



Occupational and Professional Licensing

District of Columbia Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture
1100 4th Street, SW Suite 400
Washington, DC 20024

January 16, 2026
Meeting Minutes

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The District of Columbia Board of Architecture, Interior Design, and Landscape Architecture held its scheduled meeting on Friday, January 16, 2025. This meeting was held virtually.

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 am by Mr. Ronnie McGhee, Chairman.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Mr. Ronnie McGhee, Chairman, Mr. Robert Alter, Vice Chairman, Ms. Shauna Stallworth, Mr. Aubrey Grant, Ms. Asha Shagle, Mr. Maurice Walters

Board Staff: Mr. Leon Lewis, Program Manager, Ms. Avis Pearson, Board Administrator, Mr. Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator, Demetrius Norman, Chief, Customer Experience Officer, Kiyana Rayfield, Paralegal Specialist, Mr. Agustine Villadares, Esq., Attorney Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Ms. Nicole Bramstedt, Legislative and Public Affairs Specialist, Ms. Jacqueline Noisette, Deputy Manager, Ms. April Randall, Legislative Director

Legal Counsel: Mr. Agustine Villadares, Esq. Attorney Advisor, Office of General Counsel

Absent: Ms. Jessica Rice, Esq., Board Attorney

Public Guest: Ms. Melissa Canata, AMBER Book, Ms. Joan Lema, BEGA, Mr. Michael Burns, Mr. Michael Ernst, Mr. Raheam Tahor, Ms. Safari Nicole

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

No comments.

Agenda Item: Draft Minutes

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. Walters and properly seconded by Ms. Stallworth the Board voted unanimously to approve the December 5, 2025 minutes.

Agenda Item: Review of Administrative Approved Applications

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. Alter and properly seconded by Ms. Shagle, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Administrative Approved Applications for January 16, 2025, attached hereto, and made a part of the January 16, 2026, meeting minutes.

Agenda Item: Outreach

Career Day at the Washington School for Girls will be held on March 20, 2026. This event will be held in their new location.

Mr. McGhee will follow up with NCARB to discuss outreach with Catholic University, Howard University and the University of the District of Columbia.

Agenda Item: Legislative Update

There were no Legislative Updates. Ms. Bramstedt did share that there is a new website -Legislative Affairs and Policy Division (<https://dlcp.dc.gov/page/legislative-affairs-and-policy>). The public, board members and commission members can track pending legislation regarding and rulemaking for DLCP. Hearings can also be viewed from this page.

Code Books for each Board have been released. These books have relevant sections and provisions of the DC Official Code, DCMR and the Municipal Regulations. The Code Books can be found on the Board's website (<https://dlcp.dc.gov/page/board-architecture-interior-design-and-landscape-architecture>). These Code Books will be updated annually.

Agenda Item: Education

Mr. Cyrus did not have any updates. The Board did express that they would like to have the Education Forums annually. The logistics of these events will be discussed during the next sub committee meeting scheduled for February 10, 2026.

Agenda Item: Sub Committee

Correspondence was received from Mr. Chad Reiss from the Institute of Justice who had some statement and concerns about Interior Design requirement to practice. Ms. Stallworth will be preparing a response to Mr. Reiss's concerns to be reviewed by the full Board during the next meeting.

The subcommittee also engaged in further discussion responding to the National Council Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) efforts to open the path of licensure. Currently, there are 17 states that have alternative paths to licensure. The subcommittee will explore different paths during the upcoming meetings and present a draft to the Board.

Agenda Item: Old Business

NCARB's Regional Meeting will be held from March 18-22, 2026 in Oklahoma City, OK. Ms. Helene Combs will be conducting a Strategic Planning session on March 22nd. Additional funding will be provided for one Board member to attend this session. Mr. Alter, Mr. Grant and Mr. McGhee will be attending this meeting.

The Board will hold its next scheduled, February 27, 2026, in person at the DLCP location.

Agenda Item: New Business

Mr. Alter gave feedback from the NCARB Region 2 quarterly meeting held on January 15, 2026.

Agenda Item: Review of Correspondence

There was no correspondence for review.

Agenda Item: Executive Session –

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Alter and properly seconded by Mr. Grant, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) (4) (A); D.C. Official Code § 2-575 (b) (9) and (13) to discuss complaints/legal matters, applications, the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 11:05am

Upon motion, duly made by Ms. Stallworth and properly seconded by Ms. Walters, the Board voted to return to public session at 11:23am

Agenda Item: Recommendations

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. Alter and properly seconded by Ms. Shagle, the Board voted to have the next Board meeting on February 27, 2026, in person at the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection; 1100 4th Street SW; Washington, DC. The meeting will start at 9:30am. The March 6, 2026 meeting will not be held.

Agenda Item: Adjournment:

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Alter and properly seconded by Mr. Walters, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:31am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Ronnie McGhee, Chairman

Date

Recorder/transcriber: Avis B. Pearson