is requested then the Board authorizes the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any technical or non-substantive changes to the package, and adopt the proposed regulations to Section 109.2 as noticed.

**Attachments**

1. 16 CCR section 109.2 (License Renewal Application) Proposed Language

Department of Consumer Affairs  
Title 16. California Architects Board

**PROPOSED REGULATORY LANGUAGE**

License Renewal Application

**Legend:**      Added text is indicated with an underline.  
                     Omitted text is indicated by (\* \* \* \*)  
                     Deleted text is indicated by ~~strikeout~~.

**Adopt Section 109.2 of Article 2 of Division 2 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:**

**§ 109.2. License Renewal Application**

(a) As a condition of renewal, on or before the expiration date of their license or within five years after its expiration date, a licensee shall submit a completed renewal application as prescribed by this subsection, along with the renewal fee.

(1) For the purposes of this section, a completed application for a license renewal includes the nonrefundable fee specified in Section 144(e) and all of the following information from the licensee:

- (A) Social security number or individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN),
- (B) California architect license number,
- (C) Full legal name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Name, and (if any) Suffix),
- (D) Month, day, and year of birth,
- (E) Contact information including, the licensee's address of record, phone number(s), and email address (if any),
- (F) The statements required by subdivision (c) of Section 5600 of the Code,
- (G) A statement regarding whether the licensee has completed continuing education (CE) coursework requirements provided in Section 5600.05 of the Code within the previous two years,
- (H) A statement that the licensee is knowledgeable of the statutes and regulations governing the profession of architecture as defined in this Act, and
- (I) A statement signed and dated by the licensee under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the statements provided in the application are true and correct.

(2) An incomplete renewal application shall be returned to the licensee by the Board with an explanation of the reasons for its rejection. The licensee shall resubmit the completed renewal application to the Board, on or before the expiration date of the license. Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in the expiration of the license.

(b) Upon meeting the requirements of this section, the Board shall renew the license for a period of two years.

(c) Licensees who are submitting an application for a license renewal after their expiration date, but prior to five years after their expiration date must comply with all provisions of subsection (a) above and Section 5600.2 of the Code

(d) A license that has not been renewed within five years after its expiration may not be renewed and must comply with the provisions of Section 5600.3 of the Code.

(e) A licensee who falsifies or makes a material misrepresentation of fact when applying for a license renewal or who cannot verify completion of continuing education by producing a record of course completion, upon request by the Board, is subject to disciplinary action under Sections 5560 and 5600.05 of the Code.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 5526 and 5600, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 30, 5560, 5600, 5600.05, 5600.2, and 5600.3, Business and Professions Code.

## **AGENDA ITEM L: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SELECT FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES**

### **Summary**

A schedule of planned meetings and events for 2026 are provided to the Board.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| November 20 | LATC Meeting | Teleconference  |

## **AGENDA ITEM M: ELECTION OF 2027 BOARD OFFICERS**

### **Summary**

Business and Professions Code section 5518 states:

The Board shall elect from its members a president, vice president, and a secretary to hold office for one year, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

The Board Member Administrative Manual provides the following in relation to election of the Board officers:

The Board shall elect the officers at the last meeting of the calendar year. Officers shall serve a term of one year. All officers may be elected on one motion or ballot as a slate of officers unless more than one Board member is running per office. An officer may be re-elected and serve for more than one term.

The Manual also provides for a nomination process as follows:

The Board president shall appoint a Nominations Committee prior to the last meeting of the calendar year and shall consider appointing a public and a professional member of the Board to the Committee. The Committee's charge will be to recommend a slate of officers for the following year. The Committee's recommendation will be based on the qualifications, recommendations, and interest expressed by the Board members. A survey of Board members will be conducted to obtain interest in each officer position. A Nominations Committee member is not precluded from running for an officer position. If more than one Board member is interested in an officer position, the Nominations Committee will make a recommendation to the Board and others will be included on the ballot for a runoff, if they desire. The results of the Nominations Committee's findings and recommendations will be provided to the Board members in the meeting packet prior to the election of officers. Notwithstanding the Nominations Committee's recommendations, Board members may be nominated from the floor at the meeting.

### **Action Requested**

At this meeting, the Board is asked to consider and elect the officers for 2027.

**AGENDA ITEM N: CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 11126(a)(1) AND (c)(3), THE BOARD WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION TO:**

1. Deliberate and Vote on Disciplinary Matters
2. Approve May 21, 2026, and September 10, 2026, Closed Session Minutes