

California Architects Board
Board Meeting
September 10, 2026





Board Members

Ron Jones, President
Robert C. Pearman, Jr.,
Vice President
Victoria Brash, Secretary
Irvine Carrillo
Kasheica McKinney
Amanda Steidlmayer
Fuad Sweiss
Charles "Sonny" Ward, III

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**The California Architects Board (Board) will meet by
teleconference at**

10:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 10, 2026

**In accordance with Government Code section 11123(b),
the Board will conduct this meeting via teleconference.**

Locations:

Department of Consumer Affairs
HQ 2 Hearing Room, Room N186
1747 North Market Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95834

Burbank Public Library
300 N Buena Vista St
Burbank, CA 91505

444 Spear Street, Suite 105
San Francisco, CA 94105

16922 Airport Blvd
Mojave, CA 93501
Corsair Room

515 South Flower Street
Suite 2400
Los Angeles, CA 90071

2150 Webster Street, Suite 9
Oakland, CA 94612

1630 San Pablo Avenue
Oakland, CA 94612

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AGENDA

10:30 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 the May 21, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
- E. Update from the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) and Discussion of Same
- F. Update and Discussion on Board Committees
 - 1. August 7, 2026, Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) Meeting
- G. Executive Officer's Report and Discussion: Status and Statistics for the Board's Administration / Management, Examination, Licensing, and Enforcement Programs
- H. Legislative Update, Discussion, and Possible Action to Take a Position on Legislation
 - 1. AB 1775 (Ward) Veterans
- I. Regulations Update
 - 1. Discussion and Possible Action on Comments Received for CCR, title 16, division 2, article 2, section 109.05 (Architect in Training) and article 7, section 144 (Fees)
- J. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Future Board Meeting Dates
- 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

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.

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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).

CALIFORNIA ARCHITECTS BOARD DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2026
Sacramento, CA

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

On May 21, 2026, Board President Ron Jones called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and Secretary Victoria Brash called the roll.

Board Members Present

Ron Jones, President
Robert Pearman, Vice President (arrived at 10:25 a.m.)
Victoria Brash, Secretary
Irvine Carrillo
Tian Feng
Leonard Manoukian
Kasheica McKinney
Amanda Steidlmayer
Fuad Sweiss
Charles "Sonny" Ward

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

Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) Members Present

Patricia Trauth, Committee Member

Board Staff Present

Laura Zuniga, Executive Officer
Jesse Laxton, Assistant Executive Officer
Timothy Rodda, Regulations Manager
Marccus Reinhardt, Licensing Manager
Nailea Cortez, Human Resources Liaison
Craig Le, Public Information Technician

DCA Staff Present

Fabiha Aziz, SOLID Strategic Business Analyst & Facilitator
Suzanne Balkis, Budget Manager
Luke Fitzgerald, Budget Analyst
Michael Kanotz, Attorney III
Bryce Penney, Television Specialist
Sam Singh, Attorney III

Guests Present

Kathryn Hampton, California Legislative Coalition for Interior Designers (CLCID)
Yeaphana LaMarr, Senate BPED
Genise Plessas, CLCID
Scott Terrell, American Institute of Architects (AIA) California

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 ON FEBRUARY 26, 2026, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Laura Zuniga shared a request for correction of the list of guests.

Fuad Sweiss moved to approve the February 26, 2026, minutes as amended.

Victoria Brash seconded the motion.

No public comments were made on this agenda item.

Members Jones, Brash, Feng, Manoukian, McKinney, Steidlmyer, Sweiss, and Ward voted in favor of the motion. Member Carrillo abstained. Member Pearman was absent. Motion passed 8-0, 1 abstention.

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

Arthur Babakhanyan presented the DCA update which addressed the annual Form 700 filing, Enforcement Academy training program, DEIA Executive Steering Committee activity, and the upcoming reorganization of DCA's oversight agency.

No public comments were made on this agenda item.

F. BUDGET UPDATE FROM THE DCA BUDGET OFFICE AND DISCUSSION OF SAME

Budget Analyst Luke Fitzgerald summarized the Board's expenditure projections and fund condition statement included in the meeting materials. Mr. Fitzgerald and

Budget Manager Suzanne Balkis answered questions posed by members of the Board.

No public comments were made on this agenda item.

G. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO BOARD MEMBER TIAN FENG

President Jones acknowledged the recent appointment of Irvine Carrillo to the California Architects Board. The Board Members presented a certificate of recognition to Tian Feng for his years of service to the Board.

H. UPDATE AND DISCUSS NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION BOARDS (NCARB)

- 1. Update and Discuss Education, Experience and Examination Committee Meetings**
- 2. Review and Discuss the 2026 NCARB Annual Business Meeting Agenda**
- 3. Review and Discuss the 2026 Resolutions:**
 - a. 2026-A Mutual Recognition Agreement with the Architects Registration Board (ARB)**
 - b. 2026-B Amendment and Restatement of Policies Passed by membership**
 - c. 2026-C Certification Guidelines Amendments – Expanding Access to the NCARB Certificate**

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

No public comments were made on this agenda item.

I. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON BOARD COMMITTEES

- 1. May 8, 2026, Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) Meeting**

Ms. Zuniga and Patricia Trauth provided an update on the May 8, 2026 LATC meeting.

No public comments were made on this agenda item.

J. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT AND DISCUSSION: BOARD'S ADMINISTRATION / MANAGEMENT, EXAMINATION, LICENSING, AND ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

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

No public comments were made on this agenda item.

K. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO TAKE A POSITION ON LEGISLATION

- 1. AB 1775 (Ward) Veterans**
- 2. AB 1796 (Jackson) Licensed Commercial Interior Designers Practice Act**

Ms. Zuniga summarized AB 1775 and AB 1796 and answered questions posed by members of the Board.

Board members discussed AB 1796 and possible issues related to clarity and justification related to consumer protection.

Fuad Sweiss moved to issue a statement opposing AB 1796.

Robert Pearman seconded the motion.

Public comments on this agenda item were made by: Ginger Thompson, Sally Midgley, Mary Oliver, Alexandra Milkovich, Laura Taylor, Bennet McCord, Phillip Sweeney, Sergio Lechuga, Rebecca Moden, Amanda Humphrey, Holly Zahra, Amy Costa, Bret Gladfelty, Genise Plessas, Kathryn Hampton, Scott Terrell, Yeaphana LaMarr.

Members Jones, Brash, Carrillo, Feng, Pearman, Manoukian, McKinney, Steidlmayer, Sweiss and Ward voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed 10-0.

L. REGULATIONS UPDATE

- 1. Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve Proposed Regulatory Text Amendments for California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, division 2, article 2, section 109 (Requirements for Licensure and Filing of Applications)**

Timothy Rodda explained the proposed amendments for 16 CCR 109 (Requirements for Licensure and Filing of Applications).

Tian Feng moved to approve the proposed regulatory text for Section 109, direct staff to submit the text to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing 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 hearings were requested then the Board authorizes the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any technical or nonsubstantive changes to the package, and adopt the proposed regulations at Section 109 as noticed.

Victoria Brash seconded the motion.

No public comments were made on this agenda item.

Members Jones, Brash, Carrillo, Feng, Pearman, Manoukian, McKinney, Steidlmyer, Sweiss and Ward voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed 10-0.

2. Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve Proposed Regulatory Text Amendments for CCR, title 16, division 2, article 3, sections 118.5 (Examination Transfer Credit), 119.7 (Examination Transition Plan – ARE 3.1 to ARE 4.0), and 119.8 (Examination Transition Plan – ARE 4.0 to ARE 5.0)

Mr. Rodda explained the proposed amendments for 16 CCR 118.5 (Examination Transfer Credit), 119.7 (Examination Transition Plan – ARE 3.1 to ARE 4.0), and 119.8 (Examination Transition Plan – ARE 4.0 to ARE 5.0).

Tian Feng moved to approve the proposed regulatory text for Sections 118.5, 119.7 and 119.8, direct staff to submit the text to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing 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 hearings were requested then the Board authorizes the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any technical or nonsubstantive changes to the package, and adopt the proposed regulations at Sections 118.5, 119.7 and 119.8 as noticed.

Victoria Brash seconded the motion.

No public comments were made on this agenda item.

Members Jones, Brash, Carrillo, Feng, Pearman, Manoukian, McKinney, Steidlmyer, Sweiss and Ward voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed 10-0.

M. 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.

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 February 26, 2026, closed session minutes**

O. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned after closed session.



DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS • BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY

CALIFORNIA ARCHITECTS BOARD

Landscape Architects Technical Committee

Public Protection through Examination, Licensure, and Regulation



Governor
Gavin Newsom

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING Landscape Architects Technical Committee

Appearing virtually:

Pamela S. Brief, Chair
Martin Armstrong, Vice Chair
Susan M. Landry
Patricia M. Trauth
Jon S. Wreschinsky

***Action may be
taken on any
item listed on
the agenda.***

**The Landscape Architects Technical Committee
(LATC or Committee) will hold a meeting
at the meeting location below and via Webex Events
at 10 a.m., on August 7, 2026, at the following
primary physical location:**

**Landscape Architects Technical Committee
Conference Room
2420 Del Paso Road #105
Sacramento, CA 95834**

This teleconference meeting is being held pursuant to Government Code section 11123.5(b). The primary physical location is where members of the public may physically attend, observe, hear, and participate in the meeting. At least one staff member of the Committee will be present at the primary physical meeting location during the meeting.

Members of the public may, but are not obligated to, provide their names or personal information as a condition of observing or participating in the meeting. When signing into the WebEx platform, participants may be asked for their name and email address. Participants who choose not to provide their names will be required to provide a unique identifier such as their initials or another alternative, so that the meeting moderator can identify individuals who wish to make public comment; participants who choose not to provide their email address may utilize a fictitious email address in the following sample format: XXXXX@mailinator.com.

Join Webex Meeting: <https://dca-meetings.webex.com/dca-meetings/j.php?MTID=mb78950229b00dabde5504fe32cb5fcee>

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Webinar number: 2491 150 3829

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Access code: 2491 150 3829

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Additional instructions for participating in the meeting by WebEx are located after the end of the agenda.

AGENDA

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(or until completion of business)

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- A. Call to Order – Roll Call – Establishment of a Quorum
- B. Chair's Procedural Remarks and Committee Member Introductory Comments
- C. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
The Committee may not discuss or take action on any item raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to refer the item to the Committee's next Strategic Planning session and/or place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting (Government Code sections 11125 and 11125.7(a)).
- D. Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Update and Discussion
- E. Presentation by DCA Budget Office Regarding LATC Budget and Discussion
- F. Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend Legislation on Retired License Option for Landscape Architects
- G. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve May 8, 2026, LATC Meeting Minutes
- H. Program Manager's Report
 - 1. Committee's Administrative/Management, Examination, Licensing, and Enforcement Programs Update and Discussion
 - 2. Strategic Plan Item 2.4: Explore How Artificial Intelligence (AI) May Impact the Profession and Licensure Update and Discussion
 - 3. Strategic Plan Item 3.4: Promote Landscape Architecture's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S.T.E.M.) Designation to Increase Awareness of its Importance Update and Discussion
- I. Discussion on the use of Artificial Intelligence in Landscape Architecture
- J. Discussion on Outreach and Community Colleges

- K. Update and Discussion on Current Events and Committee Activities for Council of Landscape Architects Registration Boards (CLARB) and Other Relevant Professional Organizations
- L. Update and Discussion on California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, Zone Zero Committee
- M. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Future Committee Meeting Dates and Topics to Set for a Future Agenda.
- N. Adjournment

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Due to potential technical difficulties, please consider submitting written comments by July 31, 2026, to latc@dca.ca.gov for consideration.

For further information prior to the meeting, please contact:

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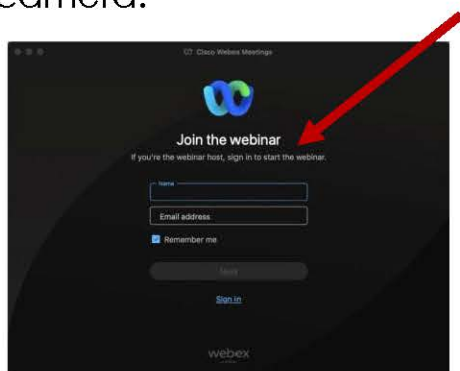
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Alternative 1. Join from Webex.com

- 1 Click on "Join a Meeting" at the top of the Webex window.



- 2 Enter the meeting/event number and click "Continue." Enter the event password and click "OK." This can be found in the meeting notice you received or on the meeting agenda.

A screenshot of the 'Enter the meeting number' form. It features the Webex logo at the top, followed by the text 'Enter the meeting number'. Below this is a text input field labeled 'Meeting number' and a 'Continue' button. A red arrow points to the input field.

To view more information about the event, enter the event password.

A screenshot of the 'Enter the event password' form. It shows the 'Event number: 2482 000 5913' and a text input field labeled 'Enter the event password'. Below the input field is an 'OK' button. A red arrow points to the input field.

- 3 The meeting information will be displayed. Click "Join Event."

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Meeting Name

Jones, Shelly@DCA | 9:45 AM - 9:55 AM | Thursday, Oct 14 2021
(UTC-07:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)



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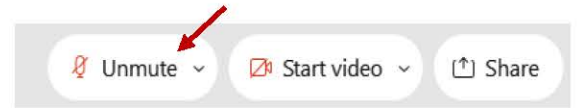
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You may also join the meeting by calling in using the phone number, access code, and passcode provided in the meeting notice or on the agenda.

Microphone control (mute/unmute button) is located at the bottom of your Webex window.



Green microphone = Unmuted: People in the meeting can hear you.



Red microphone = Muted: No one in the meeting can hear you.

Note: Only panelists can mute/unmute their own microphones. Attendees will remain muted unless the moderator invites them to unmute their microphone.

Attendees/Members of the Public

Joined via Meeting Link

The moderator will call you by name and indicate a request has been sent to unmute your microphone. Upon hearing this prompt:

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Joined via Telephone (Call-in User)



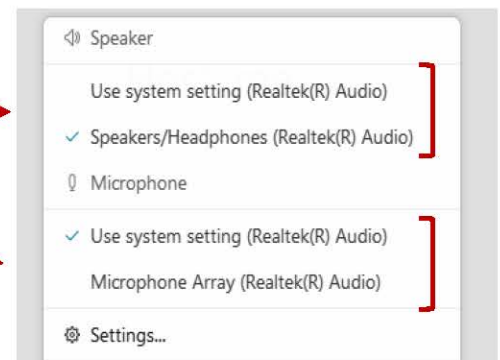
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If you cannot hear or be heard

- 1 Click on the bottom facing arrow located on the Mute/Unmute button at the bottom of the Webex window.



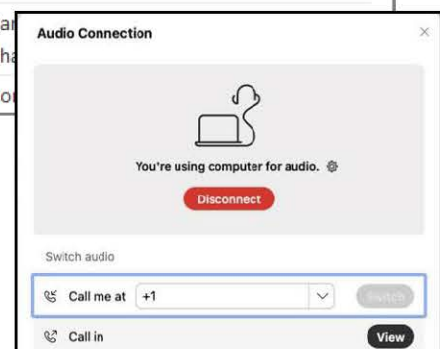
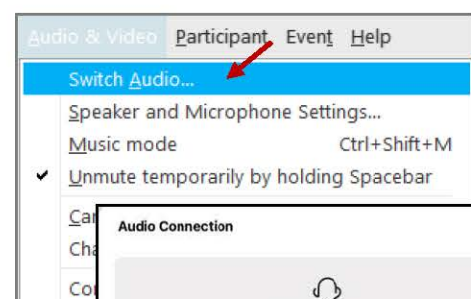
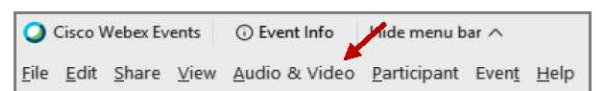
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 - Speaker options if you can't hear participants.
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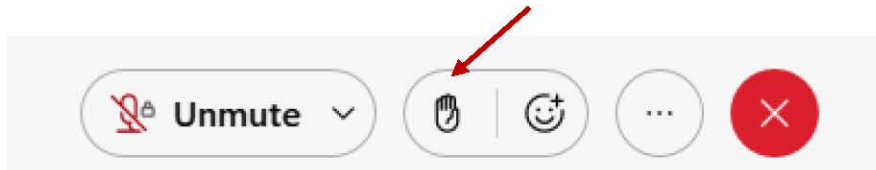
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- 2 Select "Switch Audio" from the drop-down menu.
- 3 Hover your mouse over the "Call In" option and click "View" to show the phone number to call and the meeting login information. You can still un-mute from your computer window.



Hand Raise Feature

Joined via Meeting Link

- Locate the hand icon at the bottom of the Webex window.
- Click the hand icon to raise your hand.
- Repeat this process to lower your hand.



Joined via Telephone (Call-in User)



Press *3 to raise or lower your hand.

Unmuting

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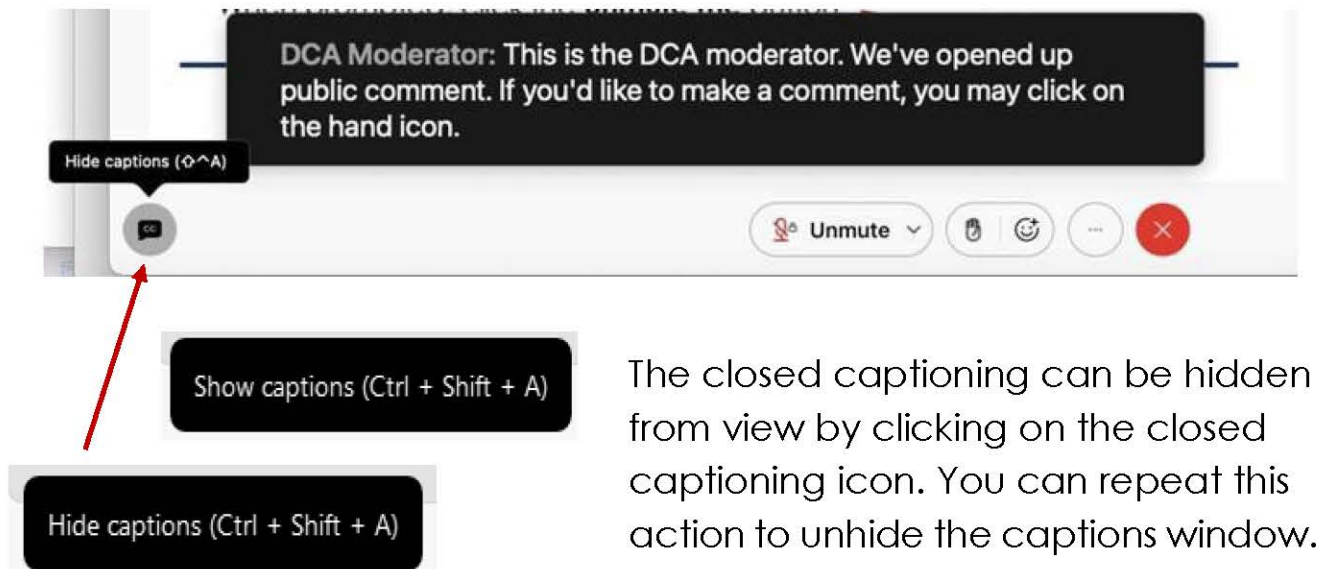


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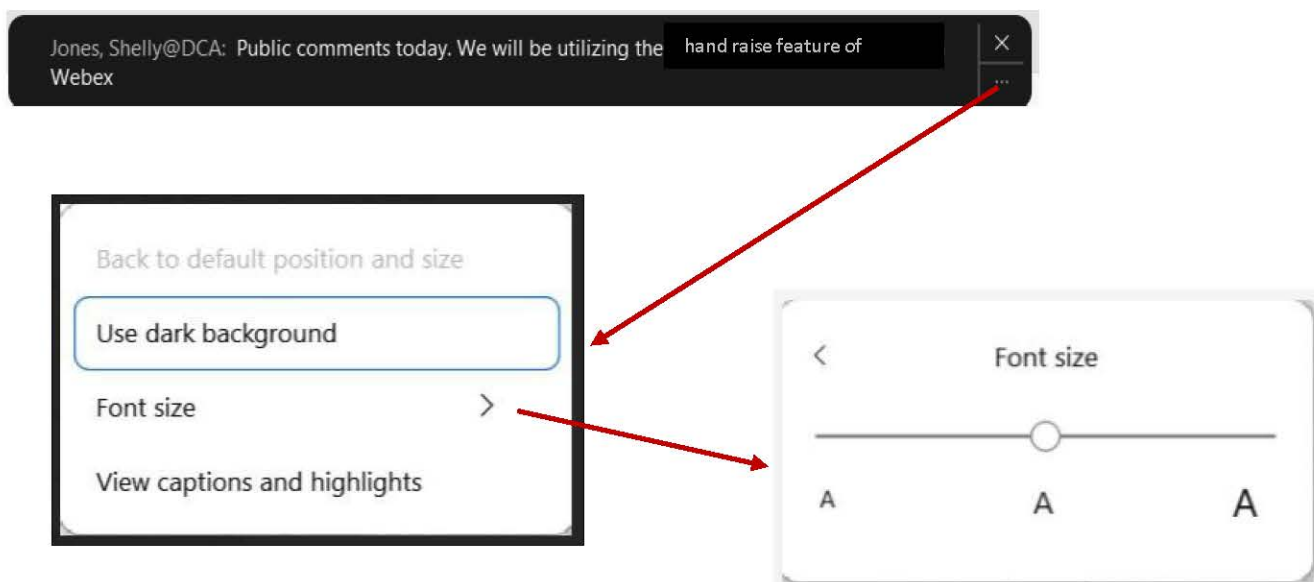


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2. When you are finished speaking, press *6 to mute yourself again.

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You can view the closed captioning dialog box with a light or dark background or change the font size by clicking the 3 dots on the right side of the dialog box.



Quarterly Report of the Executive Officer

Administrative/Management

The Board met in Sacramento on May 21 and will meet by teleconference on September 10.

The Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) met in Sacramento on May 8 and by teleconference on August 7.

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 into Maintenance and Operations, and the Board and LATC will 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.

Social Media

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

CAB	Posts Apr. – Jun.	Followers 6/30/26	LATC	Posts Apr. – Jun.	Followers 6/30/26
Bluesky	13	37	Bluesky	0	7
Instagram	13	1,687	Instagram	14	587
LinkedIn	10	876	LinkedIn	14	2,452
X	13	1,346	X	0	278
Facebook	12	500			

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 began on July 10, 2026 and ends on August 24, 2026.

Status: In open comment period from Jul 10, 2026 until August 24, 2026.

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.

Table A
Architect CSE Examinee Performance: April 1 – June 30, 2026

Candidate Type	Pass	Rate	Fail	Rate	Total Examinees
Instate First-time	145	90%	16	10%	161
Instate Repeat	58	92%	5	8%	63
Reciprocity First-time	52	78%	15	22%	67
Reciprocity Repeat	14	70%	6	30%	20
Total	269	86%	42	14%	311

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
Total	833	71%	345	29%	1178

Table C
California ARE 5.0 Examinee Performance by Division: April 1 – June 30, 2026

ARE Division	Pass	Rate	Fail	Rate	Total Exams
Construction and Evaluation	170	58%	122	42%	292
Practice Management	203	50%	205	50%	408
Programming and Analysis	149	53%	134	47%	283
Project Development and Documentation	145	56%	113	44%	258
Project Management	186	58%	132	42%	318
Project Planning and Design	139	45%	172	55%	311

Table D
California and NCARB ARE 5.0 Performance Comparison: April 1 – June 30, 2026

ARE Division	CA Pass	Natl. Pass	▲ %
Construction and Evaluation	58%	64%	-6%
Practice Management	50%	51%	-1%
Programming and Analysis	53%	59%	-6%
Project Development and Documentation	56%	60%	-4%
Project Management	58%	59%	-1%
Project Planning and Design	45%	47%	-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: April 1 – June 30, 2026**

ARE Division	CA Pass	Natl. Pass	▲ %
Construction and Evaluation	58%	64%	-6%
Practice Management	50%	51%	-1%
Programming and Analysis	53%	59%	-6%
Project Development and Documentation	56%	60%	-4%
Project Management	58%	59%	-1%
Project Planning and Design	45%	47%	-2%

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

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 G, H, and I.

Table G**Landscape Architect CSE Examinee Performance: April 1 – June 30, 2026**

Candidate Type	Pass	Rate	Fail	Rate	Total Examinees
First-time	30	81%	7	19%	37
Repeat	4	67%	2	33%	6
Total	34	79%	9	21%	43

Table H**California LARE Examinee Performance by Section: April 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 I**California and CLARB Performance Comparison: April 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 J
Architects Complaints and Enforcement Actions

Category	Current Quarter Apr. –Jun. 2026	Prior Quarter Jan. –Mar. 2026	FY 25–26
Complaints			
Received	89	100	368
Opened	89	100	368
Closed	103	97	412
Average Days to Close	127	134	168
Pending	172	212	172
Citations			
Issued	32	32	93
Final	4	6	67
Disciplinary Actions			
Pending Attorney General	4	4	4
Final	2	1	2
Continuing Education Citations			
Issued	22	27	105
Final	31	22	98
Continuing Education Disciplinary Actions			
Pending Attorney General	1	0	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 K
Landscape Architects Complaints and Enforcement Actions

Category	Current Quarter Apr. – Jun. 2026	Prior Quarter Jan. – Mar. 2026	FY 25–26
Complaints			
Received	6	9	29
Opened (Reopened)	6	9	29
Closed	7	10	24
Average Days to Close	38	47	44
Pending	5	5	5
Citations			
Issued	1	2	3
Final	1	2	3
Discipline			
Pending Attorney General	0	0	0
Final	0	0	0

Enforcement Actions

Architects

Citations

Angelina Olegovna Gorbaseva (Los Angeles) - The Board issued a one-count citation with a \$1,500 administrative fine to Angelina Olegovna Gorbaseva, an unlicensed person, dba Polymath Development Group Inc., for alleged violations of Business and Professions Code sections 5536(a) and California Code of Regulations section 134(a).

On or around July 2, 2022, Gorbaseva entered into a contract with Ms. I.M. (client) to design a new detached 800 square foot accessory dwelling unit (ADU) in Orange, California with two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen, laundry, and living room for a fixed fee of \$10,000. The contract's scope of work included "ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN" and "Prepare an architectural design." Gorbaseva has been paid \$10,037 and has failed to respond to her client since April 19, 2024.

The design plans included the name and signature of an "Architectural Designer" in the title block.

Gorbaseva's contract and plans, wherein Gorbaseva included the title of "Architectural Designer" and described her services as "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 on December 20, 2025.

Matt Carter (Woodland Hills) - The Board issued a two-count citation with a \$3,000 administrative fine to Matt Carter, an unlicensed person, dba ArchiOven LLC, for alleged violations of Business and Professions Code sections 5536(a) and California Code of Regulations section 134(a).

On or about July 19, 2025, the Board received a complaint alleging Carter agreed to design a one-story addition and remodel for an existing home in Westlake Village, California. The contract's scope of work included "Architectural As-Built" and "Architectural Plans" for a fixed rate of \$6,284.40, of which \$5,655.96 was paid. The clients have been unable to reach Carter via email, text, or phone call since June 19, 2025.

Carter's email signature block included the business name ArchiOven, the title of "Architectural Designer," and used the email domain: @archioven.com. The title block and Project Team sections of the project plans dated January 31, 2025, included the term "Architectural Design."

Carter's Yelp profile was categorized under "Architects," offered "Architectural design," "Architectural site analysis," and "Architectural project management," and stated, "We here at ArchiOven [sic] with our 13+ years of experience in the field. Can help you with all your Architectural and [sic] Permitting needs."

Carter's company Houzz profile was categorized under "Architects" and offered "Architectural Design" and "Architectural Drawings." Carter was listed as an "Architectural Designer" on Facebook.

Carter's business name, contract, email address, title block, and online profiles (Facebook/Houzz/Yelp), wherein he used the title of "Architectural Designer," described his services as "Architectural" and "Architecture," and categorized his company under "Architects" are devices that might indicate to the public that he 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 January 18, 2026.

Francisco Vega (Bakersfield) - The Board issued a two-count citation with a \$3,000 administrative fine to Francisco Vega, an unlicensed person, dba FVC Architecture Design, for alleged violations of Business and Professions Code sections 5536(a) and California Code of Regulations section 134(a).

On or about February 12, 2024, the Board received a complaint alleging Vega, doing business as FVC Architectural Design, entered into a contract to provide design services for a restaurant tenant improvement project located in Bakersfield, California for a fixed fee of \$13,000. Vega accepted full payment, then failed to deliver the services that he agreed to provide, thereby causing financial harm and project delays.

Vega's contract offered "Architectural drawings," and used the title of "Architectural Designer." The contract stated, "All drawings to be wet stamped or electronically signed by a registered California Architect or Engineer."

Vega's business name and contract, wherein he used the business name of "FVC Architectural Design," used the title of "Architectural Designer," and described his services as "Architectural," are devices that might indicate to the public that Vega 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 March 13, 2026.

Arun Biessar (Elk Grove) - The Board issued a one-count citation with a \$1,500 administrative fine to Arun Biessar, an unlicensed person, dba AKB Builders, for alleged violations of Business and Professions Code sections 5536(a) and California Code of Regulations section 134(a).

On or about April 14, 2025, the Board received a complaint alleging Biessar, doing business as AKB Builders, had been hired to provide design and drafting services for an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) in Daly City, California for a fixed fee of \$5,000. Biessar has been paid \$4,500, but there are outstanding corrections pending with the Building Department. The client made multiple attempts to reach Biessar via phone and text message over the last six months, but Biessar failed to respond to those requests for information.

The contract proposal offered "Architectural design and drafting," and Biessar's personal LinkedIn profile used the title of "Architect."

The Board sent letters to Biessar on June 18, 2025, and August 7, 2025, requesting corrections. USPS tracking confirmed delivery, but no reply was received.

Biessar's contract proposal and personal LinkedIn profile, wherein Biessar used the title of

"Architect" and described his services as "Architectural," are devices that might indicate to the public that Biessar 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 on March 19, 2026.

Caroline Steele (Riverside) - The Board issued a citation with a \$1,500 administrative fine to Caroline Steele, an unlicensed person, dba BimCad Drafting, for alleged violations of Business and Professions Code sections 5536(a) and California Code of Regulations section 134(a).

On or about July 16, 2025, the Board received a complaint alleging Steele, dba BimCad Drafting, was hired to produce approved plans for a wooden deck replacement destroyed by a 2023 winter storm in Crestline, California. Steele held herself out as an architect and offered "architectural" and "architecture services." She was paid \$6,000 but failed to provide the services agreed to.

Steele's company website stated, "We provide Drafting Services for a multitude of Industries ranging from Architectural to Product Design... We hold backgrounds in design from Product to Architecture and Civil." The website also included, "We use Sketchup for architectural models."

Steele's claimed company Yelp profile was categorized under "Architects," offered "Architectural design" and "Architectural project management" services and stated, "We Specialize in Architectural design."

Steele's company Mapquest profile stated, "BIMCAD Drafting Services, located in Riverside, CA, offers a comprehensive range of drafting services for various industries, including architectural and product design. Their team is certified in industry-leading software and combines expertise in design, architecture, and civil engineering to efficiently manage projects from initial brainstorming to final illustrations."

Steele included a stamp on the Project plans dated January 17, 2024, that was similar to an architect's stamp. The stamp was circular and similar in size to an architect stamp and included the company name "BIM CAD" and a line for their signature and date. In California, "drafter" is not a state-licensed profession, so there is no official state-issued stamp. Only licensed professionals, such as architects and engineers, are required to use a stamp or seal on documents to certify their work. When a stamp is required, drafters typically work under the supervision of a licensed professional, who then signs and stamps the final plans.

On October 15, 2025, the Board asked Steele for a copy of her contract and documentation of revisions to her website and online profiles. A response to this request was not received.

Steele's website and online profiles wherein her business was categorized under "Architects," and she described her services as "Architecture" and "Architectural," are devices that might indicate to the public that Steele 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 March 26, 2026.

Gustave Carlson (Berkeley) - The Board issued a three-count citation with a \$7,500 administrative fine to Gustave Carlson, an unlicensed person, dba Gustave Carlson Design, for alleged violations of Business and Professions Code sections 5536(a) and California Code of Regulations section 134(a).

Carlson was previously issued a citation #23-05 on February 23, 2023, for violations of Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 5536(a) and California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 134(a) and 134(b). Carlson failed to revise his online content but paid the \$4,000 fine.

On or about September 12, 2024, the Board opened a new complaint alleging Carlson continued to represent himself as an architect and was still offering architectural services through his company Gustave Carlson Design.

Carlson's company website, LinkedIn, Instagram, YouTube, Arch Daily, Arch Eyes and Houzz profiles referred to him as an "Architect" or described his services as "Architecture" and "Architectural."

Articles in Aspire magazine, California Home + Design, Global Design News, Sunset Magazine, V2 Com Newswire, and Carlson's book, Pacific Modern: Houses of Northern California referred to him as an "Architect" or described his services as "Architecture" and "Architectural."

Carlson's online profiles, articles and publications wherein he used the title of "Architect" and described his services as "architectural" and "architecture" are devices that might indicate to the public that Carlson is an architect or qualified to engage in the practice of architecture in California. Such conduct constitutes violations of BPC section 5536(a) and Title 16, CCR section 134(a).

Carlson's advertising violations were egregious and numerous, demonstrating a disregard for the law and willful violations of the Act. Despite a previous Order of Abatement, Carlson did not correct most of the violations from his online presence even after being informed of them by the Board. Carlson has a history of violations and continues to violate the Act by advertising and misrepresenting himself as an architect.

Carlson failed to cooperate with the Board's investigation and did not reply to the Board's multiple requests for a response to the allegations and to bring his advertising into compliance. The citation became final April 6, 2025.

Disciplinary Actions

Maxwell Anthony Beaumont (Emeryville) - Effective April 27, 2026, Maxwell Anthony Beaumont's architect license number C-24621 was revoked. However, the revocation was stayed, and he was placed on probation for five years with specific terms and conditions, including reimbursing the Board for \$9,178.50 for investigative costs and his client \$4,000 for restitution.

An Accusation filed against Beaumont alleged six causes for discipline for violations of: (1) Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 5584 (Negligence or Willful Misconduct); (2) BPC section 5536.22(a)(5), (7), and (8) (Written Contract Requirements); (3) California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, section 160(c)(1) (Failure to Respond to the Board); (4) BPC section 5584 and CCR, title 16, section 150 (Negligence or Willful Misconduct); (5) BPC section 5536.22 (a)(5), (7), and (8) (Written Contract Requirements); (6) BPC section 125.9(b)(5) and BPC section 152 (Failure to Pay Fine).

On or about January 19, 2023, Beaumont entered into a written contract to provide architectural drawings for a new storage building on North Eastview Drive in Stockton, California. The contract

price was \$5,800. The contract provided a period of performance of four weeks.

Beaumont's written contract for the North Eastview Drive project failed to include required contractual terms, including a description of the procedure to accommodate additional services, a statement identifying the ownership and use of instruments of service prepared by the architect, and a statement in at least 12-point type that reads: "Architects are licensed and regulated by the California Architects Board located at 2420 Del Paso Road, Suite 105, Sacramento, CA 95834."

Beaumont failed to complete the project within four weeks. His client attempted to contact Beaumont for updates, but Beaumont failed to respond in a timely manner, often taking weeks to reply. During this time, Beaumont stated that the plans had been approved by the Building Department. This was untrue. His client went to the San Joaquin County Building Department on or about August 26, 2024, and discovered that the project had been closed because Beaumont never replied to a letter the Building Department issued on September 20, 2023.

On or about December 27, 2022, Beaumont entered into a written contract to provide architectural drawings to raise up an existing house, add a new first floor, and legalize an existing garage ADU conversion on Clarke Street in San Leandro, California. The contract price was \$10,600. The contract provided a period of performance of eight weeks.

Beaumont submitted his drawings to the San Leandro Building Department for approval. On or about October 2, 2023, the San Leandro Building Department requested further information from Beaumont regarding the permit issued for the Clarke Street Project. Beaumont ignored the San Leandro Building Department's request for information.

On or about March 6, 2024, the San Leandro Building Department followed up with Beaumont regarding the status of his submittal. On the same day Beaumont promised he would resubmit by March 8, 2024, but failed to do so. A year later, on or about March 12, 2025, the Building Department attempted to follow up with Beaumont on the status of the submittal but received no response. Due to Beaumont's lack of response, the planning permit expired on or about July 3, 2024, with no possibility of extension.

The client made numerous phone calls to Beaumont but received no response.

Beaumont was previously issued Citation No. 23-17 for violations of Business and Professions Code sections 5584 (Negligence or Willful Misconduct); and 5536.22(a) (Written Contract Requirements); and California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 150 (Willful Misconduct) and 160(c)(1) (Rules of Professional Conduct, Timely Response to the Board). Beaumont was ordered to pay a total fine of \$3,000 and was issued an Order of Abatement to cease and desist from violating Business and Professions Code sections 5584 and 5536.22(a), and California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 150 and 160(c)(1). Beaumont has not paid the citation fine and has not ceased from violating Business and Professions Code sections 5584 and 5536.22(a), and California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 150 and 160(c)(1).

Beaumont has been ordered to reimburse the Board's investigative costs and pay restitution. The Board's Decision became effective on April 27, 2026.

Continuing Education Audits

Citations Final: April–June 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.

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.

Architect	Citation	Violation Code Section(s)	Date Final	Fine	Status
Barnes, Alicia Devon	26-33	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 166(b)	4/21/26	\$250	Paid
Bar-Dayana, Moshe	26-24	BPC 5600.05(a)1, 5600.05(b), CCR 165(b), 166(b)	4/17/26	\$1000	Unpaid
Blain, Matthew J.	26-34	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b), 166(b)	4/14/26	\$1000	Paid
Bowen, Gladys Maldonado	26-21	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 166(b)	4/10/26	\$500	Paid
Butler, Colleen Janette	26-52	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b), 166(b)	6/7/26	\$1000	Paid
Chelminiak, Paul Leon	26-54	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b), 166(b)	6/7/26	\$1000	Paid
Cifuentes, Kristin Richelle	26-22	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b), 166(b)	4/10/26	\$1000	Paid
Croft, Gregory William	26-61	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b)	6/23/26	\$250	Pad
Daga, Sachin	26-35	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b)	4/15/26	\$250	Paid
Finn, Christian Imre	26-53	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b)	6/8/26	\$250	Paid
Freilich, Melissa May	26-25	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 166(b)	4/10/26	\$500	Paid
Harpain, Kjirsten Leigh	26-36	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b)	5/6/26	\$500	Paid
Holscher, Phoebe A N	26-62	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b), 166(b)	6/25/26	\$1000	Paid
Karkowski, Michael P.	26-37	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 166(b)	5/8/26	\$500	Paid
Marble, Thomas F.	26-14	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 166(b)	4/5/26	\$500	Paid
Moraga, Ricky Garcia	26-47	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b), 166(b)	6/6/26	\$1000	Unpaid
Oceguera-Nelson, Diana Esther	26-38	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 166(b)	5/8/26	\$500	Paid
Reddington, Mark A.	26-27	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b), 166(b)	4/1/26	\$750	Paid

Roworth, Alexis Rachael	26-56	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b), 166(b)	6/29/26	\$1000	Paid
Santa Ana, Marcos	26-41	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 166(b)	5/1/26	\$500	Paid
Singh, Sanjiv P.	26-29	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b), 166(b)	4/1/26	\$1000	Paid
Staten, Eric D.	26-28	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b), 166(b)	6/6/26	\$1000	Paid
Steely, Craig E.	26-64	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b), 166(b)	6/25/26	\$1000	Paid
Stein, Joseph Bradley	26-16	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b)	4/5/26	\$500	Paid
Swearengen, Stephen B.	26-46	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b), 166(b)	6/6/26	\$1000	Paid
Swenson, Mark Reed	26-17	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 166(b)	4/28/26	\$500	Paid
Wang, Celine F.	26-30	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b)	4/18/26	\$250	Paid
Wong, Wai Sze Belinda	26-50	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 166(b)	6/3/26	\$250	Paid
Zee, Colette Jing Ming	26-55	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b), 166(b)	6/18/26	\$1000	Paid
Zordilla, Emil	26-32	BPC 5600.05(a)1, CCR 165(b), 166(b)	4/20/26	\$1000	Paid

Landscape Architects

Citations

Chad Waterhouse (Beverly Hills) – The Board issued a one-count citation against Respondent for violating Business and Professions Code section 5640 (Unlicensed Person Engaging in the Practice of Landscape Architecture). Respondent refers to himself as Landscape Architect and offers landscape architecture services on his website and media platforms. The Board sent multiple requests to Respondent to make edits to his firm's website and media platforms to remove the protected terms "Landscape Architect" and "landscape architecture"; he only did it after the Citation was issued and the time frame to request and informal conference had passed. The Board found this to be a Class A violation, fined Respondent \$1,500, and issued an order of abatement requiring Respondent to cease and desist from engaging in unlicensed practice. Respondent has not paid the fine. The citation became final on June 15, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM H.1: AB 1775 (WARD) VETERANS

SUMMARY

[AB 1775](#) requires the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to expedite licensure for an applicant who has served as an active-duty member of the United States (U.S.) Armed Forces and received a discharge solely as a result of federal action to restrict military service by transgender individuals.

This bill also requires the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) to prioritize, for services provided under the Veteran's Military Discharge Upgrade Grant Program, veterans who demonstrate their less-than-honorable characterization of service was connected to a mental health condition, traumatic brain injury, sexual assault or harassment, or sexual orientation, or who demonstrate their characterization of service was connected to gender identity.

Finally, this bill requires CalVet to establish the Veteran's Housing and Supportive Services Grant Program, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature

Action Requested

None.

**AGENDA ITEM I: Discussion and Possible Action on Comments
Received for California Code of Regulations (CCR),
Title 16, Division 2, Article 2, Section 109.05
(Architect in Training) and Article 7 Section 144
(Fees)**

Summary

At its February 26, 2026 meeting, the Board approved language to create 16 CCR section 109.05 (Architect in Training), amend 16 CCR 144 (Fees), and directed the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process. Board staff worked with the Legal Affairs Division (LAD) to draft a notice, initial statement of reasons, and fiscal impact document. On June 29, 2026, Agency approved the initial rulemaking file for publication with the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). The documents were submitted to OAL and the 45-day comment period began on July 10, 2026. The public comment period closed on August 24, 2026. The Board received two comments in support of the regulation, and two adverse comments.

Summary of Concerns and Proposed Board Responses

In accordance with Government Code section [11346.9](#), subdivision (a)(3), the Board, in its final statement of reasons, must summarize each objection or recommendation made regarding the specific adoption, amendment, or repeal proposed, together with an explanation of how the proposed action has been changed to accommodate each objection or recommendation, or the reasons for making no change.

Comment 1: Summary of Comment from Gail Napell, Architect

Ms. Napell commented that the Board's time would be better spent stopping tech companies from using the term "architect" for employees who are not licensees. She added that she "strongly disagrees with the proposed requirement in 109.05.C(iii). A California architect should not be required to register (and pay!) for NCARB". She stated that the requirements for NCARB (Certification) requires graduate equivalent degree schooling, which is "financially out of reach for smart young people" and practical experience is of "equal (if not more) value".

Proposed Response: The requirement in the proposed CCR section 109.05(a)(1)(C)(iii) relates to the candidate requirement that they possess a NCARB record number, not the licensee. This is a current requirement for all candidates to take the Architect Registration Examination and complete the Architectural Experience Program. The Board understands the value of experience toward licensure, which is why it continues

to be allowed as a pathway to licensure. Consequently, the Board rejects the recommendation and chooses not to modify the currently proposed text.

Comment 2: Comment from Christopher Ganiere, Architect

Mr. Ganiere submitted the comment: "I sincerely OPPOSE monetizing & licensing AIT. The board has utterly FILED to prevent thousands of Software companies from using the PROTECTED term, "Architect". The board has no credibility after failing to issue Hundreds of Thousands of FINES against Software "Architect" ads over the last two decades."

Proposed Response: In regard to the regulation itself the comment raises issue with the proposed fee as well as the title of Architect in Training. Assembly Bill (AB) 759 (Valencia, Chapter 380, Statutes of 2025) established the Architect in Training title. The bill and resulting statutes provide the Board with the authority to charge a fee to evaluate applications for the AIT. The Board set the fee as authorized by Business and Professions Code section 5500.2. During the February 2026 meeting the Board made this decision in order to cover the staff time it takes to process the application and evaluate whether a candidate meets the requirements to use the AIT title. Overall the regulations make specific the method for candidates to obtain and maintain use of this optional title which is necessary in order to implement the statute. As a result, the Board rejects the comment and chooses not to modify the currently proposed text.

Comment 3: Comment from Scott Gustafson, Architect

Mr. Gustafson submitted a comment "to express my support for the proposed Regulatory Action to establish the title "Architect-in-Training" for applications eligible under the proposed Section 109.05 of Article 2 of Division 2 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations."

Proposed Response: This comment was in support of the regulations so it does not need to be accepted nor rejected.

Comment 4: Comment from Ferdinand de la Cruz, President, Professional Engineers in California Government (PECG)

Mr. de la Cruz submitted a comment on behalf of the PECG "to express our support for the California Architects Board's proposed regulations to establish the Architect-in-Training (AIT) designation."

Proposed Response: This comment was in support of the regulations so it does not need to be accepted nor rejected.

Action Requested

The Board is asked to consider the proposed responses to the written comments and entertain a motion 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 noticed.

Attachments

1. 16 CCR section 109.05 (Architect in Training) Proposed Language
2. Public Comment from Scott Gustafson
3. Public Comment from Gail Napell
4. Public Comment from Christopher Ganiere
5. Public Comment from Ferdinand de la Cruz

Department of Consumer Affairs
Title 16. California Architects Board

PROPOSED REGULATORY LANGUAGE
Architect-in-Training

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Adopt Section 109.05 of Article 2 of Division 2 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

§ 109.05 Architect-in-Training Applications.

(a)(1) To be eligible for authorization to use the Architect-in-Training (AIT) title, a candidate ("candidate") who is "active in the examination process," in accordance with California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 109(a)(3), shall:

- (A) Meet the requirements set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 5500.2 of the code,
- (B) Have passed an examination within the past four years, and
- (C) Submit a completed application to the Board that includes the nonrefundable fee specified in CCR Section 144 and all of the following information:
 - (i) Candidate's full legal name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Name, and (if any) Suffix),
 - (ii) Candidate's Board identification number,
 - (iii) Candidate's National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) record number,
 - (iv) Candidate's social security number or individual taxpayer identification number,
 - (v) Candidate's mailing address and email address,
 - (vi) Candidate's telephone number,
 - (vii) Responsible supervisor's name,
 - (viii) Responsible supervisor's mailing address and email address,
 - (ix) Responsible supervisor's telephone number, and
 - (x) Responsible supervisor's license number.

(2) The California licensed architect responsible for supervising the candidate ("responsible supervisor") shall:

(A) Not be on probation, and

(B) Not have had a citation issued by the Board within the prior three years.

(C) Submit the following information:

(i) Responsible supervisor's name,

(ii) Responsible supervisor's license number,

(iii) Candidate's full legal name, and

(iv) A statement acknowledging the conditions set forth in subsection (a) of Section 5587.5 of the code.

(b) Upon meeting the requirements of this section, the Board shall authorize the candidate to use the AIT title for a period of four years.

(c) Upon the expiration of the AIT title, candidates may apply one additional time to reinstate the title for second four-year period as set forth in subsection (h) below.

(d) A candidate who has not met the requirements as set forth in subsection (a) shall be notified and have the opportunity to submit additional information to meet the eligibility requirements.

(e) The holder of an AIT title must notify the Board within 30 calendar days if their responsible supervisor changes. The notification must include the following information listed below.

(1) The following information shall be submitted by the candidate:

(A) Candidate's full legal name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Name, and (if any) Suffix),

(B) Candidate's Board identification number,

(C) Candidate's NCARB record number,

(D) Prior responsible supervisor's name and license number,

(E) Replacement responsible supervisor's name and license number,

(F) Replacement responsible supervisor's mailing address and email address,

(G) Replacement responsible supervisor's telephone number, and

(2) The following information shall be submitted by the replacement responsible supervisor:

- (A) Replacement responsible supervisor's name,
- (B) Replacement responsible supervisor's license number,
- (C) Candidate's full legal name, and
- (D) A statement acknowledging the conditions set forth in subsection (a) of Section 5587.5 of the code.

(f) A candidate who has been approved to use the AIT title may request that the title be placed into an inactive status by submitting a written request to the Board with the following information:

- (1) Candidate's full legal name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Name, and (if any) Suffix),
- (2) Candidate's Board identification number,
- (3) Candidate's NCARB record number,
- (4) A statement that the candidate is requesting to place their AIT title into an inactive status, and
- (5) An acknowledgement that they will not use the AIT title during this time of inactivity.

(g) An inactive AIT title may be reactivated by following the instructions below.

(1) The following information shall be submitted by the candidate:

- (A) Candidate's full legal name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Name, and (if any) Suffix),
- (B) Candidate's Board identification number,
- (C) Candidate's NCARB record number,
- (D) Responsible supervisor's name and license number,
- (E) Responsible supervisor's mailing address and email address,
- (F) Responsible supervisor's telephone number, and
- (G) A request that their inactive status be updated to active status.

(2) The following information shall be submitted by the responsible supervisor:

- (A) Responsible supervisor's name
- (B) Responsible supervisor's license number,
- (C) Candidate's full legal name, and

(D) A statement acknowledging the conditions set forth in subsection (a) of Section 5587.5 of the code.

(h) A candidate may apply to the Board a second time to use the AIT title when the following conditions have been met:

(1) The candidate has taken and passed an additional division of the ARE within the four years immediately preceding this application,

(2) The candidate has a responsible supervisor, and

(3) The candidate submits an application to the Board as required by subsection (a)(1)(C).

(i) An AIT authorization is subject to suspension or revocation for violations set forth in Section 5587 of the code. The holder of the AIT title shall receive notice and an opportunity to respond in an informal review. The suspension period set forth in the notice or the revocation will be considered final 30 days after issuance of the initial notice or immediately upon the issuance of a final decision after an informal hearing. The responsible supervisor will receive a copy of the notice and decision. If the Board chooses to pursue discipline against the licensee, Section 5560 et seq of the code shall apply.

(j) (1) Sections (a) and (e) shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2033.

(2) Sections (b), (c), and (d) shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2037.

(3) All AIT titles issued that could extend beyond January 1, 2037 shall be dated as expiring January 1, 2037.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 5500.2 and 5526, Business and Professions Code.

Reference: Sections 5500.2, 5526, 5587, and 5587.5 Business and Professions Code.

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Create Section 144 of Article 7 of Division 2 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

§ 144 Fees.

- (a) The application fee for reviewing a candidate's eligibility to take any or all division(s) of the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) is one hundred dollars (\$100) for applications submitted on or after July 1, 1999.
- (b) The application fee for reviewing a reciprocity candidate's eligibility to take the California Supplemental Examination is one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (c) The fee for the California Supplemental Examination is one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (d) The fee for an original license is four hundred dollars (\$400). If the license is issued less than one year before the date on which it will expire, the fee is two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (e) The biennial renewal fee is four hundred dollars (\$400).
- (f) The delinquency fee is one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (g) The fee for a duplicate certificate is twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (h) The fee for a retired license is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (i) The fee for a license certification prepared by the Board is forty dollars (\$40).
- (j) The fee for the Architect-in-Training application is one hundred thirty-one dollars (\$131).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 5500.2 and 5526, Business and Professions Code.
Reference: Sections 5500.2 and 5604, Business and Professions Code.

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July 13, 2026

Dear Timothy Rodda and Laura Zuniga,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Regulatory Action to establish the title "Architect-in-Training" for applications eligible under the proposed Section 109.05 of Article 2 of Division 2 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. The State of Arizona, where I was initially licensed, has a similar title, and I feel that this interim designation is a useful tool for encouraging young professionals in their licensure journey, and can also be a differentiator in the search for employment. The criteria are different, but the engineering profession in many jurisdictions has similar titles as Engineer-in-Training, also sometimes known as Engineer Intern.

Best regards,



Scott M B Gustafson
smbg.arch@gmail.com



Rodda, Timothy@DCA

From: Gail Napell <gailnapell@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2026 3:12 PM
To: Rodda, Timothy@DCA; Zuniga, Laura@DCA
Subject: Proposed Regulatory Action Concerning Architect in Training

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Dear Timothy and Laura:

I have been a licensed architect in California since 1988. I'm moderately amused by the AIT title. For more than a century that position has been called 'an intern.' As long as firms pay their interns, I see no shame in that title.

Your time would be much better spent getting tech companies to stop using the term 'architect' for employees who are in no way capable of practicing architecture.

However, if you're determined to pursue this proposed regulatory action, I strongly disagree with the proposed requirement in 109.05.C (iii). A California architect should not be required to register (and pay!) for NCARB. We need to steer clear of this national organization. NCARB essentially requires a graduate (Master's or PhD) degree to apply for and achieve NCARB. This is unnecessary. On-the-job experience is of equal (if not more) value. College is increasingly financially out of reach for smart young people, and requiring extra years beyond undergraduate in this field is virtually useless. On the job experience trains architects to be technically capable of meeting our state requirements for health and safety; advanced degrees do not. In my decades of practice I was frequently frustrated with and disappointed by new employees with graduate degrees who had no clue how to put a building together, thought it was beneath them to learn, expected to leap into design positions (in spite of their inadequate knowledge) - and often made higher salaries than people who knew what they were doing but only had a bachelor's degree. Linking the future of licensed architects in our state to California perpetuates this issue. This is not the way to increase the health and safety of California residents.

resiliently yours

Gail Napell, AIA Emerita, LEED AP BD+C
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Subject: FW: CAB - Contact Form - Enforcement

From: no_reply@dca.ca.gov <no_reply@dca.ca.gov>

Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2026 3:47 PM

To: CABEnforcement@DCA <cabenforcement@dca.ca.gov>

Subject: CAB - Contact Form - Enforcement



Hello,

A contact form was submitted with the following details:

Name

- Christopher Ganiere

Email Address

- aadalifetime@yahoo.com

Phone Number

- 9493254583

License or Candidate ID Number

- C29178

Reason for Inquiry

- Enforcement

Message

- Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Architect in Training Section(s) Affected: Section 109.05 of Article 2 of Division 2 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) and Section 144 of Article 7 of Division 2 of Title 16 of the CCR I sincerely OPPOSE monetizing & licensing AIT. The board has utterly FILED to prevent thousands of Software companies from using the PROTECTED term, "Architect". The board has no credibility after failing to issue Hundreds of Thousands of FINES against Software "Architect" ads over the last two decades. Sincerely, Christopher Ganiere Registered Architect

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PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

IN CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT

August 19, 2026

Ronald A. Jones, AIA
President, California Architects Board
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Sacramento, CA 95834

Subject: Support for Proposed Regulations — Establishment of Architect-in-Training (AIT)
Designation

Dear President Jones:

On behalf of the Professional Engineers in California Government (PECG), I write to express our support for the California Architects Board's proposed regulations to establish the Architect-in-Training (AIT) designation. The new regulations will make specific the method to apply for, renew, inactivate, and reactivate the AIT.

PECG represents over 15,000 state-employed engineers, architects, land surveyors, geologists and related professionals whose work directly supports public safety, infrastructure reliability, and responsible stewardship of California's built environment. We view the proposed AIT designation as a constructive improvement to California's licensure framework that will benefit emerging professionals and the public at large. We have found that when our members attain an EIT, LSIT, or GIT, it encourages them to complete the path toward licensure. We expect that the establishment of an AIT will provide similar encouragement for future architects.

For these reasons, PECG supports adoption of the proposed regulations for the Architect-in-Training designation. We appreciate the Board's careful consideration of this issue and its ongoing commitment to maintaining high professional standards for architects in California.

Sincerely,

Ferdinand de la Cruz
PECG President

Cc: Members, California Architects Board
Laura Zuniga, Executive Director
Timothy Rodda, Regulations Manager
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AGENDA ITEM J: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 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 12	Board Meeting	Sacramento

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