

**MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING OF THE WESTERN COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURAL
REGISTRATION BOARDS – WCARB REGION 6
Oklahoma Station 7&8, The Omni Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City, OK**

Friday, March 20, 2026

Chairman Michael Kolejka called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 1

Roll Call:

Alaska – present
Arizona – present
California – present
Colorado – present
Guam – present
Hawaii – present
Idaho – present
Nevada – present
New Mexico – present
Northern Mariana Islands - present
Oregon – present
Utah – present
Washington – present

All 13 member states and jurisdictions were present and represented at the March 20, 2026
Regional Summit – Friday meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 1 **Introductions**

There were many new members in attendance: Robert Williams, New Mexico; Tamarah Begay, New Mexico; Valerie Nagasawa, Utah; Adam Harding, Colorado; Austin Byron, Arizona; and Paul Wu, Washington.

Visitors to Region 6: Greg Wynn, California; Emmanuel Moreno, New Mexico.

The new members and visitors for WCARB Region 6 were warmly welcomed to the region.

AGENDA ITEM 2 **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Greg Erny (NV) moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Tian Feng (CA).

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM 3 Approval of the Minutes – June 2025

Motion: Tian Feng (CA) moved to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2025 Regional Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ. Motion seconded by Cathy Gogue (GU).

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM 4 Approval of the Minutes – Executive Committee

Motion: Sian Roberts (WA) moved to approve the Executive Committee minutes from the November 22, 2025 Motion seconded by Ray Vigil (NM).

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

Agenda Item 5 Regional Director's Report – Tian Feng, Regional Director

Tian Feng addressed the region by saying that it has been his honor to serve as the Region 6 director on the NCARB board. Tian's first term began after last year's Annual Business in June. Since then, he has actively engaged with the NCARB board's many initiatives and monitored the progress made on issues concerning our region. He said that NCARB's strategic initiative being implemented are well aligned with our region's organizational objectives. One remarkable example of such alignment is reflected in a resolution to be discussed during this Summit – the revision to the MRA with UK which will recognize NCARB's multiple pathways to Certification.

Since the recent NCARB board meeting in January this year, there are many discussions, information items, and initiatives at NCARB board I would like to share with members of WCARB, below are a selected few:

Strategic Priorities and Progress

The Board will continue initial conversations about a multi-year effort to update the NCARB Strategic Plan. Consultant McKinley Advisors is to conduct an annual Board training course on generative and strategic Board performance including facilitated discussion on the results of an annual Board self-evaluation survey.

Overlapping Practice: The Board of Directors reviewed the newly released ICOR (Interorganizational Council on Regulation) Overlapping Practice Guidance, the document is the result of years of effort by dozens of volunteers from NCARB, the Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ), the Council of Landscape Architecture Registration Boards (CLARB), and the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES).

External Engagements

The Board of Directors have met the leaderships from the AIAS and NOMA/NOMAS to discuss their efforts to support architecture students and NCARB's future role in this realm.

Program and Service Accomplishments

Pathways to Practice Status: The Board discussed the desired impact, likely outcomes, and key messaging related to ongoing updates guided by the NCARB Competency Standard for Architects and internal initiatives focused on informing Pathways to Practice. The Board will

continue ongoing communications training to address dialogue with NCARB stakeholders that may arise at jurisdiction, regional, and NCARB events.

Policy Initiatives

Board Policies for Review: The Board reviewed the Policy for Member Board Comment Periods. This policy formalizes a practice that has been in place since 2009. A public comment period for NCARB's Member Boards is implemented for consideration of changes to the Architectural Experience Program® (AXP®) requirements and the NCARB Education Standard.

Resolutions: The Board reviewed three proposed resolutions and determined to move forward to the member boards for initial feedback. These resolutions are considered drafts and are shared with the regions so they can provide feedback, including at the Regional Summit in March. At its April meeting, the Board will make final decisions regarding content of resolutions to be scheduled for a vote at the June's Annual Business Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6 Chair's/Executive Committee Report – Mike Kolejka, Chair

Chair Kolejka told the region that the Executive Committee met in November to prepare the WCARB meeting program for the upcoming days as well as prepare a proposed budget, a bylaw change and make housekeeping changes to the WCARB Strategic Plan.

He told the group that our time together will be incredibly valuable and productive with important resolutions we will need to discuss as it relates to licensure and regulation. Additionally, we will discuss several fundamental changes the council is considering with pathways to practice.

Kolejka has had the privilege to serve as both Chair of Region 6 and Chair of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC). The PAC reviews and provides advice to the NCARB Board of Directors on key policy matters facing the Council. This year we will be discussing several important resolutions that will come before the membership at the 2026 NCARB Annual Business Meeting in Minneapolis.

NCARB is looking to implement fundamental changes to the "three Es" (Education, Experience and Examination). This is crucial to ensure that our organization and our professional remain nimble and responsive to an ever-changing world. One aspect that makes WCARB unique among other regions is our diversity of member board pathways to licensure. Region 6 exemplifies several aspects that "Pathways to Practice" is considering. WCARB will continue to have an impactful voice in this evolution of licensure and regulation.

Our region has the most diverse member board composition and that serves as one of our greatest qualities. We have more states with alternative paths to licensure than any other region. Additionally, we have more multi-discipline boards than anywhere else in the nation. As NCARB considers Pathways to Practice, we will serve as a great role model. Our region's diversity to licensure is a beacon to the nation while we also serve as a great example of balancing opportunities to practice with protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public.

With a sigh of relief, our region is not facing any earth-shattering challenges this year compared to the recent past. We've seen several fundamental threats to WCARB member boards in Arizona, Nevada and Utah in recent memory. That being said, there are always "surprises" that our state legislators put forth that our region needs to stay vigilant and focused to ensure the public is protected.

AGENDA ITEM 7 Financial Report – Sian Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer

The FY 2025-2026 budget previously approved by the membership in June 2025 for the fiscal period of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 was provided in the meeting materials for review and information purposes.

The Balance Sheet through March 7, 2026 and the Profit and Loss statement for July 1, 2024 – March 7, 2026 was provided in the meeting materials for the membership.

As of March 7, 2026, total assets from both the checking and savings accounts total \$179,415.

AGENDA ITEM 8 Review and Adopt FY 2026-2027 WCARB Budget

Motion: Judy Stapley (AZ moved to approve the draft 2026-20267 WCARB budget. Motion seconded by Ron Jones (CA).

Discussion: Judy asked the Executive Committee to revise the draft 2026-2027 budget to include an increase to the Executive Director's annual pay for the budget cycle under consideration.

Sylvia Kwan suggested that the Executive Committee consider including a cost of living adjustment in Spaulding's contract.

Motion: Greg Erny moved to amend Judy's motion to include a cost of living adjustment not exceeding 5% at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Seconded by Courtney Haddick.

Judy Stapley and Ron Jones accepted the amendment to the original motion.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

The Executive Committee will bring this agenda item back on the Saturday agenda for the region's approval.

AGENDA ITEM 9 WCARB State Reports

Alaska

No report submitted.

Arizona

Board Composition

Architects: 1

Non-Architects: 6 (public members)

Other Licensed Professionals: 4 (architect, landscape architect, land surveyor, geologist)

Licensing Statistics

In State Registrants: 2,323

Out of State Registrants: 4,437

Current Legislation Related to Architecture

House Bill **HB2122** is a language correction from our reciprocity bill passed last year. This will allow acceptance of Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA) in place with NCARB, NCEES, and CLARB. It has passed the House and been transmitted to the Senate. Providing it passes the Senate, the Governor will sign it.

Senate Bill **SB1481** will add certified elevator mechanics to our board. This impacts architects by proposing a change to the board makeup, increasing it from 11 to 13 members and allowing two architects and two engineers, while we currently have only one of each.

What is your jurisdiction doing to educate the public?

Whenever we are given the opportunity to meet with students, AIA, legislators or anyone. We do our best to attend events, meetings, etc.

New Question: Who provides legal counsel to your Board? Are they through the State or Independent? How are they contracted?

The Attorney General's Office (AGO) provides our legal counsel. We, as an agency, pay the AGO through an interagency service agreement (ISA) for legal counsel. We work regularly with three assistant attorney generals (AAGs). They attend all board meetings, ad hoc committee meetings, and the enforcement advisory committee (EAC) investigations meetings. The ISA is reviewed and renewed every year.

Miscellaneous

Since transitioning to our new online platform in June 2025, we have struggled with individuals submitting the wrong application. The instructions are clear, but often people don't take the time to read them before submitting their application. Otherwise, moving from paper to online submissions has been well-received. We have also experienced an increase of approximately 33% in applications received and processed monthly.

Board Members or Board Executive Terming out in 2026:

Currently we have two board members continuing to serve in expired positions (Jack Gilmore-Landscape Architects & Dr. Clinton Campbell-Public Member). We have three board members set to expire in June 2026 (Scott Sayles-Engineer, Bill Nesgood-Geologist and Keith Smith-Public Member). There are also two vacant public member seats.

California

Board Composition

Architects: 5
Non-Architects:5
Other Licensed Professionals:0

Licensing Statistics

In State Registrants: 17,445
Out of State Registrants: 4,395

Brief Overview of Current Issues

Recently introduced legislation (AB 1796 Jackson) would require the Board to license commercial interior designers and would add one license commercial interior designer to the Board.

What is your jurisdiction doing to educate the public?

The Board sent a letter to all colleges offering architectural programs, providing information about recently changes to how we calculate credit for architectural coursework, and have provides several outreach presentations at community colleges throughout the state. In addition, the Board maintains social media accounts and distributes a quarterly newsletter to provide updates and relevant information to licenses and consumers.

New Question: Who provides legal counsel to your Board? Are they through the State or Independent? How are they contracted?

The Board has counsel assigned by our oversight entity, the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Board Members or Board Executive Terming out in 2026:

Charles "Sonny" Ward

Colorado

Colorado Board of Licensure for Architects, Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors

Board Composition

Architects: 3

Non-Architects: 3 Public Members

Other Licensed Professionals: 3 Professional Land Surveyors, 4 Professional Engineers

Licensing Statistics

In State Registrants: 3,810

Out of State Registrants: 4,486

Brief Overview of Current Issues

The Board is holding rulemaking sessions to address the following:

- Adding language to the rules for cooperation with a Board investigation to include cooperation in "a complete and material manner."
- Formalizing the current practice that requires applicants to complete the Architect Experience Program (AXP) and Architect Registration Examination (ARE) before submitting their application to the Board.
- Aligning the expiration of incomplete applications (after one year) with the Division standard. This change is expected to have minimal impact on architect applicants in Colorado, as they are already required to complete the AXP and ARE prior to applying.
- Adds CEH credit for service on a board or committee of a public, professional, or technical society nature where matters of HSW are considered shall be awarded a maximum of two CEHs per calendar year within the renewal cycle for each position and no more than four CEHs per calendar year overall. The rules specifically notes that this engagement may not meet the CEH requirements for other industry organizations.

The Board has increasingly addressed cases involving Architects seeking reinstatement of their Colorado license who falsely attested within their application to having met the Continuing Education (CE) requirements for reinstatement. To mitigate this issue, we plan to update our application form. Instead of relying on an attestation, the revised application will require applicants to submit proof of their required CE with the application. Until the application is updated, we have implemented a process to automatically request these CE records upon receipt of a reinstatement application.

Current Legislation Related to Architecture

The Division of Professions and Occupations (DPO), where our Board is housed, and the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), which oversees DPO, are both currently undergoing the Sunset Review process. This review process is similar to that of a board/program with an expiration date, even though DPO and DORA do not have a defined expiration date.

While these sunset bills have not yet been introduced, the following was extracted from the DORA report and introduced on 2/24/2026.

- **HB26-1187, Concerning the continuation of the fire suppression**

programs of the division of fire prevention and control was introduced on 2/24/2026

Sunset Process - House Transportation, Housing, and Local Government Committee. The bill implements the recommendations of the department of regulatory agencies in its 2025 sunset review and report.

Sections 1 and 2 of the bill continue the fire suppression programs of the division of fire prevention and control for 11 years until 2037 (*recommendation 1*).

Sections 3 through 5 modify certain provisions of the fire suppression programs of the division of fire prevention and control to replace gender-specific terminology with gender-neutral terminology.

What is your jurisdiction doing to educate the public?

Nothing currently on the schedule for Architects

New Question: Who provides legal counsel to your Board? Are they through the State or Independent? How are they contracted?

The Board is represented by a Senior Assistant/Assistant Attorney General from the Business Unit of the Colorado Office of the Attorney General.

Their services are incorporated into our Division's budget.

Board Members or Board Executive Terming out in 2026:

The following members are up for reappointment when their terms expire

6/1/2026 Nan Anderson, ARC

Shamonie Latham, Public Member

Guam

Board Composition

Architects: 115

Non-Architects: 688

Other Licensed Professionals: N/A

Licensing Statistics

In State Registrants: 49

Out of State Registrants: 66

Brief Overview of Current Issues

No current issues at this time.

Current Legislation Related to Architecture

No current legislative issues at this time.

What is your jurisdiction doing to educate the public?

The board actively participates in local societies/groups in the industry as much as possible to promote registration and upholding statutes. Outreach volunteer presentations to the student of the University of Guam and through its website in general.

New Question: Who provides legal counsel to your Board? Are they through the State or Independent? How are they contracted?

Legal counsel is assigned through the state's Attorney General's Office.

Miscellaneous

N/A

Board Members or Board Executive Terming out in 2026:

None

Hawaii

Board Composition

Architects: 3

Non-Architects:11

Other Licensed Professionals: 3 Public Members, 2 Landscape Architects, 1 PE-mechanical, 1 PE-electrical, 1 PE-structural, 1 PE-civil, 2 Land surveyors

Licensing Statistics

(***As of June 2025.*** Apologies! We are waiting for updated numbers after our website overhaul has been completed.)

In State Registrants:

Architects: 1423

Engineers:

Land Surveyors: 186

Landscape Architects: 106

Out of State Registrants:

Architects: 1153

Engineers: 3015

Land Surveyors: 27

Landscape Architects: 44

Brief Overview of Current Issues

Legislative session: Opposing HB1706: Relating to Engineers and supporting SB2607: Relating to Landscape Architects

Rules Revision investigation then application: decouple the PE exam from licensure pathway, clean up language and make more accessible, explore additional disciplines such as control systems

What is your jurisdiction doing to educate the public?

Presenting licensing and industry ins & outs to local associations, organizations, and University of Hawaii. Our Chair most recently presented to the 2026 Public Water Conference, Young Professionals Pre-Conference on Feb. 10, 2026.

New Question: Who provides legal counsel to your Board? Are they through the State or Independent? How are they contracted?

Our Board has a Deputy Attorney General from the State of Hawaii Department of the Attorney General.

Board Members or Board Executive Terming out in 2026:

Brian Fujiwara - Architect (6/30/2026)
Clayton Pang - PE-electrical (12/30/2026)

Idaho

Board Composition

Architects: 3 Architects, 2 Landscape Architects One open architect position
Non-Architects: 1 public member, 1 Educator
Other Licensed Professionals:

Licensing Statistics

In State Registrants: 2,559 Architects, 380 Landscape architects
Out of State Registrants: 38

Brief Overview of Current Issues

Not updating our Building code rules to adopt the 2024 building Code. They want to codify the code or create an Idaho only building code.

Current Legislation Related to Architecture

HB016 Interior Designers Tech Submissions
H0706 Single Stairway Buildings

What is your jurisdiction doing to educate the public?

The Division is working with our various associations to build partnerships with local jurisdictions, and working on developing training and educational opportunities

New Question: Who provides legal counsel to your Board? Are they through the State or Independent? How are they contracted?

We have in house council provided by the AG office.

Board Members or Board Executive Terming out in 2026:

None

Nevada

Board Composition

Architects: 5
Non-Architects: 4

Licensing Statistics

In State Registrants: 568 (Architects), 132 (Registered Interior Designers), 121 (Residential Designers) = 820
Out of State Registrants: 2704

Current Legislation Related to Architecture

Nevada is not in session this year. However, we are closely monitoring the numerous sunset committee meetings scheduled throughout the year. Fortunately, only a handful of boards and commissions have been selected for sunset reviews this year. In the meantime, the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions, and Council Standards (The Office) continues to work diligently to adopt regulations to fulfill responsibilities assigned under Senate Bill 431, which passed in 2023. To date, only one workshop has been conducted by the Office, during which numerous boards and commissions expressed concerns, sought clarification, and submitted recommendations to collaborate effectively with the Office. We expect to see a few more drafts before the Office is ready to schedule a hearing.

New Question: Who provides legal counsel to your Board? Are they through the State or Independent? How are they contracted?

Legal counsel is provided by Ling, Ltd., who has been representing the NV State Board of Architecture since 2011. Ling Ltd operates as an independent contractor contracted by the Board. However, Nevada law mandates that all contracts be reviewed and approved by the

Governor's Office Budget Division and the Board of Examiners. This process is quite complex and, depending on the amount, type, and terms of the contract, could take several months to get approved.

Board Members Terming out in 2026:

Gregory Erny – 10/31/2026
George Garlock – 10/31/2026

New Mexico

Board Composition

Architects: 6
Non-Architects: 1 Public Member
Other Licensed Professionals: Vice-Chair/ Public Member Mark Glenn, Esq.

Licensing Statistics

In State Registrants: 709
Out of State Registrants: 1695

Brief Overview of Current Issues

Use of fraudulent seals in New Mexico.

Current Legislation Related to Architecture

None

What is your jurisdiction doing to educate the public?

The Board's Planning and Development Committee is meeting monthly and is planning to host a continuing education seminar.

The Handbook for New Mexico Building Officials has been provided to local zoning and building jurisdictions, shared with state agencies, and posted on the Board's website.

New Question: Who provides legal counsel to your Board? Are they through the State or Independent? How are they contracted?

The Board is represented by the New Mexico Department of Justice as its legal counsel.

Miscellaneous

Melanie Archibeque was appointed to the Board as a member in June 2025.

Board Members or Board Executive Terming out in 2026:

Chair Ray Vigil's term will expire on June 30, 2026.

Board Member/Educator Tamarah Begay's term will expire on June 30, 2026.

Northern Marianas

Board Composition - Total = Five

Architects: NONE

Non-Architects: Three Civil

Other Licensed Professionals: Two - 1 Appraiser and 1 Public member

Licensing Statistics

In State Registrants: (4)

Out of State Registrants: (30)

Brief Overview of Current Issues

- The lack of on-site inspections to ensure compliance and respond to complaints due to budgetary constraints. Currently, BPL is working on a Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of the Attorney General to engage its Investigative Division, on an agreed-upon fee basis, to provide investigative services and compliance-related activities.
- Due to the continual budgetary constraints in FY2026 and the expected budgetary outlook for FY2027, BPL will continue to seek alternative ways to secure funding for a limited-term professional service to fill the gap left by the absence of a full-time in-house enforcement officer.

Current Legislation Related to Architecture

- The Board plans on working with the legislature for a proposed bill to add two additional Architect members to the Board.

What is your jurisdiction doing to educate the public?

- Currently, we submit an annual Citizen Centric Report (CCR) that is an innovative means of communicating to the community and government leaders. It is also posted on the website, highlighting progress, finances, priorities, and challenges, providing readily available and understandable information to the community.
- Plan on working with the schools and meeting with students.

New Question: Who provides legal counsel to your Board? Are they through the State or Independent? How are they contracted?

- Legal counsel is provided by the Attorney General's Office through a **Memorandum of Agreement** that is entered into between the AG and the Board of Professional Licensing for an agreed fee in exchange for the services provided.

Miscellaneous

- NONE

Board Members or Board Executive Terming out in 2026:

- NONE

Oregon

Board Composition

Architects: 5

Non-Architects: 2 Public Members

Other Licensed Professionals: None

Licensing Statistics

In State Registrants: 2106

Out of State Registrants: 2095

These counts are for individuals only and do not include 1,047 actively registered firms.

Brief Overview of Current Issues

Board Member Vacancies – In 2026, the Oregon State Board of Architect Examiners (OSBAE) will have four members whose terms are set to expire. Three of these members are architects who either cannot or do not plan to seek reappointment. To ensure adequate time for recruiting and onboarding new members, the Governor's Office has agreed to allow current members to continue serving beyond their term expiration dates, and OSBAE appreciates their willingness to do so.

Current Legislation Related to Architecture

The 2026 legislative "short" session is underway, and so far, no bills have been introduced that would directly affect the practice of architecture.

OSBAE had been monitoring HB 4095, which proposed changes to fiscal oversight and financial management for semi-independent boards such as OSBAE. Under the bill, these agencies would have remained self-funded but would have been required to follow the standard state budget approval process rather than the current rule-making process with a public hearing. As proposed, the bill would have created a fiscal impact on semi-independent agencies.

The bill will not advance during the 2026 session. However, the Chief Sponsor has committed to continuing discussions in collaboration with semi-independent agencies and other potentially impacted entities, including the Legislative Fiscal Office and the Department of Administrative Services.

What is your jurisdiction doing to educate the public?

OSBAE promotes knowledge of architectural practice requirements and the associated public health, safety, and welfare considerations through a variety of initiatives, including:

- Producing a Consumer Guide to help the public understand how to hire and collaborate with architects.
- Maintaining a robust website that provides comprehensive information about licensure and regulatory requirements.
- Sending educational information to newly registered businesses through the Secretary of State.
- Conducting annual outreach events with students and educators at Portland State University and the University of Oregon.
- Collaborating with the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying to publish a Reference Manual for Building Officials, which outlines key statutory exceptions and provides practical interpretations of scenarios governed by architectural and engineering regulations.

New Question: Who provides legal counsel to your Board? Are they through the State or Independent? How are they contracted?

The Oregon Department of Justice provides legal counsel to OSBAE based on an hourly rate set each biennium. OSBAE is assigned an Assistant Attorney General (AAG) for general business activities. If a special need arises, that AAG consults with other specialized attorneys for guidance.

Board Members or Board Executive Terming out in 2026:

Katherine Austin, Architect – January 31, 2026

Don Eggleston, Architect – February 8, 2026

Erica Ceder, Architect – July 8, 2026

Lori Davison, Public Member – October 31, 2026 (plans to seek reappointment)

Utah

Board Composition

Architects: 5

Non-Architects: 1 Public Member

Other Licensed Professionals: 2 Landscape Architects

Licensing Statistics

In State Registrants: 3647

Out of State Registrants: Do not track

Brief Overview of Current Issues

None

Current Legislation Related to Architecture

None

What is your jurisdiction doing to educate the public?

None

New Question: Who provides legal counsel to your Board? Are they through the State or Independent? How are they contracted?

The Assistant Attorney General assigned to our Division

Board Members or Board Executive Terming out in 2026:

None

Washington

Board Composition

Washington's Board for Architects is in its 106th year of serving architects. The Governor-appointed board consists of seven members: six architect members and one public member.

Architects: 6

Non-Architects: 1

Licensing Statistics

In State Registrants: 3,991

Out of State Registrants: 3,267

Brief Overview of Current Issues

The Washington Board conducted four virtual board meetings in 2025. The board staff currently works in a hybrid environment with both remote and in-person options, and the Board remains fully operational in the remote environment.

The Board is currently prioritizing outreach efforts, particularly to college-aged students at state universities and technical colleges. A committee has been formed to explore other outreach opportunities, including increasing awareness of alternative pathways to licensure. The Board continues to partner with the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Washington Council on mentorship, outreach, and legislative monitoring.

Current Legislation Related to Architecture

The Board was approached regarding the regulation of the interior design profession in Washington state. House Bill (HB) 2721 was introduced to the Legislature in 2026. The proposed bill would include additional members being added to the Board for Architects to represent interior designers.

In 2024, a bill was passed by the Washington State Legislature for local jurisdictions to allow for the self-certification of plans for detached auxiliary dwellings. Though not directly under its authority, the Board continues to monitor implementation of this law for any potential program impacts.

There are other pieces of legislation specific to the Washington board which board staff does not anticipate impacting any other jurisdictions.

New Question: Who provides legal counsel to your Board? Are they through the State or Independent? How are they contracted?

The Board's legal counsel is provided through the State's Attorney General's Office.

Miscellaneous

The Board has one vacancy for a general public member. All other positions are currently filled.

The Washington Department of Licensing (DOL), that supports the Washington Board for Architects, has seen changes to the Board's support team in the past year with Program Specialist Sydney Muhle accepting a promotional opportunity to lead the Legislative and Policy Review Team. Management Analyst Sandy Baur has expanded her role to include supporting the Board in December 2025.

Board Members Terming out in 2026:

None

AGENDA ITEM 10 Election Procedure Protocol

Chair Kolejka told the region that since there always seems to be questions about conducting the Elections each March, the actual process was put into writing and is articulated below. This document is also posted to the WCARB website under Resources.

WCARB Election Process:

The Regional Chair will designate two members from the Executive Committee and/or the general membership to serve on the Election Committee. The Election Committee oversees the elections by passing out the ballots, counting the ballots and reporting the outcome of the ballots to the membership.

There are three election types:

1. Regional Director
2. Executive Committee
3. Executive Committee Leadership

Nominations for Regional Director and Executive Committee:

Regional Director: The Chair will open the floor for nominations for candidates for the position of Regional Director. Candidates for Regional Director should receive a nomination and a second from a member of Region 6. After all the candidates for Regional Director have been nominated and seconded the Chair will close the nominations for Regional Director. (Please have the person who nominates and seconds the candidate state their name and jurisdiction for the record).

Executive Committee: The Chair will open the floor for nominations for candidates for a position on the Executive Committee. Candidates for Executive Committee should receive a nomination and a second from a member of Region 6. After all the candidates for Executive Committee have been nominated and seconded the Chair will close the nominations for the Executive Committee. (Please have the person who nominates and seconds the candidate state their name and jurisdiction for the record).

Nominee Speeches:

After the nominations for Regional Director are closed, the Chair will invite the candidate(s) to speak briefly before the membership to tell them why they want to serve the region as its Regional Director.

After the nominations for Executive Committee are closed, the Chair will invite the candidate(s) to speak briefly before the membership to tell them why they want to serve the region on its Executive Committee.

Elections:

The Election Committee will oversee the elections for the Regional Director and the Executive Committee by passing out, counting and reporting the ballot results to the membership: first the Regional Director, then the Executive Committee.

In the event there is no contested election, the Chair can call for a vote by acclamation.

Nominations for Executive Committee Leadership:

Executive Committee Leadership: After the Executive Committee is elected then the Chair will go through the nominating, speeches and election process again for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer. (Please have the person who nominates and seconds the candidate state their name and jurisdiction for the record).

Nominations for Chair of the Executive Committee

The Chair will open the floor for nominations for candidates for the position of Chair. Candidates for Chair should receive a nomination and a second from a member of Region 6. After all the candidates for Chair have been nominated and seconded the Chair will close the nominations for the Chair.

Nominations for Vice Chair of the Executive Committee

The Chair will open the floor for nominations for candidates for the position of Vice Chair. Candidates for Vice Chair should receive a nomination and a second from a member of Region 6. After all the candidates for Vice Chair have been nominated and seconded the Chair will close the nominations for the Vice Chair.

Nominations for Secretary/Treasurer of the Executive Committee

The Chair will open the floor for nominations for candidates for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Candidates for Secretary/Treasurer should receive a nomination and a second from a member of Region 6. After all the candidates for Secretary/Treasurer have been nominated and seconded the current Chair will close the nominations for the Secretary/Treasurer.

Nominee Speeches:

After the nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer are closed, the Chair will invite the candidate(s) for Chair to speak briefly before the membership to tell them why they want to serve the region as its Chair.

The Chair will then invite the candidate(s) for Vice Chair to speak briefly before the membership to tell them why they want to serve the region as its Vice Chair.

The Chair will then invite the candidate(s) for Secretary/Treasurer to speak briefly before the membership to tell them why they want to serve the region as its Secretary/Treasurer.

Elections:

The Election Committee will oversee the elections for the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer by passing out, counting and reporting the ballot results to the membership, first the Chair, then the Vice Chair and then the Secretary/Treasurer.

In the event there is no contested election, the Chair can call for a vote by acclamation.

(This concludes the WCARB Election Process)

AGENDA ITEM 12 Elections: Nominations – From the Floor

Chair Kolejka appointed Laura Zuniga to help count the ballots.

Kolejka called for nominations from the floor for the position of Regional Director.

Greg Erny, NV, nominated Tian Feng for Regional Director, seconded by Tonie Estaban, OR.

As there were no other nominations for Regional Director, Kolejka closed the nominations for Regional Director.

Executive Committee:

There are three open positions for the Executive Committee. Kolejka called for nominations from the floor for the open positions on the Executive Committee.

Jon Lucas (HI) nominated Coffee Polk to serve on the Executive Committee, seconded by Mark Glenn (NM).

Judy Stapley (AZ) nominated Courtney Haddick to serve on the Executive Committee, seconded by Melarie Gonzales (NM).

Roy Reyes (NMI) nominated Cathy Gogue to serve on the Executive Committee, seconded by Ray Vigil (NM).

As there were no other nominations for the Executive Committee, Kolejka closed the nominations for the Executive Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 12 Nominee Speeches: Regional Director and Executive Committee

Regional Director: Tian Feng thanked the region for supporting him and said he wants to remain involved during this transformational time. Feng is looking forward to continuing the opportunity to serve as the Region 6 Regional Director.

Members: Coffee Polk, Courtney Haddick and Cathy Gogue each addressed the members and discussed their backgrounds and why they wanted to serve the region as members of the Executive Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 12 Elections: Regional Director and Executive Committee

The Election Committee, chaired by Mike Kolejka, conducted the elections:

Regional Director: Tian Feng (CA) was elected by acclamation.

Executive Committee: Coffee Polk (NV), Courtney Haddick (UT) and Cathy Gogue (GU) were elected by acclimation.

The officer elections for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer will be held on Saturday's agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 13 2026 Strategic Planning Update Presenting Housekeeping Edits– Mike Kolejka

Kolejka projected the slides for the proposed strategic plan housekeeping edits to the members.

The three Guiding Principles and Objectives of the strategic plan have been reordered as follows:

1. Collaborate – Objectives: A. Share best practices between states. B. Collaborate with other regions; C. Facilitate reciprocity.
2. Influence – Objectives: A. Encourage WCARB member service on WCARB and NCARB committees; B. Develop resolutions to improve WCARB and NCARB; C. Promote diversity at all levels.
3. Educate – Objectives: A. Create high quality education programs; B. Track and influence legal issues; C. Promote lifelong learning and service.

Kolejka went through the proposed edits which updated terminology and deleted obsolete language and otherwise retained the intent of the strategic plan.

Jim Mickey (NV) said that the original intent was for WCARB to offer educational classes. Are we still doing that? Kolejka told him that in recent years all of the regions collaborate about educational content in conjunction with the Regional Leadership Committee. The Regional Leadership Committee consists of the 1st VP of NCARB, the regional chairs, vice-chairs and executives of each region as well as NCARB staff.

Motion: Ray Vigil (NM) moved to approve the proposed housekeeping edits for the Strategic Plan. Motion seconded by Cathy Gogue (GU).

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM 14 Educational Workshop: Board Best Practices

Mike Kolejka and Caitlin Stromberg, NCARB, facilitated a 30 minute workshop to Region 6 regarding board best practices. The idea of the workshop was to gather insights on:

- How multidisciplinary boards and single-discipline boards differ in governance and operations

- Effective strategies for strategic focus, navigating licensure changes and legislative engagement
- Opportunities for boards to learn from one another
- Findings that will inform post-conference follow-up

There was a lively 30 minutes conversation between the members about board best practices.

Caitlin Stromberg told the group that NCARB would provide a resource guide after the regional summit with everyone's information on best practices.

ADJOURN FOR THE DAY

SATURDAY, March 21, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

Alaska – present
 Arizona – present
 California – present
 Colorado – present
 Guam – present
 Hawaii – present
 Idaho – present
 Nevada – present
 New Mexico – present
 Northern Mariana Islands - present
 Oregon – present
 Utah – present
 Washington – present

All 13 member states and jurisdictions were present and represented at the March 21, 2026 Regional Summit – Saturday meeting.

Chair Kolejka welcomed everyone back for the Saturday meeting and reminded everyone to sign in on the sign in sheet circulating the room.

AGENDA ITEM 8 Review and Adopt FY 2026-2027 WCARB Budget

This agenda item was tabled yesterday to revise the budget to include a cost of living adjustment for the region's Executive Director. Sian Roberts told the membership that the Executive Committee had increased Spaulding's salary from \$21,000 per year to \$22,000 which will be effective in the next budget year starting on July 1, 2026. The Executive Committee reduced the Executive Committee travel budget by \$1,000 and increased Executive Director pay by \$1,000. Except for those changes, the overall budget numbers presented to the membership remain as proposed.

Motion: Judy Stapley (AZ) moved to approve the proposed budget for FY 2026-2027. Motion seconded by Ron Jones (CA).

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM 22 Review and discussion of Proposed Bylaw Amendment

The proposed bylaw change below is to allow the Executive Committee additional flexibility regarding the Education Program Committee.

ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES

a) The following standing committees shall be chaired by a member of the Executive Committee:

1. The Elections Committee shall serve to approve credentials of Official Delegates, and to oversee the elections.
2. The Resolutions and Laudatories Committee shall propose resolutions, review and compile resolutions proposed by Members for consideration, compose laudatory resolutions if needed, and present resolutions at any meeting.
3. The Education Program Committee [shall] may create and facilitate the Education Workshops for delegates and MBE's when they are held at the Regional Summit. [The Vice Chair] A member of the Executive Committee shall chair the Education Program Committee, along with three volunteers from the general membership

b) The Chair may appoint special committees or task forces as approved by the Executive Committee. Special committees or task forces report and recommend to the Executive Committee.

Motion: Tian Feng (CA) moved to approve the proposed changes to Bylaw, Article X subsection A (3). Motion seconded by Adam Harding (CO).

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM 24 NCARB Visiting Team

Edward Marley, NCARB President, John Raddemacher, NCARB 1VP, Mike Armstrong, CEO and NCARB staff: Josh Batkin, and Andy McIntyre were present.

Ed Marley said yesterday we talked about competencies. Now the committees' work is done and we have confidence that "competency" is well vetted and defensible. He stated that assessment tools would be rolling out soon.

John Raddemacher reminded the region that the next Chairs/Executives Committee meeting will be in October 8-10, 2026, alongside the next leadership workshop. John encouraged the members to sign up to serve on NCARB committees.

Courtney Haddick asked the visiting team now that the MRA is amended do each of the member boards have to become a signatory on the MRA. Mike Armstrong said that jurisdictions

that accept the NCARB certificate is automatically opted in and would have to specifically opt out.

A comprehensive discussion was held between the visiting team and the regional members regarding the proposed resolutions by NCARB.

Chair Kolejka thanked the Visiting Team for visiting Region 6.

AGENDA ITEM 15 Review and Discussion of Proposed NCARB Resolutions

A summary of the proposed resolutions are:

Resolution 2026-A would replace the existing Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) between NCARB and Architects Registration Board (ARB) in the United Kingdom. The amended MRA would eliminate post-licensure experience requirements as a qualification and allow acceptance of pathways outside of the standard path to NCARB certification.

Resolution 2026-B would update six policies previously passed by the membership to reflect current terminology and practice. This resolution also creates a single membership document with all the policies for clarity, consistency, membership accessibility, and ease of future review. In addition, it would sunset two additional policies that have been incorporated into other official documents and are duplicative, or are no longer necessary.

Resolution 2026-C would update the NCARB Certification Guidelines to add an alternative to the Examination Requirement for the NCARB Certificate for architects licensed through historic exams. This will allow architects who were licensed through a jurisdiction-specific process of satisfying the NCARB paper and pencil exam to seek NCARB certification if they have been in good standing, building on previous guidelines amendments.

There was some general discussion about the resolutions but the majority of questions had been answered by the Visiting Team.

AGENDA ITEM 18-19 Elections: Nominations/Speeches for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer

Chair:

Cathy Gogue (GU) nominated Ray Vigil as Regional Chair, seconded by Greg Erny (NV).

Vice Chair:

Scott Sayles (AZ) nominated Courtney Haddick as Vice Chair, seconded by Melarie Gonzales (NM).

Secretary/Treasurer:

Ray Vigil (NM) nominated Cathy Gogue as Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by Jon Lucas (HI).

Kolejka closed the nominations for Executive Committee leadership.

Ray Vigil, Courtney Haddick and Cathy Gogue thanked the region for its support and each gave some background information regarding why they wanted to serve on the Executive Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 16 Elections for Executive Officers

Ray Vigil was elected Chair by acclamation, Courtney Haddick was elected Vice Chair by acclamation and Cathy Gogue was elected Secretary/Treasurer by acclamation.

The WCARB Executive Committee for 2026-27 (effective 7/1/26) is:

Tian Feng, (CA) Regional Director
Ray Vigil, (NM) Regional Chair
Courtney Haddick, (UT) Vice Chair
Cathy Gogue, (GU) Secretary/Treasurer
Coffee Polk, (NV) Member
Scott Sayles (AZ) Member

AGENDA ITEM 16 Educational Workshop: Understanding Reciprocity

Maurice Brown and Josh Batkin facilitated the workshop for Understanding Reciprocity which discussed:

- What changes has your board recently considered—or is currently considering—to streamline reciprocity?
- What impediments or challenges is your board experiencing adopting more streamlined reciprocity pathways?

There was a very productive discussion about the differences between the jurisdictions with regard to reciprocity.

AGENDA ITEM 21 Educational Workshop: Responsible Control

Michelle Kohn and Melissa Gobrett facilitated the workshop on Responsible Control using Mentimeter poll technology to gather data from board member regulators about their definitions and practices regarding responsible control, including disciplinary actions and current regulatory approaches.

NCARB will share the results of these discussions for all regions after the Regional Summit.

AGENDA ITEM 26 WCARB Laudatories

Sian Roberts read the following laudatories into the record:

Brian Fujiwara

Whereas architect Brian Fujiwara of Hawaii, has served as a valued member of the Hawaii Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects for the past eight years;

Whereas Brian has spent his career in selfless pursuit of the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public. His hard work and insight has enriched the Hawaii board and the WCARB and NCARB communities.

Whereas Brian's sense of humor, quiet insight, calm demeanor will be dearly missed;

It is therefore resolved that we express our sincere heartfelt appreciation for the generous gift of his time, talents, and insights which benefited the public, the architectural community, WCARB, NCARB and his fellow Hawaii Board members.

Don Eggleston

Whereas architect Don Eggleston of Oregon, has served as a valued member of the Oregon State Board of Architect Examiners for the past eight years;

Whereas Don has served on the Board since 2018, offering decades of architectural experience and is now serving as Architect Emeritus. His leadership on committees and outreach efforts strengthened professional standards and supported the Oregon Board's efforts to safeguard the public.

It is therefore resolved that we express our sincere heartfelt appreciation for the generous gift of his time, talents, and insights which benefited the public, the architectural community, WCARB, NCARB and his fellow Oregon Board members.

Katherine Austin

Whereas architect Katherine Austin of Oregon, has served as a valued member of the Oregon State Board of Architect Examiners for the past four years;

Whereas Katherine has served on the Board since 2022, contributing 35 years of architectural experience. She has been a strong advocate for equity and multiple pathways to the profession, promoting inclusivity in alignment with the Oregon Board's mission to protect public health, safety and welfare.

It is therefore resolved that we express our sincere heartfelt appreciation for the generous gift of her time, talents, and insights which benefited the public, the architectural community, WCARB, NCARB and her fellow Oregon Board members.

Erica Ceder

Whereas architect Erica Ceder of Oregon, has served as a valued member of the Oregon State Board of Architect Examiners for the past eight years.

Whereas Erica has served on the Board since 2018, bringing over 25 years of architectural experience. Her work on committees and outreach initiatives has advanced the Oregon Board's mission to protect the public health, safety and welfare while mentoring architects at all career stages.

It is therefore resolved that we express our sincere heartfelt appreciation for the generous gift of her time, talents, and insights which benefited the public, the architectural community, WCARB, NCARB and her fellow Oregon Board members.

Read into the record on March 21, 2026.

AGENDA ITEMS 25: Any Other Business

WCARB members were urged to contemplate new programs and initiatives for the region and bring any ideas forward to the Executive Committee for consideration and discussion at future meetings.

Chair Mike Kolejka thanked everyone for their participation and invited everyone to attend the NCARB Annual Business Meeting in June.

ADJOURN FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SUMMIT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m and will reconvene at the NCARB Annual Business Meeting in Minneapolis, MN on June 26, 2026.

ATTENDEE LIST:

ALASKA

Paul Baril

ARIZONA

Austin Byron
Jack Gilmore
Mike Kolejka
Julie Pham
Scott Sayles
Keith Smith
Judith Stapley

CALIFORNIA

Victoria Brash
Tian Feng
Sylvia Kwan
Ron Jones
Robert Pearman
Greg Wynn, Guest
Laura Zuniga

COLORADO

Adam Harding
Joyce Young

GUAM

Zenon Belanger
Cathy Gogue
Paul Santos

HAWAII

Jon Lucas

IDAHO

Tim Grissom
Allison McClintick
Jedd Walker
Justin Touchstone

NEVADA

Greg Erny
Stacey Hatfield
Jim Mickey
Coffee Polk
Gina Spaulding

NEW MEXICO

Tamarah Begay
Mark Glenn
Melarie Gonzales
Ray Vigil
Robert Williams
Mark McKechnie, Guest
Emmanuel Moreno, Guest

NORTHERN MARIANAS

Esther Fleming
Roy Reyes
Gregorio Q. Castro

OREGON

Margerie Brown, Guest
Lori Davison
Tonie Esteban
Jim Fanjoy

UTAH

Bret Bullough
Courtney Haddick
Valerie Nagasawa

WASHINGTON

Sian Roberts
Katherine Russell
Paul Wu