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UPCOMING EVENTS

BOA QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 21, 2026

BOA Offices Closed for Labor Day
Monday, September 7, 2026

Chairs and Executives Leadership Summit
Memphis, TN
Friday, October 9-10, 2026

AIA Women's Leadership Summit
Kansas City MO
November 1-3, 2026

BOA Offices Closed for Veterans Day
Wednesday, November 11, 2026

CIDQ Annual Meeting
Atlanta, GA
November 12-14, 2026

MBE Workshop
Providence, RI
Thursday, February 25, 2027

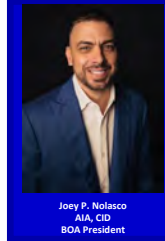
Regional Summit
Providence, RI
February 26-27, 2027

NCARB Annual Business Meeting
Pittsburgh, PA
June 24-26, 2027

KENTUCKY BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

As we enjoy the summer season, I would like to share several important updates from the Kentucky Board of Architects.

First, I want to recognize an important leadership transition within our Board. After many years of dedicated service, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to **Cordelia Harbut** upon her retirement as Executive Director. Cordelia's professionalism, leadership, and unwavering commitment to protecting the public and serving Kentucky's architecture community have made a lasting impact. On behalf of the Board, we thank her for her years of service and wish her every happiness in retirement.



Joey P. Nolasco
AIA, CID
BOA President

It is also my pleasure to welcome **Eden Davis Stephens** as the Board's new Executive Director. Eden brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to public service. We look forward to working alongside her as we continue to advance the Board's mission of safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Kentucky while supporting excellence in professional practice.

Congratulations are also in order for Olivia Davis, who was elected as the **Public Director of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)** during the **2026 NCARB Annual Business Meeting** held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This is a tremendous honor and reflects Olivia's dedication to the architectural profession and public protection. We look forward to her continued leadership at the national level.

The NCARB Annual Business Meeting, held June 25-27, in Minneapolis, brought together member boards from across the country to discuss the future of architectural licensure, mobility, and professional regulation. The collaboration and exchange of ideas among jurisdictions continue to strengthen our profession and the services we provide to the public.

I also want to remind all Kentucky architects that we are now in the final month of the annual license renewal period. If your license has not yet been renewed, please do so immediately to avoid additional fees or administrative revocation. Please do not wait until the last minute to complete your renewal.

I would also like to remind our Kentucky Certified Interior Designers that the annual **CID renewal period begins September 1**. The annual renewal fee for a Kentucky Certified Interior Designer certificate is **\$200**. Certificate holders who do not renew or apply for inactive status by **November 30** will have their certificates **administratively revoked effective December 1**.

Finally, I encourage everyone to participate in the many professional development opportunities available throughout the remainder of the summer, including NCIDQ-related programs and events. These opportunities help strengthen our professions while providing valuable continuing education and networking with colleagues across the region and the nation.

Thank you for your continued commitment to protecting the public through excellence in architecture and interior design. On behalf of the Kentucky Board of Architects, I wish you a safe, productive, and enjoyable summer.

Joey Nolasco
President, Kentucky Board of Architects & CID



Happy Retirement



After an extraordinary career dedicated to public service, professional regulation, and the advancement of the design professions, the Kentucky Board of Architects proudly recognizes the retirement of Executive Director Cordelia “Dee” Harbut.

Throughout her tenure, Dee provided exceptional leadership in administering and overseeing the Board’s regulatory responsibilities. Her commitment to professionalism, integrity, and accountability helped ensure the effective operation of the Board while safeguarding the public through fair, consistent, and transparent regulation of architects and certified interior designers across the Commonwealth.

The role of Executive Director is far more than administrative oversight. It requires operational excellence, regulatory expertise, financial stewardship, risk management, and the ability to navigate complex issues with professionalism and sound judgment. Dee excelled in each of these areas, earning the respect and trust of Board members, licensees, state officials, and industry stakeholders.

During her service, Dee led numerous initiatives that strengthened Board operations and enhanced service to the profession, including:

- Assumed the additional responsibilities of Human Resources Administrator and Finance and Administration Fiscal Administrator, ensuring uninterrupted operations and critical administrative support during a period of limited staffing resources and budget constraints.
- Implemented a quarterly newsletter to communicate the Board’s value to legislators and keep Kentucky’s design community informed of important developments.
- Increased Board transparency and improved the accuracy of meeting records by implementing the process of staff-prepared chair summaries for board meetings.
- Established an Executive Committee to address urgent matters between board meetings and improve operational responsiveness.
- Oversaw significant growth in the Board’s licensee population, with increases in the number of licensed architects in Kentucky from approximately 2,600 to more than 3,000 and the number of Certified Interior Designers from 150 to over 170.
- Transitioned architect fee payments to an online system, improving convenience while reducing administrative workload and manual payment processing.
- Directed the promulgation of more than twenty administrative regulations, ensuring the Board remained compliant with statutory and regulatory requirements.
- Secured approval for a sole-source contract for the Board’s new licensing system, successfully navigating the Commonwealth’s stringent Model Procurement Code laws that mandate a competitive procurement process.
- Served on the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee in 2025, which created a Resolution presented at the annual business meeting. This important resolution eliminated the mandatory three-year waiting period for architects licensed through the alternative education pathway to seek NCARB certification, creating a more accessible path to reciprocity. The resolution became effective on January 15, 2026.

In addition to these accomplishments, Dee played a vital role in administering licensing and regulatory processes, assisting applicants and licensees with professionalism and responsiveness, supporting regulatory compliance efforts, and serving as a trusted resource to Board members and stakeholders throughout Kentucky.

Please join us in congratulating Dee on her retirement and thanking her for her outstanding service. Her legacy of excellence will continue to benefit the Board for years to come. We wish her happiness, good health, and every success in this exciting new chapter.



Welcome, Eden Davis Stephens!

The Kentucky Board of Architects is pleased to welcome **Eden Davis Stephens** as our new Executive Director.

Eden joins the Board with an impressive background in public service and professional licensing. A licensed attorney, she most recently served as General Counsel for the Kentucky Board of Cosmetology, where she provided legal counsel and leadership in agency operations, regulatory compliance, procurement, budgeting, legislative initiatives, and personnel management.

Her extensive experience working with occupational licensing boards, combined with her commitment to public service and collaborative leadership, makes her exceptionally well-suited to lead the Board. We are confident that her knowledge and expertise will strengthen our agency and support our mission of protecting the public through the effective regulation of the practice of architecture in the Commonwealth.

The Board extends its sincere congratulations to Eden and is excited to begin this new chapter under her leadership. Please join us in welcoming her to the Kentucky Board of Architects. We look forward to the experience, vision, and dedication she brings to our organization.



KY Board of Architects members attended the NCARB 2026 Annual Business Meeting on June 25-27, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Kentucky now has two members elected to positions with NCARB's national board! Jill Lewis Smith was **elected to NCARB's Board of Directors and Olivia Davis was **elected** to be the Public Director of NCARB's Board.**

Pictured: Treasurer Olivia Davis, Secretary Sydney Goetz, and former BOA President Jill Lewis Smith.

Congratulations!

NEWLY LICENSED ARCHITECTS

LICENSE No.	Architect Name	Education	Employer
9570	Gregory C Willett	University of KY—M. Arch	Brandstetter Carroll, Inc.—Louisville KY
9580	Abigail Davis	University of KY—M. Arch	JRA Architects—Lexington KY
9586	Nicole Michelle Riggs Lucas	University of KY—M. Arch	Shive Hattery—St. Louis MO
9587	Zachary White	Mississippi State University—B. Arch	Joseph & Joseph Architects—Louisville KY
9595	Nolan Keith Sanders	University of KY—M. Arch	Stengel Hill—Lexington KY
9608	Reid F Knox	University of Cincinnati—M. Arch	Ross Tarrant Architects—Lexington KY
9634	Jacob A Landini	Ball State University—B. Arch	Champlin Haupt Architects—Cincinnati OH



Congratulations



NEWLY CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS

CID No.	CID Name	Education	Employer
0437CID	Gregory C Willett	University of KY—M. Arch	Brandstetter Carroll, Inc.—Louisville KY
0438CID	Randolph S Newman	University of KY—B. Arch	Kesler Simpson Architects—Lexington KY
0439CID	Laura Pask	Colorado State University—B. A.	Thoma-Holec Design—Mesa AZ
0440CID	Angela K Walker	Eastern Illinois University—B. S. B.	AHKent Design—Deland FL
0441CID	Parker Selin	University of KY—M. Arch	Morris Workshop Architects—Lexington KY
0442CID	Avery C Reiter	Ball State University—B. Interior Design	Hafer—Evansville IN
0443CID	Christopher Wilson	University of KY—M. Arch	Gray AES—Lexington KY
0444CID	Christopher T Greene	University of KY—B. Arch	Gray AES—Lexington KY



KY BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

APRIL 2026 BOARD MEETING



The quarterly Board meeting was held at Commerce Lexington on April 26, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Board President Joey Nolasco. Members in attendance were as follows: Sydney Goetz, Secretary; Olivia Davis, Public Member/Treasurer; and Board members Jill Lewis Smith, M. Chad Beyer, and T. Rexford Cecil. Also in attendance were Cordelia Harbut, Executive Director; Rachael McClain, Executive Administrative Secretary; and Kara Legg, Attorney, McBrayer PLLC. Guests included Tina Ash, AIA Kentucky President-Elect.

The Board meeting minutes reflect that the following standard reports were presented and approved at the April Board meeting: January Minutes, April Financial Report, and the Interim Report.

AIA Kentucky Update: Ms. Tina Ash reported on AIA Kentucky's advocacy efforts, noting that the organization will enter into a new agreement for legislative consulting services in early May. AIA is collaborating with CAAK and HBC on summer code workshops in June, with the goal of reviewing the 2024 International Building Code. The first round of 2026 ARE grants will be awarded in May.

NCARB Region 4 Report: Ms. Smith reported that all regions held leadership elections at the regional meeting in March. She announced that she had been elected Region 4 Director. She also reported that she sent a survey to the Region 4 directors to compare licensure requirements; however, a number of the surveys were incomplete, rendering the information unusable.

Licensure Research and Development Task Force: Ms. Davis reported that the Task Force held its final meeting in March. The committee focused on refining the language used to describe competencies and developing concise descriptions to prevent misinterpretation.

NCARB Draft Resolutions: President Nolasco reviewed the three draft resolutions scheduled for consideration at the upcoming NCARB Annual Business Meeting. After reviewing the draft resolutions, the Board voted unanimously to approve them.

NCARB Annual Board Elections: President Nolasco provided an overview of the candidates running for Board positions in the upcoming fiscal year. Only two positions are being contested: the Public Director position and the At-Large Director position. Ms. Smith provided a summary of the candidates for each position. The Board voted in accordance with Ms. Smith's recommendations.

New Business: The Board voted to approve the new committee meeting date of July 7, 2026.

FY 2026 Standing Board Committee Reports

The following standing committee reports were presented by their respective chairs:

Licensure and Certification Committee (L&C): Mr. Nolasco reported on the applications reviewed by the L&C Committee.

Motion A: Mr. Nolasco noted that three of the four submittals met all requirements and provided compliant documentation. Motion to accept approved and carried.

Motion B: Mr. Nolasco stated that one individual submitted two continuing education hour (CEHs) earned in 2025 and 10.75 hours earned in 2026 as makeup credits. Motion to accept approved and carried.

Reciprocity Application – AP260325PP: The applicant answered "yes" to the affidavit question and disclosed a prior misdemeanor conviction from 1985. A motion was made to approve the application. The motion passed.

BOARD AGENDA APRIL 30, 2026

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Presentation of Minutes
4. Presentation of Financial Report
5. Presentation of Interim Report
6. AIA Updates
7. National Committee Reports
8. New Business
9. Standing Board Committees
 - Licensure & Certification
 - Investigative Review
 - UK CoD Report
 - Statutes and Regulations
 - Continuing Education
 - AXP/IPAL Report
 - CIDQ Report
 - Financial Report
 - Newsletter Committee
10. Old Business
11. Adjournment

Next Meeting
July 21, 2026
9 A.M. EST

Location
KY Transportation
Cabinet
200 Mero Street
Room C107
Frankfort, KY

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Investigative Review Committee (IRC): Ms. Smith presented the Investigative Review Committee report on behalf of Mr. Johnson, noting that the four current cases remain ongoing.

Case 1: A complaint was filed by a consumer who purchased plans from an online freelance platform. Board Counsel will contact the Attorney General's Office regarding the matter.

Case 2: An individual missed the initial continuing education audit deadline but submitted the required documentation the day after receiving a letter of noncompliance. He failed to pay the mandatory civil penalty for noncompliance. The Board voted to send a letter requiring payment of the mandatory civil penalty or face revocation. The motion passed.

Case 3: A complaint was filed by a building official who received a set of plans for a building permit bearing a seal stolen from a Kentucky-licensed architect. A motion was made to assign the case to an investigator. The motion passed.

Case 4: Several local architects submitted complaints after receiving emails advertising services for "code-compliant plans for stamping and sealing" from unlicensed individuals. A motion was made to send cease-and-desist letters and refer the cases to the Attorney General's Office. The motion passed.

Practice Law for Interior Designers Task Force: Mr. Beyer emphasized that interior design practice within commercial and public spaces routinely involves critical elements that directly impact public safety, including means of egress, life-safety systems, accessibility compliance, and interior material specifications affecting fire performance. Under Kentucky's current regulatory framework, individuals without demonstrated competency may perform this work. The Task Force made a motion to direct the Statutes and Regulations Committee to conduct a comprehensive review of the current interior design laws to determine any necessary legislative and regulatory changes to better protect the public. Mr. Beyer also reviewed the CIDQ Model Law updates with the Board.

Finance Committee: Ms. Davis presented the Finance Committee report, updating the Board on outstanding agreements, travel requests, budget allocations, and expenditure projections.

Newsletter Committee: Ms. Harbut reviewed the list of anticipated articles for the July newsletter. The Board agreed to have staff distribute the newsletter up to two weeks later than scheduled to allow Board members additional time to submit articles from the Education Symposium and the NCARB Annual Business Meeting (ABM).

Alternative Paths to Licensure Ad Hoc Committee: President Nolasco delivered the committee report and call to action regarding the evaluation of alternative pathways to architectural licensure in Kentucky. After thorough discussion, he made a motion for the Board to authorize the Statutes and Regulations Committee, working with Board Counsel, to develop a structured framework for an alternative pathway to licensure and formalize it within Kentucky's regulatory framework.

Old Business

A. Federal Policy Failing to Recognize Architects as Professionals Update: Ms. Harbut reported that, as of late April 2026, the Department of Education had not finalized its revised "District 11" definitions of professional degrees following the close of the March 2, 2026, public comment period. The Board will continue to monitor the federal rulemaking process for any developments ahead of the July implementation deadline.

B. Executive Director Hiring Committee Update: The selection committee is scheduled to begin reviewing candidate applications in May. Initial assessments indicate a strong pool of applicants.

C. 2024–2025 L. Wayne Tune Endowment Report: Ms. Harbut reported that the endowment fund has generated more than \$12,000 in revenue since its establishment. The accrued funds will continue to support architecture students. A grant of approximately \$500 was recently awarded.

The Board adjourned after reviewing the upcoming meeting date.



North Carolina and Oklahoma Board of Architects

NC Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers – Making of a Law.

Several years back, language was proposed that would define RID in NC and place their oversight with the Office of State Construction.

- OSC was not interested in regulating RID.
- The AIA-NC and the RID community could not come to an agreement on language, various definitions and scope of work, etc.

After many years of debate, discourse and discussions, in early 2020 the NC Board of Architecture met with legislators and interior designers who had an interest in making the Registered Interior Designer act reality.

- Everyone agreed that if any entity should take on the regulation of the practice of RID, it should be the existing Board of Architecture.
- Once NCBA took the lead, it truly became about public health, safety and welfare, rather than the perception of “turf protection”.
- There were fair comparisons of the similarities and the differences between the practice of architecture and RID. NCARB was able to provide resources.
- The Board members and the interior designer representatives were willing to work together to develop language that would accurately define RID practice.

It took about a year, lots of give and take, but ultimately, it was about public protection. The AIA-NC supported the proposed language, and for the most part, everyone worked together in a productive, positive manner. We had several bill sponsors who actively participated in the process.

The bill became law in July 2021. The transition to the NC Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers has been fairly smooth.

- Code officials have not reported any major issues.
- There is some confusion with the public as to interior designer vs. Registered Interior Designer - who can do what, what does the title mean, etc.
- We have also heard that some architecture firms aren’t willing to support registration of their interior designers who would qualify.
- Caution is urged when the legislative assistants start rewriting or “clarifying” the language. We found that they made some incorrect interpretations that will need to be addressed in future changes to the statute.
- Registration of interior designers has not reached the projected numbers. NC only has a third of what we anticipated for individual registration.

Key takeaways include:

- Focus on public protection
- Include the Board of Architecture
- The need for supportive bill sponsors
- The need for better communication to the interior design community about the benefits of registration. This is best achieved by the professional organizations.

Submitted by Cathe M. Monte Carlo, Executive Director, of the North Carolina Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers.

KENTUCKY ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION (KAF)

The **Kentucky Architectural Foundation (KAF)** is a charitable organization dedicated to strengthening the future of architecture across the Commonwealth. Founded in 2023, KAF is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit that supports architectural education and raises public awareness of architecture's role in building stronger communities. Its mission is to provide scholarships and endowments that advance architectural education while supporting programs and initiatives that promote public understanding of the built environment. By investing in students and community engagement, KAF is helping create a stronger future for Kentucky architects and the communities they serve.

KAF offers scholarships to address two pressing needs: the rising cost of architectural education and the need to strengthen Kentucky's future architectural workforce. The foundation recognizes that many talented students face significant financial barriers on the path to an architecture degree. These scholarships help ease that burden while expanding opportunities for a broader and more diverse group of future professionals. This work reflects KAF's broader mission by turning charitable support into meaningful opportunity—helping students pursue their education while building the talent pipeline that will shape Kentucky's homes, schools, workplaces, and civic spaces.

Over the past two years, KAF has awarded eleven \$1,000 scholarships to students at Western Kentucky University, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Louisville School of Urban Design. In addition, a \$1,000 grant was awarded to the student organization UK NOMAS last year. In selecting recipients, KAF looks beyond grades alone. The foundation seeks students who demonstrate promise in architecture and the built environment through creativity, commitment, leadership, curiosity, and a desire to contribute to the profession. Its focus on architectural education in Kentucky also reflects an interest in students and organizations that value service, place, and the long-term impact of design.

Looking ahead, KAF aims to raise enough funding to fully support the growing need for architectural education. Recent federal cutbacks to scholarships and student loan opportunities have made this need larger and more urgent. Every architect and professional affiliate can help by donating or attending events like the KAF Celebration Luncheon held on July 15. This event honored this year's recipients, connected fellow professionals and industry supporters, and provided a tax-deductible contribution at an exciting luncheon. If you would like to donate, you may do so through this link:

[Make a Donation | Kentucky Architectural Foundation Inc | BetterWorld](#)

Submitted by Mark Trier, FAIA, President of Kentucky Architectural Foundation



Six one thousand dollar scholarships and one one thousand dollar grant was awarded by KAF in its first year of operations!

2025 SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS AWARDEES



Evan Wheeler - WKU
AIA Central Kentucky
David Marchal AIA



Ethan Smith - UK CoD
AIA Kentucky
Ben Barlage AIA



Blake Shipp - UK CoD
AIA East Kentucky
Holly Wood AIA



Andrew Lawson - U of L Urban Design
Kentucky Architectural Foundation
Mark Trier FAIA - KAF CoFounder



Anne Marie Schroll - UK CoD
Kentucky Architectural Foundation
Randall Vaughn FAIA - KAF CoFounder



Vivianne Bohannon - UK CoD
Kentucky Architectural Foundation
Rebecca Cox Associate AIA



Emily Hernandez-Pachon - UKNOMAS
Kentucky Architectural Foundation
Teddi Hibberd AIA - Treasurer KAF

SMALL BUSINESS SALES & TAX LAW

UPDATE FOR ARCHITECT & ENGINEERING FIRMS AND OWNERS

BY JON TENNENT, CPA

Tax law changes have been in the news this past year with the passage of the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” and Kentucky’s related efforts in the spring legislative session. But what does it mean for you and for the profession? Let’s unpack a few of the most relevant points.

Section 179D Energy Efficient Commercial Buildings Deduction

The 179D deduction has been in place for 20 years and has become a staple tax planning tool for architecture and engineering firms. It is intended to provide a tax deduction (up to \$5/square foot) to building owners or designers who invest in energy-efficient components and methods. Although the benefit usually redounds to the building owner, non-profit entities (who generally have no taxable income to offset), such as schools, governments, churches, etc., can pass on the deduction to the for-profit firm involved in building design.

However, time is running short to take advantage of this deduction. Due to recent legislation, construction on new projects must begin before June 30, 2026, to be eligible. There are two ways to prove that the work has begun before this date:

1. Physical work must have begun (i.e., not just planning, permitting, or land work, but rather pouring concrete or starting on the foundation).
2. The building owner can incur at least 5% of the total cost of the construction before the cut-off date above (this does not include the land cost, but it does include design fees).

Section 174 Research & Development & Section 41 Tax Credit

The research and development tax credit is, for many firms, even more beneficial than the deduction offered by 179D. And in the case of the R&D, recent legislative news is generally positive.

During 2022-2024, research and development expenses were required to be capitalized and amortized over 5 years (domestic) or 15 years (international). Practically speaking, this meant that only 20% of domestic R&D costs could be amortized/deducted in an average year – instead of 100%. Even though you could still claim the R&D credit, the underlying expenses still had to be capitalized instead of deducted. This meant that you could spend far more than you made and still end up with a taxable income burden. Some of our clients didn’t even have enough cash left over to pay the tax bill on this “income.”

Starting with tax year 2025, domestic R&D expenses can again be immediately deducted 100%. Most taxpayers also have the option of expensing the remainder of the previously capitalized domestic expenses (from 2022-2024) on the next year’s tax returns, which is great news.

But wait – there’s a catch! Kentucky’s 2026 spring legislative session included a bill that would update Kentucky’s tax code to largely conform with Federal law – with a few carve-outs. As of the writing of this article, one of these carve-outs is the R&D expenses; so even though these can now be expensed for Federal tax purposes, they still must be capitalized for the Kentucky return.

Thankfully Kentucky’s tax rate is much lower than Federal, but this still creates an unfavorable and material adjustment at the state level for many taxpayers.

Multi-State Considerations

Many firms work across state lines, so it is important to keep pace with the ever-changing tax regulations at the state level. Over the past decade, there has been a strong trend among states to assess tax based on where the benefit is received/delivered (i.e., where the client is) instead of where the provider is located. This is known as market-based sourcing, and Kentucky has been a market-based sourcing state for the past few years.

There are two sides to this coin: On the negative side, taking clients out of state could expose your firm to tax liabilities and filings in other states. On the positive side, if you’ve been treating your income as 100% Kentucky, you may be able to apportion some of that income to lower or no-tax jurisdictions.

Other Tax Provisions & Planning

Many of the most advertised provisions of the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” (such as no tax on tips, overtime, car loan interest, and the enhanced deduction for seniors) are deducted on the Federal tax return after your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) has been determined. This is relevant because Kentucky’s starting point for tax – before their own adjustments – is Federal AGI. Therefore, many of these advertised provisions will only affect your Federal tax return – not Kentucky.

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One state-level provision that small business owners can take advantage of, however, is the option to pay the Kentucky tax related to your partnership or S corporation at the entity level; i.e., deductible as a business expense. Traditionally, pass-through entities like these flowed through to the individual tax returns of the owner(s), and all associated tax liabilities were personal payments. Now with the option to pay this tax at the entity level, it can become another business expense and lower overall Federal taxable income.

In summary, the tax law is always changing – both at the Federal and state levels. We always advise our clients to be actively involved in conversations with their CPA or business advisor throughout the year. This ensures not only that there are no surprises at tax time, but also that you have time to properly prepare and take advantage of the tax planning opportunities that exist for you and your firm.

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NCARB COMPETENCY STANDARDS

On June 29, 2026 NCARB issued a press release with updates to the Competency Standard for Architects. The article explains that, “Under the current licensure process, candidates typically complete some combination of the same three components: earning a degree in architecture, documenting related experience, and passing a national licensing exam. Through [Pathways to Practice](#), NCARB is reimagining the licensure process—exploring new methods of assessing competency that have evolved thanks to advancements in technology and practice. During the 2026 Annual Business Meeting, NCARB’s members received their first look at several potential assessment methods being considered so they can provide their feedback over the next several months. More information will be shared in the coming months.”

Several Board Members were able to attend the Annual Meeting, representing Kentucky at the national level. In our next newsletter look for a firsthand account of the information and discussion that came from this meeting. Until then visit NCARB to review the newly adopted competency standard.

See the official Press Release: [NCARB Releases Updates to Competency Standard for Architects](#)

Download the Adopted Competency Standard: [Download New Competency Standard](#)

THE COMPETENCIES

The competencies are organized into three domains. Candidates for licensure must demonstrate their capabilities in each independent competency to earn a license in the jurisdiction(s) in which they practice. After becoming licensed, architects must ensure they maintain the capabilities described to remain competent. In addition, architects should strive to continually grow their competency in these and other areas to provide quality service and public protection.

Design & Documentation Domain

1. Assess regulatory design requirements.
2. Evaluate existing project conditions.
3. Develop a program that establishes project criteria.
4. Create design solutions that support public and environmental well-being.
5. Integrate socio-demographic considerations and universal design principles.
6. Create design solutions that address project requirements.
7. Create deliverables that convey a design solution.
8. Coordinate the integration of building systems into a project design.

Construction Administration Domain

9. Prepare and administer documentation of the construction phase.
10. Evaluate the progress of construction for conformance with contract documents and design intent.

Practice & Project Management Domain

11. Execute contracts for professional services.
12. Implement a work plan according to a project's scope, schedule, and budget.
13. Organize and coordinate an interdisciplinary project team.
14. Understand statutes and regulations that govern architectural practice within U.S. jurisdictions to provide services legally.
15. Understand ethical and professional standards that govern architectural practice.
16. Understand foundational business principles to operate a practice.

You can find more detailed descriptions of the 16 competencies, including the criteria necessary to obtain a license to practice architecture in an NCARB member jurisdiction, on the following pages.



INTERORGANIZATION COUNCIL ON REGULATION (ICOR)

PRACTICE OVERLAP GUIDANCE

Practice Overlap Guidance: Strengthening Collaboration Across Design Professions

The design and construction of Kentucky's buildings, infrastructure, and public spaces depend on the expertise of multiple licensed professionals working together. Architecture, engineering, interior design, landscape architecture, and surveying each bring unique knowledge and responsibilities to projects that shape our communities. While each profession has a distinct scope of practice, their work frequently intersects with buildings, the environments surrounding them, transportation corridors, and our nation's critical infrastructure.

Protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public requires effective collaboration among these licensed professionals. Understanding where professional competencies overlap—and where they remain distinct—is essential to fostering successful project delivery while maintaining public trust.

To support this shared understanding, the Interorganizational Council on Regulation (ICOR) has developed the **Practice Overlap Guidance** through a collaborative effort involving the national regulatory organizations representing architecture, engineering, interior design, landscape architecture, and surveying. The guidance provides a defensible, competency-based framework that helps regulators, licensees, and stakeholders identify areas of professional overlap while recognizing the unique qualifications and responsibilities of each profession.

Rather than focusing solely on professional titles, the guidance emphasizes demonstrated competence based on education, experience, examination, and licensure requirements. This approach promotes fair, consistent, and objective regulatory decisions across jurisdictions while reinforcing the shared commitment of all design professions to public protection.

The Practice Overlap Guidance serves as a valuable resource for licensing boards, practitioners, code officials, and the public. By providing greater clarity on overlapping practice areas, it encourages interdisciplinary cooperation, reduces unnecessary conflicts over scope of practice, and supports informed regulatory decision-making.

As projects become increasingly complex, collaboration among licensed professionals has never been more important. The Kentucky Board of Architects encourages licensees and stakeholders to review the Practice Overlap Guidance and continue working together to uphold the highest standards of professional practice in service to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

The Practice Overlap Guidance, frequently asked questions, and additional resources are available on the ICOR website at icor-reg.org.

UK College of Design

May 7—September 1, 2026

Making Sense: Student Work Exhibition
College of Design-Gray Design Building

Featuring student projects that investigate the material, tactile and sensory dimensions of design practice, the work on display asks: which senses do we privilege in design, and what new questions emerge when we engage others?



Four Decades of Creating Spaces That Serve and Inspire Steve Wiser, FAIA

For more than 40 years, architect Steve Wiser, FAIA, has helped shape Kentucky's built environment through thoughtful architecture that balances functionality, aesthetics, and community impact. Steve Wiser has built a reputation for healthcare design, historic preservation, and a people-centered approach to architecture.

Wiser's path to launching his career was somewhat unconventional. While attending the University of Cincinnati, he participated in the university's cooperative education program, which led to an internship with Humana, when the company owned more than 100 hospitals nationwide.

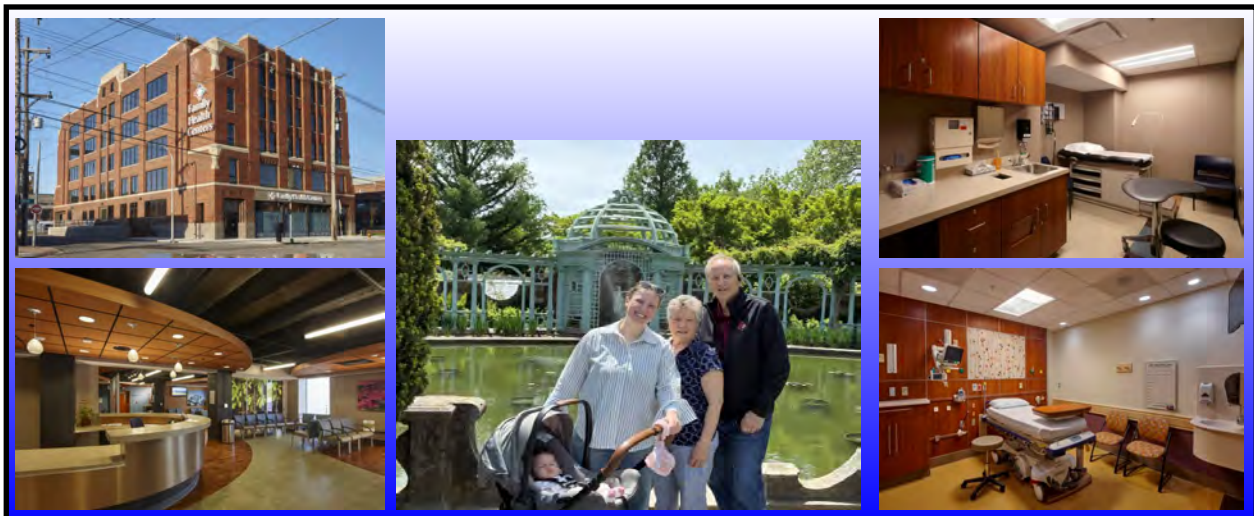
That experience opened the door to a decade-long career with Humana after graduation, providing invaluable healthcare design experience that would influence his work for years to come. "The knowledge and experience I gained there benefited me throughout my entire 40-year career," Wiser says. That foundation helped shape the design philosophy that continues to guide Wiser Designs today: creating environments that are both highly functional and visually welcoming. "Blending functional efficiency with pleasing aesthetics was always a design goal," says Wiser. "In healthcare projects, I used natural materials, curvilinear layouts, and artwork to help ease the stress patients often experience during treatment."

Among the many projects completed throughout his career, one remains especially meaningful. The Family Health Center at East Broadway and Logan in Louisville represents the successful combination of two of Wiser's greatest professional passions—healthcare design and historic preservation. "It combined both my historic preservation passion with my healthcare design skills," he says. "It's beautiful inside and out."

As an architect, Wiser believes one skill stands above all others when it comes to success. "Listening is always an important part of the design process," he says. That commitment to listening has enabled Wiser to create projects that reflect the needs of clients, communities, and the people who ultimately use the spaces.

Education and mentorship have also been central themes throughout Wiser's career. Early on, he mentored younger professionals within the industry. Over time, he expanded that mission by sharing his expertise through writing. During the past four decades, he has authored hundreds of articles on architecture for Louisville Business First and The Courier Journal, helping educate the public about the importance of architecture and design. Wiser has also authored twelve books on Louisville architecture. "Through my writing, I feel I have helped educate the overall community as to the importance of our profession," he says. Wiser was honored by the AIA in 2016 as a "Fellow."

Outside the office, Wiser enjoys spending time with his three grandchildren, who live out of state. Closer to home, he finds relaxation and inspiration in Kentucky's natural beauty, particularly while hiking through Bernheim Forest and exploring the Commonwealth's scenic state parks. Today, Steve Wiser, who retired at the end of 2019, continues to reflect the values that have defined his career from the beginning: thoughtful design, careful listening, community engagement, and a commitment to creating spaces that improve people's lives.



IOWA EXPLORES ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS TO ARCHITECTURAL LICENSURE

The conversation surrounding alternative pathways to architectural licensure continues to gain momentum nationwide, and Iowa is among the jurisdictions examining how evolving licensure models may better reflect competency-based professional practice.

Recent initiatives from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) have encouraged licensing boards across the country to consider “multiple paths/one goal” approaches to licensure—expanding opportunities for qualified candidates while maintaining public protection and professional standards.

NCARB’s Expanding “Pathways to Practice” Initiative

NCARB’s ongoing “Pathways to Practice” initiative advocates for licensure models that recognize varying combinations of education, experience, and examination. The initiative acknowledges that many architects successfully enter the profession through non-traditional educational routes, including community college programs, architecture-related bachelor’s degrees, and experience-based pathways. In January 2026, NCARB implemented significant updates to its Education Alternative program by removing the previous three-year waiting period for architects without a NAAB-accredited degree seeking NCARB certification. Under the revised policy, licensed architects may now pursue certification immediately after initial licensure.

The Education Alternative currently allows architects without a NAAB-accredited degree to pursue certification through:

- Additional documented experience (“Two Times AXP”); or
- A Portfolio Review Process.

A COMPETENCY-BASED PORTFOLIO REVIEW PROCESS IOWA’S CURRENT FRAMEWORK

At present, Iowa’s architectural licensure process continues to require:

- A NAAB-accredited professional degree
- Completion of the Architectural Experience Program (AXP)
- Successful completion of the Architect Registration Examination (ARE)

However, Iowa regulators remain connected to broader national discussions through NCARB and ongoing rulemaking activities within state boards. As more jurisdictions evaluate competency-based and experience-driven licensure models, Iowa’s regulatory framework may continue evolving alongside national trends.

A NATIONAL SHIFT IN LICENSURE PHILOSOPHY

NCARB reports that 18 U.S. jurisdictions currently offer alternative paths to initial licensure that do not require a NAAB-accredited degree, reflecting growing interest in reducing barriers to entry while preserving rigorous competency standards.

Supporters of alternative pathways argue these models may:

- Increase access to the profession
- Reduce financial and educational barriers
- Improve workforce diversity
- Address future architect shortages

At the same time, licensing boards continue emphasizing the importance of maintaining public health, safety, and welfare protections as regulatory discussions progress.

For Kentucky architects, Iowa’s discussions—and NCARB’s broader initiatives—highlight the ongoing national evolution of architectural licensure and the profession’s increasing focus on flexibility, competency, and accessibility.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- [NCARB PATHWAYS TO PRACTICE STATEMENT](#)
- [NCARB Expands Access to Architectural Reciprocity](#)
- [NCARB Education Alternative Certification Portfolio](#)
- [Iowa Board of Architecture Examination & Licensure Information](#)
- [Iowa Board of Architecture Information](#)

Higher Education Symposium

NCARB Annual Business Meeting Update

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NCARB Region 4 Higher Education Symposium Summary

The biannual NCARB Region 4 Higher Education Symposium was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on June 23–24, immediately preceding the NCARB Annual Meeting. The symposium, titled **"How to Increase Quality, Diversity, and Streamlined Pathways for Competent Architecture Licensure,"** brought together educators, practitioners, regulators, and licensing board representatives from the nine-state Region 4 to discuss the future of architectural education and licensure.

Participants included representatives from 20 NAAB-accredited architecture programs and four-year institutions, 18 community colleges, and approximately 20 state board members and practitioners. The symposium focused on strengthening collaboration between education and practice while identifying strategies to improve access to licensure and better prepare future architects.

The symposium opened with a keynote presentation by representatives from Palomar College and Sillman, highlighting their innovative "Teaching Firm" model, which integrates professional practice directly into the curriculum through a partnership between the college and an architectural firm.

Participants then engaged in breakout sessions organized first by stakeholder groups—regulators and practitioners, NAAB educators, and non-NAAB educators—and later in interdisciplinary groups. Discussions centered on three guiding questions: how architectural practice is evolving, how NCARB can improve the pursuit of licensure, and how educators and practitioners can work together to strengthen the pipeline into the profession. Recommendations developed during these sessions were compiled, voted on, and further refined during the second day following NCARB's presentation on its proposed 16 competencies for architectural licensure.

Several key themes emerged from the symposium. Participants emphasized the importance of continued collaboration among NCARB, NAAB, ACSA, architecture programs, licensing boards, and practitioners to ensure educational pathways remain aligned with the evolving profession. Discussions also focused on increasing architectural firms' commitment to mentoring emerging professionals through the Architectural Experience Program (AXP), including the potential recognition of NCARB AXP-certified firms as a means of supporting recruitment and professional development.

Additional recommendations included expanding partnerships between academic programs and practitioners through office visits, guest lectures, project site visits, internships, and mentoring opportunities. Participants also encouraged continued collaboration between NAAB-accredited programs and community colleges through curriculum alignment and articulation agreements to create more accessible and seamless pathways into architectural education and licensure.

NCARB ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

Olivia Davis Elected to the NCARB Board of Directors

The Kentucky Board of Architects proudly congratulates **Olivia N. Davis, CPA, DBA**, of Lexington, Kentucky, on her election as the **Public Director** of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB). Davis was elected during NCARB's Annual Business Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



NCARB is a nonprofit organization composed of the architectural licensing boards of 55 U.S. states and territories. Working collaboratively with its member boards, NCARB develops and administers programs that facilitate the licensure and credentialing of architects while helping protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

As Public Director, Davis will bring an independent consumer perspective to NCARB's Board of Directors, ensuring that the interests of the public remain at the forefront of the organization's work. In this national leadership role, she will also serve as a voice for NCARB's community of public members.

Davis has been a valued member of the Kentucky Board of Architects since her appointment in 2021, serving as both a public member and treasurer. Since 2022, she has also contributed to NCARB's Licensure Process Research & Development Task Force, helping shape the future of architectural licensure.

Beyond her service to the profession, Davis is deeply engaged in her community. She serves as president of the Lexington Children's Museum Board of Directors and chair of the Fund for Greater Lexington Board.

A certified public accountant (CPA), Davis brings nearly 15 years of experience in auditing and assurance. She previously served on the Kentucky Society of CPAs Board of Directors, including a term as board chair from 2024 to 2025.

Davis is also an assistant clinical professor at the University of Kentucky, where she earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting. She later earned a Doctor of Business Administration from DePaul University. Her commitment to education has been recognized with numerous honors, including the Gatton College Faculty of the Year Award in 2021 and the University of Kentucky's Great Teacher Award in 2022.

The Kentucky Board of Architects is proud to see one of its own recognized with this prestigious national leadership role and congratulates Olivia on this well-deserved achievement. Her dedication to public service, professional excellence, and education will serve NCARB and the architectural profession well.

NCARB ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

Jill Lewis Smith Elected to the NCARB Board of Directors

The Kentucky Board of Architects proudly congratulates **Jill Lewis Smith, AIA, NCARB**, on her election as the **Regional Director** on the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Board of Directors. Ms. Smith was nominated to serve on the NCARB Board of Directors by Region 4, which represents the architectural licensing boards of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. She was elected during NCARB's Annual Business Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



Smith was first appointed to the Kentucky Board of Architects in 2001 and served through 2014. During that time, she served as secretary/treasurer, president from 2003 to 2005, and acting executive director from 2004 to 2005. In 2022, she was appointed to the Kentucky Board for a second time and served two consecutive terms as president from 2023 to 2025. Throughout her combined 18 years of service, Smith has contributed to numerous board committees and initiatives related to licensure, legislation, investigations, finance, and professional practice.

A dedicated volunteer and advocate for the profession, Smith has served NCARB in a variety of leadership roles, including Region 4 treasurer, vice chair, secretary/treasurer, and, most recently, as chair. She has offered her time and expertise to numerous NCARB initiatives, including the Regional Leadership and Policy Advisory committees, continuing education initiatives, Practice Analysis efforts, Education Symposium Committee, and multiple Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) development activities. Smith has also represented NCARB as a member of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) visiting teams, which evaluate college architecture programs.

From 1990 to 1999, Smith served as the city architect for Louisville, overseeing capital improvement and operational projects throughout the community. In 1999, she founded Civic Consultants Inc., where she has focused her career on advancing resilient, sustainable, and high-performance building design.

Smith earned both her Bachelor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degrees from Tulane University. She holds the NCARB Certificate for national reciprocity and is licensed to practice architecture in Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio.

The Kentucky Board of Architects is proud to see Ms. Smith recognized with this prestigious national leadership role and congratulates her well-deserved achievement. Her devotion to service for the public and the profession will shine in this role.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MASTER/JOURNEYMAN TRAINING

The **Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.** of Indiana/Kentucky Chapter is offering continuing education on Master/Journeyman Electrical classes. The focus of the class is discussion of the most recent changes to the National Electrical Code as it applies to residential, commercial, industrial installations.

- *All classes will be held on Saturday.
- *The cost of the Saturday class is \$70.00.
- *Doors open at 7:30 a.m. and class sessions will be 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- *Lunch will be provided for all classes.

Participants may sign up for the classes by contacting Holly Baker at (270) 792-1128 or via email at holly@abcindianakentucky.org. Louisville classes will be held at 1810 Taylor Avenue. Lexington classes will be held at 157 Venture Court.

For more info : [CEU Courses — ABC Indiana/Kentucky](#)

<u>LOUISVILLE CLASSES</u> (1810 Taylor Avenue)	<u>LEXINGTON CLASSES</u> (157 Venture Court)
September 25-26	September 11-12
December 11-12	December 4-5

SAVE THE DATE



For the 2026 C.A.A.K. Fall Conference
and Annual Business Meeting

September 13 -16, 2026

Embassy Suites, Covington KY
10 W Rivercenter Boulevard
Covington, KY 41011

More Information: caak.org

ARE 5.0 UPDATE-Effective April 27, 2026

ARE 5.0 UPDATES NOW IN EFFECT

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has officially implemented a series of updates to the Architect Registration Examination (ARE 5.0) effective April 27, 2026. The revisions are designed to better align the exam with the NCARB Competency Standard for Architects and improve the overall testing experience.

WHAT CANDIDATES SHOULD KNOW

Refined Exam Objectives

NCARB updated 12 exam objectives across multiple divisions. Most revisions clarify existing content, while several objectives were narrowed to better reflect competencies expected at initial licensure rather than advanced professional practice.

Streamlined Case Studies

Candidates will now see:

- Fewer resources within each case study
- Fewer questions tied to individual case studies
- Improved exam navigation and reduced loading times

These changes are intended to create a more efficient and user-friendly testing experience without altering the overall structure of the ARE.

No Changes to Core Exam Structure

The following remain unchanged:

- ARE 5.0 division structure
- Total testing time
- Number of items per division

PREVIOUSLY PASSED DIVISIONS AND SCORES / UPDATED STUDY MATERIALS AVAILABLE

NCARB has also released revised ARE 5.0 Guidelines and updated practice exams that reflect the new case study format and revised objectives. Candidates preparing for upcoming exams are encouraged to review the updated materials before scheduling future divisions.

REMINDER ON SCORE VALIDITY

NCARB's current score validity policy remains in effect, meaning passed ARE divisions generally remain valid for the duration of the current exam version, replacing the former rolling clock model in many jurisdictions.

INDUSTRY RESPONSE

Early feedback from candidates has been largely positive, particularly regarding the simplified case study format and improved software performance. Many examinees report spending less time navigating resources and experiencing fewer technical delays during testing.

For more information and updated exam resources, visit NCARB's Official Website : [NCARB.org](https://www.ncarb.org)



FY2027 RENEWALS

**Architect
FY2026-2027
Renewal Period
Ends on
Monday, August 31,
2026**

Architect Continuing Education For Calendar Year

Twelve Continuing Education Hours (CEH) are required as a condition for the annual license renewal. Renewal begins June 1, 2026.

The CEH requirement for the annual renewal shall be earned during the period beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of the previous calendar year (2025).

A minimum of 12 CEHs shall consist of structured educational activities on relevant topics addressing health, safety, and welfare (HSW) subjects as referenced in [201 KAR 19:087, Section 1\(3\)](#).

CID Educational Total Hours: 12 Hours

During the reporting period beginning October 1 and ending September 30 of the following year, a minimum of eight (8) of the twelve (12) required hours of continuing education shall be structured activities composed of one (1) or more of the following topics:

- Life safety codes
- Barrier-free codes
- Building structural systems
- Lighting and electrical systems
- Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems

For more information, see [Kentucky Administrative Regulation \(KAR\): Title 201, Chapter 19, Regulation 445](#).

**FY 2027
Certified
Interior Designer
Renewal Period
September 1
until
November 30**

REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

It is the licensee and/or certificate holder's responsibility to insure that all contact information is current with the Board office. A Change of Address Form is available under the Forms tab on the Board website [BOA \(ky.gov\)](#).



The image shows a "CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM" from the Kentucky Board of Architects and Certified Interior Designers. The form includes instructions, fields for license and certificate numbers, and checkboxes for business and residential addresses. It also has sections for business and residential contact information, including street name, address, city/county/st, phone, fax, email, and website. The form is signed by the licensee and dated.

License Renewal and Reinstatement Reminders

Licensed architects are reminded that allowing their license or registration to expire—even if they are not actively practicing in another state—can result in additional fees and reinstatement requirements.

Per Kentucky Revised Statutes KRS 323.110 (1) (b) Failure of any architect to secure his or her renewal certificate within sixty (60) days after July 1 shall result in the automatic revocation of his or her license if the architect fails to submit a properly completed renewal application to the board with the corresponding renewal fee and proof of having completed the continuing education requirement.

If your license expires, renewal notices will no longer be sent after the expiration date. Once expired, the license will be administratively revoked.

To reinstate an administratively revoked license, applicants must:

- Complete a reinstatement application;
- Pay a reinstatement fee* ; and
- Other requirements based on the number of years a license has been revoked.

**The reinstatement fee is based on the number of years your license has been administratively revoked.*

If a license is administratively revoked the Reinstatement fee will include a \$150 (Application Fee) + all subsequent annual license fees (i.e. if the license was revoked for 3 years an applicant would pay \$125 x 3 = \$375 in back license fees) with this example the total fee would be \$525 for the reinstatement of an administratively revoked license (after 3 years). The fees compound each year and there is no cap to the number of years an applicant would be required to pay.

To obtain reinstatement instructions and an application please contact the Board office by email at boa.irc@ky.gov or by phone at (859)246-2069.

Practicing Without a License

This is a reminder that Kentucky law requires an individual to hold an active license before offering, rendering, or advertising architectural services in the Commonwealth. Practicing architecture without proper licensure or representing oneself as an architect without an active Kentucky license, is a violation of KRS Chapter 323.

Under KRS 323.120, the Kentucky Board of Architects may impose disciplinary action and civil penalties of up to **\$10,000** for violations of the architectural licensing laws. Additional sanctions may include denial, suspension, revocation, or refusal to reinstate a license. All individuals are encouraged to verify that their registration remains active before pursuing or performing architectural services in Kentucky.

There are similar Laws and requirements for the renewal and/or reinstatement of a KY CID certification. For more information see Kentucky Administrative Regulation [201 KAR 19:435](#) or contact the Board office.

KY LICENCED ARCHITECT RENEWAL FY2026-2027	CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNER RENEWAL FY2026-2027
June 1-30, 2026 Annual Renewal Fee is \$125 annually	September 1, through November 30, 2026 Annual Renewal Fee is \$200 annually
Late Renewal Period July 1-31, 2026, the late fee is \$25 August 1-31, 2026, the late fee is \$50	NO LATE FEE
The FY2026-2027 Architect renewal period will close on Monday, August 31, 2026 . If you fail to renew, voluntarily surrender your license, or apply for and receive emeritus status by August 30, 2026, <u>your license will be administratively revoked, effective August 31, 2026.</u> If you are not sure of your status you may contact the board office.	If you fail to renew or apply for inactive status by November 30, 2026, your certificate will be administratively revoked effective December 1, 2026.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REPORTING CONCERNS TO PROTECT ARE EXAMS

ARE Security Tip Line at ARESecurity@ncarb.org.



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Celebrating Yolanda Costner's Service to the Board

The Kentucky Board of Architects extends its sincere appreciation and best wishes to Yolanda Costner for five years of dedicated service to the Board. As a part-time employee, Yolanda supported the Board in numerous capacities, including producing the Board's newsletters, serving as staff to the Investigative Review Committee, managing accounting duties such as processing payments, and assisting with other office needs as they arose. We are grateful for Yolanda's professionalism, reliability, and contributions to our mission. She now looks forward to spending time with her family and traveling, and we wish her all the best in this next chapter.



In Memoriam: Robert Booker, AIA (1940–2026)

The Kentucky Board of Architects extends its deepest sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of Robert Booker, AIA, a Kentucky-licensed architect, who passed away on April 7, 2026, at the age of 85.



Mr. Booker earned a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the University of Cincinnati in 1964. In 1972, he and business partner Elbert Tucker co-founded Tucker & Booker Architects in Louisville. Over the next 50 years, the firm became one of Kentucky's largest architectural practices, completing commercial, medical, religious, multifamily residential, and historic preservation projects. He retired in 2022, and the firm continues today as DKN Architects.

Among Mr. Booker's most notable projects are the LG&E Tower, the Villages of Park DuValle, and Hurstbourne Place, known as the "Flash Cube Building." He received numerous professional honors, including the American Institute of Architects' 2000 Honor Award for Regional and Urban Design for the Villages of Park DuValle.

Mr. Booker also served on the Jefferson County Historic Landmarks and Preservation Districts Commission and the Hospice of Louisville Board of Directors. He will be remembered for his architectural expertise, integrity, and the lasting relationships he built throughout his distinguished career.

The Board honors Mr. Booker's legacy and extends its sincere condolences to his family and loved ones.



The Kentucky Board of Architects was established by an Act of the Kentucky General Assembly in 1930 to protect the public health, safety and welfare by the regulation of architects. It was originally titled the Kentucky Board of Examiners and Registration of Architects.