



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS
9625 FENWAY AVE., STE. B
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809
MARCH 6, 2026
10:15 A.M.

At 1:20 p.m. on March 6, 2026, John Cardone called the meeting to order with the following members present:

John Cardone, Jr., President
Michael F. Holly, Secretary
David K. Brossett
Christian R. Elbersen
Kristine A. Kobil
Stephen M. Long
Jason I. Zuckerman

Also present: Tyson J. Ducote, Executive Director
Justin G. Owens, Deputy Director
Lindsay Stewart, Board Licensing Advisor
Paul H. Spaht, Board Legal Counsel

President Cardone welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. He then recognized public comment time.

Minutes

The board unanimously approved the motion by Mr. Holly, seconded by Mr. Brossett, to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2026 special board meeting.

Legal Counsel Report

Spaht reported that SB291, authored by Senator Mark Abraham, had been filed in the Senate. This bill contained all of the changes to R.S. 37:141 – R.S. 37:154 and R.S. 37:156 – R.S. 37:158 previously reviewed and approved by the board, except the definition of the “practice of architecture” was not as written in the version of these statutes previously reviewed by the board. The definition remained as it exists in the present law. A copy of SB291 was contained in the board book. So far, no opposition to SB291 has been expressed.

Spaht reported that NOIs for the proposed amendments to LAC 46:1.Chapter 3, Organization and LAC 46:1.Chapter 21, Architects Selection Board, previously approved by the board, had been published in the October 20, 2025 issue of the *Louisiana Register*; the period for comments set forth in the NOIs had expired, and no comments had been made; and the proposed amendments had been submitted to the Louisiana Department of Justice’s Occupational Licensing Review Program (“OLRP”) which had determined that the proposed amendments to Chapter 3, Organization, and Chapter 21, Architects Selection Board, do not constitute occupational regulations with reasonably foreseeable anticompetitive effects within the meaning of La R.S. 49:260, and, therefore, the board may proceed with the promulgation of the proposed amendments in accordance with the Louisiana APA without further input from the OLRP. The published NOIs and the OLRP determinations were contained in the board book.

The board unanimously approved the motion by Mr. Brossett, seconded by Mr. Elbersen, to adopt the proposed amendments to LAC 46:1.Chapter 3.Organization and LAC 46:1.Chapter 21. Architects Selection Board to be effective upon promulgation in the *Louisiana Register*.

Spaht reported that NOIs for the proposed amendments to LAC 46:1.Chapter 15, Titles, Firm Names, and Assumed Names, and LAC 46:1.Chapter 22, Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund, previously approved by the board, had been published in the January 20, 2026 issue of the *Louisiana Register*; the period for comments expressed in the NOIs had expired and no comments had been made; and the proposed amendments had been submitted to the OLRP for its review and determinations. The OLRP normally takes 30-45 days to make its

determinations, and no determinations had yet been received. Determinations before the next board meeting are expected. The published NOIs were contained in the board book.

Mr. Brossett reported that the LRC, in accordance with the criteria set forth in EO No. 25-038 and R.S. 49:964(D), had reviewed and was now presenting to the board its recommendations for amending LAC 46:1.Chapter 13.Administration. A draft NOI for amending such rules in as recommended by the LRC was contained in the board book. The board reviewed the proposed rule amendments and determined that the existing and the proposed rules in Chapter 13 (Rule §§ 1301-1321), as amended, satisfied the criteria set forth in EO No. 25-038 and R.S. 49:964(D) (Act 192 of 2024).

The board unanimously approved the motion by Mr. Brossett, seconded by Mr. Zuckerman, (1) to approve the proposed rule amendments to LAC 46:1.Chapter 13.Administration, and (2) authorize the rulemaking process to begin by submitting a FEIS to the LFO and then a NOI to the *Louisiana Register*.

Strategic Planning Review

The board briefly discussed the strategic planning session held on March 5, 2026, and Ducote presented the results of the 2026 Licensee Satisfaction Survey.

Complaint Review Committee Report

Elberson and Owens presented the report of the Complaint Review Committee (“CRC”) consisting of Elberson, Zuckerman, and Long.

Case #2024-44 - Owens reported on a case involving an a firm which renewed its license in 2023 and 2024 without employing a licensed architect on an active full-time basis to serve at its supervising professional architect. The CRC proposed a resolution of the matter via a consent order. The Respondent signed and returned the proposed consent order, which contained the following sanctions:

1. Respondent firm will not practice architecture in Louisiana in the future without first complying with all rules of the board, including the designation of a supervising professional architect who is actively employed by the firm on a full-time basis;
2. Publication of this disciplinary action on the board’s website and a summary of this matter to be printed in the board’s newsletter, both identifying Respondent by name; and
3. Reporting this matter to NCARB Disciplinary Database identifying Respondent by name.

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the CRC, seconded by **Ms. Kobila**, to accept the consent order as presented.

After the motion passed, the Respondent was identified as **New Orleans Design Group, L.L.C.**

Owens reported on the *Louisiana Department of Debt Recovery* and its role in collecting outstanding debts owed to the board.

In closing, Owens provided the enforcement statistics for CY2025 as well as the current enforcement statistics, noting that, since the November meeting, there were 22 open cases, 18 cases closed, 20 cases opened, 25 pending cases, and 13 letters of caution issued.

Licensing Advisor Update

Stewart updated the board on her outreach to licensure candidates since the last meeting.

Executive Director’s Report

Financials

Ducote reported on the January financials. With five months left in the FY, income was approximately 91% of the budgeted revenue, and expenses were approximately 56.5% of the budgeted expenditures.

2026 Louisiana Legislative Session

Ducote discussed several bills that could impact the board, including SB291, which amends the Architect Licensing Law, and HB338, which re-creates the board for 4 more years.

Discussion Items

Report from the Region 3 Educators/Practitioners Conference

Mr. Elbertson reviewed the 2026 Region 3 Educators/Practitioners Conference, which was held in Miami, FL, on February 7, 2026. He attended and served on the steering committee.

ICOR Practice Overlap Report

Ducote discussed briefly the Practice Overlap Report, which was the product of the Interorganizational Council on Regulation, a collaborative partnership of nonprofit regulatory associations representing the licensing boards for architecture, engineering, interior design, landscape architecture, and surveying.

Licensee Request

Ducote presented a request from a licensee for the board to extend the architect renewal period. After discussion, the board decided that no changes would be made to the renewal period or the annual expiration date of architect licenses. Ducote will advise the licensee of the board's decision.

Louisiana Department of Justice OLRP renewal

Ducote presented the FY27 invoice from the OLRP and led a discussion on the pros and cons of renewing membership.

After discussion, the board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Holly, seconded by Ms. Kobila, to continue membership in the OLRP for FY27.

NCARB 2026 Regional Summit funding

Ducote discussed the 2026 NCARB Regional Summit and the NCARB funding that accompanies the meeting.

After discussion, the board unanimously approved the motion by Ms. Kobila, seconded by Mr. Brossett, to approve travel expenses for one unfunded board member to attend the 2026 NCARB Regional Summit to be held March 19-21, 2026, in Oklahoma City, OK.

Adjournment

The board unanimously approved the motion by Mr. Holly, seconded by Mr. Zuckerman, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:35.

Respectfully submitted,


John Cardone, Jr., Board President


Michael F. Holly, Board Secretary