

The REGULATOR

The Board's mission is to protect the citizens of the State of Oklahoma by establishing standards for professional qualifications, ensuring competence through examinations, setting practice standards, and enforcing the Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act.

FY21 Wrap-up:

- Despite the economic impact of COVID-19 felt across much of the country, the Board had a successful **renewal** year, with the number of licensees who chose to renew their license and the income from renewals exceeding that of the previous biennial renewals in 2019.
 - 99% of the 3,710 individuals and firms who renewed their license did so using the Board's new online system.
 - THANK YOU for using our new system and making the 2021 renewals successful!
- The Board updated its **online systems** with a new License Portal and Application Portal. The License Portal allows each licensee to access their license information, Continuing Education logs, and renewals easily and quickly; they can also print off wall certificates and wallet cards, which include their license number and the date their license expires, to give to clients or potential clients. The Application Portal streamlines the application process and allows the applicant to easily submit all required documents, to determine where their application is at in the process, and to pay their licensing fees.
- **HB1147** changed the Board's name to the Oklahoma Board of Architects, Landscape Architects and Registered Commercial Interior Designers. The bill also gave Registered Commercial Interior Designers the ability to seal their work and changed the Board's composition to six Architects, two Landscape Architects, two Registered Commercial Interior Designers, and one public member. More information about this law and the changes it enacted can be found on page 3.
- **Oklahoma By the Numbers:** 2390 Architects, 198 Landscape Architects, 257 Registered Commercial Interior Designers, 987 firms.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Scott Howard, Chair
Landscape Architect

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Architect

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Architect

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**Vicki VanStavern, Registered
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**J. Mark Taylor, Registered Commercial
Interior Designer**

David Blackburn, Public Member

**Candace Dillingham, Landscape
Architect**

STAFF:

Leslie Hanska, Executive Director

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Janie Hollars, Business Manager

**Lauren Vaughan, Enforcement &
Compliance Officer**

Path to Licensure Scholarship



In 2015, the Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, and Registered Commercial Interior Designers began giving out scholarships to Oklahoma university students, who were pursuing their first professional degree in architecture, landscape architecture, and interior design. The Board realized that the cost of attending a university was constantly growing and wanted to encourage and support those students whose goal is to become licensed in the state of Oklahoma. In order to apply, the student must be in their third, fourth, or fifth year of college and must be enrolled in one of the three professional degree plans.

In 2021, the Board gave \$88,500 in scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year to twenty-two students from three Oklahoma universities. Congratulations to:

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| Han Vo—OSU | Adrian Alexander—OSU |
| Alanna Brehm—OSU | Micah Ballweber—UCO |
| Matthew Yearout—OSU | Susan Hayward—UCO |
| Rachel Lof—OSU | Emme Douglas—UCO |
| Gustavo Villegas—OSU | Jonathan Quiver—UCO |
| Tiffany Mollohan—OSU | Casey Gaines—UCO |
| Maria Navarro Arostegui—OSU | Noah Baker—OU |
| Kelsey Wagner—OSU | Sabrina Stephenson—OU |
| Kelcie Osgood—OSU | Hiroki Mishima—OU |
| Jessi Garrett—OSU | Shawndale Pina Huff—OU |
| Austin Berntsen—OSU | Breecia Crawford—OU |

On May 10, 2021, Governor Kevin Stitt signed into law a new version of the Oklahoma State Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act, which went into effect on July 1, 2021.

Highlights of the changes to the law include:

- The title "Registered Interior Designer" changed to "Registered Commercial Interior Designer."
- The Board is now comprised of six Architects, two Landscape Architects, two Registered Commercial Interior Designers, and one public member.
- Registered Commercial Interior Designers now have a seal that they may use to seal technical submissions, excluding fire and life safety systems, for nonstructural interior construction for the Code Use Groups listed and defined in 59 OS, section 46.21b, unless prepared under the responsible control of an Oklahoma-licensed Architect, and signed and sealed by that Architect.



Important new definitions:

- **"Commercial Interior Design"** means the rendering of or the offering to render designs, consultations, studies, planning, drawings, specifications, contract documents or other technical submissions and the administration of interior construction and contracts relating to nonstructural interior construction by a registered commercial interior designer in a new constructed or existing building when the core and shell elements are not going to be changed; OS 59, 46.3 (17)
- **"Nonstructural Commercial Interior Construction"** means the construction of elements which do not include exterior components of a building such as exterior walls, any load-bearing wall, any load-bearing column or any other load-bearing elements of a building essential to the structural integrity of the building such as wind loads and seismic loads and to any element which must be designed for wind loads and seismic loads; and OS 59, 46.3 (18)
- **"Fire and Life Safety Systems"** means those systems and construction that pertain to fire and life safety protection, such as fire sprinklers, fire alarms, smoke evacuation systems, fire walls, fire barriers or smoke barriers as defined by the current International Building Code adopted by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission. OS 59, 46.3 (19).

For a full version of the new Oklahoma State Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act and FAQs about the changes, please visit our website at www.ok.gov/Architects.

New Oklahoma Interior Design Law

Congratulations to Our New Oklahoma Licensees:

(This list includes first-time Oklahoma-based professionals licensed since April 2021)

ARCHITECTS:

MATTHEW GRAVES	ELIZABETH ROBERTSON	ZACKARIE LONG
CLAY DOBBINS	KRISTIN GARDNER	ALEX KUIPER
ZACHARY MAGGIA	CHASE WEBB	ERICA DINNES
WESTIN DINNES	JESSICA FLEMING	JEREMY SPENCER
ANDREW STEVENS, JR.	ETHAN ARCH	DENISA WOHNOUTKA

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS:

CARL O'BRIEN

REGISTERED COMMERCIAL INTERIOR DESIGNERS:

AUTUMN TILLER	NICOLLETTE WEST	CAITLIN SMITH
ANNALIESA MELVIN		

ATTENTION ARCHITECTS:

NCARB is currently analyzing the practice of architecture and how it overlaps with skilled, non-licensed professions, including how the professions work together to complete projects. They are requesting that licensed architects share the insights and experiences they have gained throughout their practice. To be involved in NCARB's Analysis of Practice of Architecture, take the survey at <https://analysisofpractice.com/>.

Important Dates:

September 1—Board Meeting

September 6—Labor Day, Office Closed

November 3—Board Meeting

November 11—Veterans Day, Office Closed

November 25 & 26—Thanksgiving, Office Closed

December 23 & 24—Christmas, Office Closed

December 31—New Year's Day (observed), Office Closed

January 15—Pinning Ceremony

Recent Disciplinary Actions

- Case 2015-443—the Board vs. David Butler, Sr. for unlawfully affixing his seal to architectural plans without the proper responsible control over the project and plans. Fined \$2,500.

For information on how to submit a complaint, as well as up-to-date Board actions and Attorney General Opinions, please visit the Enforcement & Complaints section of our website at www.ok.gov/architects.

Enforcement & Compliance

Recently, the Board has seen an increase in complaints concerning potential violations of the Oklahoma State Architectural and Registered Commercial Interior Designers Act and Rules that are easily avoidable, if both firms and individual licensees remain aware of current laws:

- When individual names or surnames are part of a firm’s legal name and the individual(s) leaves the firm, the firm may only continue to use those names as part of its legal name for two years after the individual has departed. (OAC 55:10-13-19)
- When designing a building for a client, all applicable state and local building laws, codes, and regulations must be followed, regardless of the wishes of the client. When using prototypical building plans, a code analysis and site adaptation must be done based upon local codes that are put in effect by the Authority Having Jurisdiction. (OAC 55:10-11-3(b))
- No person who is unlicensed in the state of Oklahoma, regardless of their completed degree or experience, may use the titles “Architectural Associate,” “Architectural Designer,” or any other derivation of the word of the word “Architect.” The same is true for the titles “Landscape Architect” and “Registered Commercial Interior Designer.” It is the responsibility of the Architect, Landscape Architect, or Registered Commercial Interior Designer of Record for a firm to ensure that the person managing the firm’s website, as well as the person creating job titles, is aware of this so that disciplinary action can be avoided. (59 OS, Section 46.8a)

M. Bradley Gaskins, Secretary-Treasurer



Meet Our New Board Member



Name: Candace Dillingham

Profession: Landscape Architect

Current Hometown: Tulsa

Years of Practice: 26

In 1990, Candace Dillingham started her freshman year at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas, majoring in Landscape Architecture; within months she became hooked, and then decided to enter a contest (and won) to study abroad for a summer in the Czech Republic with North Carolina State University in partnership with the U. of A.

From 1995-97, Candace practiced landscape architecture in Little Rock, Arkansas. Her professional experience included designing parks, sports complexes, and even multi-building hospitals and medical institutes within a large multi-disciplinary firm. In 1997, she moved to Tulsa and worked for a variety of firms before deciding that residential landscape architecture was her passion, stating that the intimate collaboration/connection between the homeowner(s) and landscape architect was where she felt her calling as a people person, artist, and landscape architect led her. In 2000, she started Skii Landscape Architecture. Her expertise is in paying great attention to detail and customizing every design to the site constraints and assets as well as to the personality of her client.

Since founding Skii in 2000, Candace has continued to design luxury landscapes for residences, communities, churches, restaurants, and more. Active projects involve constant collaboration with homeowners, local vendors, architects, and contractors for projects in Tulsa and the surrounding area.

Her works have been published in national magazines 8 times and she has the honor of winning the OKASLA Merit Award in 2019 for a Private Residence in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

She also serves the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architecture on the Scholarship Committee, as well as holding title as Social Chairperson for the state landscape architects. Her most prestigious title is President-Elect for Oklahoma Chapter of the American Society of the Landscape Architects (2021-2022).

Candace will always state when asked that her most accomplished effort is being a proud mother of an 18 year old young man who is attending the University of Arkansas as a freshman this fall—and, of course, he's studying Architecture.

Meet the Board



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Landscape Architect
Edmond



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Architect
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Jim Hasenbeck
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Oklahoma City



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Oklahoma City



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Ardmore



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Want to join the Board??

If you are a resident of Oklahoma, have been a licensed Architect, Landscape Architect, or a Registered Commercial Interior Designer in Oklahoma for more than five years, and are interested in serving as a Board member, go online to governor.ok.gov and click the "Serve" tab at the top of the page to apply. When there is an open position, the Governor will then appoint a new Board member from the applications received.