



Occupational and Professional Licensing

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

**February 27, 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, February 27, 2026. This was a hybrid meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 am by Mr. Ronnie McGhee, Chairman.

Attendance

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

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, Ms. Nicole Bramstedt, Legislative and Public Affairs Specialist, Ms. April Randall, Legislative Director, Ms. Kathy Thomas, Education Specialist.

Legal Counsel: Ms. Faiza Majeed, Esq, Board Attorney

Public Guest: Ms. Melissa Canata, AMBER Book, Ms. Kimberly Brown, BEGA, Tanaija Kee, Andrei Banks, Cindy McClure, Aaliyah C., Mr. Michael Brown, Deputy Chief Building Inspector, Department of Buildings

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

Mr. Michael Brown, Deputy Chief Building Inspector, Department of Buildings (DOB), joined the meeting to address previous questions expressed by the Board regarding DOB's process to ensure that Professional Design Firms are licensed. Mr. Brown informed the Board that in accordance with DOB's building code is that they ensure that the design professional is licensed not the Firm. DLCP General Counsel with follow up with DOB General Counsel to further discuss this concern.

Agenda Item: Draft Minutes

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. Grant and properly seconded by Mr. Walters the Board voted unanimously to approve January 16, 2026 minutes.

Agenda Item: Review of Administrative Approved Applications

Upon motion, duly made by Mr. Alter and properly seconded by Mr. Grant, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Administrative Approved Applications for February 27, 2026, attached hereto, and made a part of the February 27, 2026, meeting minutes.

Agenda Item: Outreach

Career Day will be held at Turner Elementary School on March 11, 2026; 9:15am-11:15am and at the Washington School for Girls on March 20, 2026 at their new location. Ms. Jefferson will follow up with the Board with additional information about both events.

Agenda Item: Legislative Update

No Legislative updates – See subcommittee information

Agenda Item: Education

Mr. Cyrus did not have any updates.

Agenda Item: Sub Committee

The subcommittee met on February 10, 2026. During the meeting the response letter to the Institute of Justice was discussed and regulatory changes to expand the pathways to licensure was also discussed. A DRAFT document was prepared by Mr. Villadares and sent to the Board for review and changes. There was some proposed language changes made and sent back to Mr. Villadares. This document will be reviewed at the next subcommittee meeting on April 2, 2026, at 1pm.

Agenda Item: Old Business

A letter of response was sent to Ms. Jennifer McDonald, Director of Activism, Institute of Justice, on February 20, 2026 addressing the concerns raised regarding the Interior Designers Requirement for practice.

Agenda Item: New Business

The Council of Interior Design Qualifications (CIDQ) held a webinar kickoff on February 26, 2026. This webinar is the first in the series to be held by the organization to review DRAFT Model Rules and Regulations. A copy of these rules and regulations has been distributed to the Board.

Zachary Druga from the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) will join the next sub committee meeting to discuss the CLARB Uniform Standard. This standard helps licensure boards reduce barriers to licensure and enhance mobility.

The CLARB Annual Meeting will be held in August this year due to the ASLA meeting in September. The meeting will be held in Calgary, Alberta Canada; August 27 – August 29, 2026. The CIDQ Annual Meeting will be held in November.

Ms. Thomas informed the Board that she will begin working on the Board's newsletter. She asked Board Members to forward information that they would like to have highlighted.

Agenda Item: Review of Correspondence

There was no correspondence for review.

Agenda Item: Executive Session –

Executive Session (Closed to the public) 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, and legal counsel report.

The Board did not enter into Executive Session.

Agenda Item: Recommendations

There were no recommendations.

Agenda Item: Adjournment:

The next Board Meeting will be held on April 10, 2026 at 9:30 am. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Alter and properly seconded by Mr. Walters, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:21am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Ronnie McGhee, Chairman

Date

Recorder/transcriber: Avis B. Pearson