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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**The California Architects Board (Board) will meet at  
10:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 26, 2026**

College of the Desert  
43-500 Monterey Ave  
Applied Sciences Building, Room AS 106  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

**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 on November 6, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
- E. Update from the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) and Discussion of Same
- F. Presentation on the Architecture Program at College of the Desert – Marina Acosta and Bert Bitanga
- G. Update and Discuss National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)
  - 1. Update and Discuss Education, Experience and Examination Committee Meetings

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2. Update on NCARB Operations – Mike Armstrong, CEO, NCARB
  - a. 2026 Draft Resolutions – 2026-A Mutual Recognition Agreement with the Architects Registration Board; 2026-B Amendment and Restatement of Policies Passed by Membership; 2026-C Certification Guidelines Amendment – Expanding Access to the NCARB Certification
  - b. Competency Standard for Architects
  - c. Artificial Intelligence and the Practice of Architecture
- H. Update and Discussion on Board Committees
  1. January 15, 2026, Regulatory and Enforcement Committee Meeting
  2. January 30, 2026, Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) Meeting
    - a. Consideration of, Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Amendments to California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, Division 26, Article 1, section 2611 (Abandonment of Application)
  3. February 19, 2026, Communications Committee Meeting
- I. Executive Officer’s Report and Discussion: Board’s Administration / Management, Examination, Licensing, and Enforcement Programs
- J. Legislative Update
  1. Discussion Regarding Pending Legislation That Impacts the Board or its Licensees, Which May Include AB 1796 (Jackson) Licensed Commercial Interior Designers Practice Act
- K. Regulations Update
  1. Consideration of, Discussion, and Possible Action on Proposed Addition of CCR, Title 16, Division 2, Article 2, section 109.05 (Architect-in-Training) and Amendments to Article 7, section 144 (Fees)
- L. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Future Board Meeting Dates
- M. 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 November 6, 2025, Closed Session Minutes
  3. Perform the Annual Evaluation of its Executive Officer
- N. Reconvene in Open Session
- 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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Providing your request at least five (5) business days before the meeting will help to ensure availability of the requested accommodation.

Meeting notices and related materials are available online at:  
<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).