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## UPCOMING RULEMAKING HEARING

There will be a hearing before the Tennessee State Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners in conference room 1-A of the Davy Crockett Tower, located at 500 James Robertson Parkway in Nashville, Tennessee at 1:00 p.m. (Central Time) on Wednesday, August 14, 2013, to hear public comments on the following proposed rule changes:

- Rule 0120-01-.03 Residency Requirements is repealed.
- Proposed Rule 0120-01-.04 Applications – General is amended to state that applications are now available on the Board's website and to remove language stating that applications for certification as an engineer intern may be obtained at various schools of engineering.
- Proposed Rules 0120-01-.05 Applications – Engineer, 0120-01-.20 Reexamination – Engineer, and 0120-01-.21 Reexamination – Engineer Intern are amended to delete references to the Board collecting examination/retake fees. Beginning in 2014, all engineering examination fees will be collected by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES).
- Proposed Rule 0120-01-.06 Applications – Engineer Intern is amended to reduce the engineer intern application fee from \$50.00 to \$15.00 and to delete the paragraph regarding application deadlines in preparation for the computerization of the Fundamentals of Engineering examination.
- Proposed Rule 0120-01-.08 Applications – Landscape Architect is amended by deleting the paragraph regarding application deadlines. The landscape architecture examination is now fully computerized, and application deadlines no longer apply.
- Proposed Rule 0120-01-.09 References is amended to delete the reference to

interior designer applicants since Chapter 0120-01 does not apply to registered interior designers (see Rule 0120-01-.02 Applicability).

- Proposed Rule 0120-01-.10 Education and Experience Requirements – Engineer is amended to delete the language pertaining to master's degrees, which is now obsolete since the master's degree provision in T.C.A. § 62-2-401(a)(3) expired on June 30, 2012. The rule is further amended to delete language stating that programs taught strictly by distance education or correspondence are not considered by the Board to be acceptable curricula in light of the fact that ABET now accredits programs that are offered in a 100-percent online format. ABET evaluates programs against the same standards regardless of delivery method. Finally, language is added stating that engineering degrees from programs accredited by the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB) that were awarded in or after 1980 are considered substantially equivalent and do not require evaluation. A bilateral mutual recognition agreement was established in 1980 between ABET and CEAB, and the Board has recognized the equivalency of degrees from CEAB-accredited programs for many years.
- Proposed Rule 0120-01-.11 Education and Experience Requirements – Architect is amended to state that an architectural degree from a program accredited by the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB), or from a program deemed substantially equivalent by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), is deemed to be equivalent to a degree from a NAAB-accredited program. Both the NAAB and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

## UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM EARNS ACCREDITATION

Earlier this year, the University of Memphis received notification from the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) that the professional Master of Architecture (M.Arch) degree was granted initial accreditation at their March board meeting. The accreditation is effective retroactively to 1 January 2012.

This means that the professional M.Arch degree will meet the educational requirements of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) for registration as an architect in all fifty states and the US territories, including Tennessee. In addition, NCARB recognizes

the degree retroactively, which means all the students who have earned the professional M.Arch at the University of Memphis will have the benefits of a NAAB-accredited degree. From May 2008 through May 2013, 18 students have earned the M.Arch degree at the University of Memphis.

The formal accreditation process was initiated in 2008 with the first NAAB team visit, and the Master of Architecture degree program was awarded Candidacy status shortly thereafter based on the strength of the BFA in Architecture degree program and the format of the new M.Arch program. The NAAB conducted extensive site visits

again in 2010 and 2012. However, efforts had been underway to develop an accredited architecture degree program for over twenty years prior to 2008. Significant milestones leading to the establishment and accreditation of the M.Arch included visits from two previous executive directors of the NAAB (1992 and 2005), the move of the Architecture Program into the College of Communication and Fine Arts in 2000, and the peer review visit by noted architectural educators Larry Speck (University of Texas) and Peter Waldman (University of Virginia) in 2004. The initial letter of intent to establish the M.Arch was submitted to the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) by President Shirley Raines in 2005, and the TBR and Tennessee Higher Education Commission approved the M.Arch degree in 2007.

The professional sequence at the University of Memphis is based on the national "4+2" model and consists of an approved four-year pre-professional degree (such as the BFA in Architecture) plus the 60-credit hour Master of Architecture degree. The professional degree, whether the Bachelor of Architecture or the Master of Architecture, is the terminal degree in architecture.

## ADDRESS CHANGES

It's the rule . . . if you move, you need to give the Board your new mailing address within 30 days (Rule 0120-01-.27). We would also appreciate knowing when you change employers. This is your personal responsibility and not your employer's. We know you want to receive your license renewal notices and other important communications promptly. Address changes may be submitted by e-mail to Frances Smith at [frances.p.smith@tn.gov](mailto:frances.p.smith@tn.gov), or made through the online renewal system at <https://apps.tn.gov/cirens/> (you do not have to complete the renewal process to update your address). Please provide us with your e-mail address, as well, since most of our communications are now electronic.



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### NOTICE

To: Registered Architects and Engineers  
Local Government Agencies

From: Tennessee Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners

Date: June 12, 2013

Re: Proposals for professional services for local public works projects

The purpose of this notice is to educate registrants and those who issue Requests for Proposals (RFP) for architectural and engineering services for local public works projects.

T.C.A. § 12-4-106(a)(2) requires that design professionals for local public works projects in Tennessee be selected through qualifications-based selection rather than the competitive bid process. Additionally, the Board recently adopted a rule, which took effect on March 11, 2013, that precludes registered architects and engineers from participating in any system requiring a comparison of compensation for local public works projects. The relevant portion of this rule reads as follows:

#### 0120-02-.02 Proper Conduct of Practice.

(6) A registrant may not enter into a contract for professional services on any basis other than direct negotiation with any governmental entity that is prohibited by T.C.A. § 12-4-106(a)(2)(A) from making a selection or awarding a contract on the basis of competitive bids, thereby precluding participation in any system requiring a comparison of compensation. Upon selection, a registrant may state compensation to a prospective client in direct negotiation where architectural, engineering, or landscape architectural services necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare have been defined.

A registered architect or engineer who violates this rule may be subject to disciplinary action by this Board.

In accordance with T.C.A. § 12-4-106(a)(2), once the public body (client) has selected the most qualified design professional/firm, it may request a fee proposal from that firm. The agency may then negotiate a satisfactory contract with the selected firm. If an agreement cannot be reached and the negotiations are formally terminated, the agency may then proceed to select the next most qualified design professional/firm on the list and continue negotiations until an agreement is reached.

If you have any questions about this regulation, please contact the Board's Executive Director, John Cothron, at 615-741-3221 or 1-800-256-5758.

# UPCOMING ENGINEERING EXAM CHANGES

Several significant changes to the engineering examinations will be implemented in 2014, many of which have been detailed in previous newsletters. Following is a summary of the major changes:

## FUNDAMENTALS OF ENGINEERING (FE) EXAM

- The October 2013 exam administration will be the last paper-and-pencil administration of the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam. Effective January 1, 2014, the FE exam will only be offered via computer-based testing (CBT) at Pearson VUE testing centers.
- Beginning in 2014, the FE exam will be seven freestanding discipline-specific exams: Chemical, Civil, Electrical and Computer, Environmental, Industrial, Mechanical, and Other Disciplines. The exam length will be reduced to 6 hours (110 questions).
- Registration for the computer-based FE exams will open on November 4, 2013, with the first available test date being January 2, 2014.
- There will be four testing windows for the FE exams annually. Each of these windows will last two months, with a month between them. March, June, September, and December will be “closed” months during which no exams will be administered.
- FE candidates may take the exam only

once per testing window and no more than three times in a 12-month period.

- Beginning November 4, all FE exam candidates will be required to pay the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) directly for all exam-related fees during the online registration process.
- The FE exam will continue to be closed-book. The reference handbook will be displayed on the same screen with the exam. Examinees will be allowed to bring NCEES-approved calculators to the test center. A calculator will also be available for their use on the computer if needed.
- The Board is in the process of amending the rules (see the rulemaking hearing notice in this newsletter) to adopt the following proposed application procedure for FE exam candidates:

Examinees will continue to apply directly to the Board to sit for the FE exam. The state application fee will be \$15.00. Deadlines will no longer exist since the exam will be offered throughout the year. Following approval of the application, applicants will be notified of their eligibility and instructed to register with NCEES. Applicants will register and pay the exam fee on the NCEES website, and sit for the exam at a Pearson VUE test center of their choice. NCEES will send the exam results directly to the

examinee within one week of taking the exam, and Engineer Intern certificates will be mailed to candidates who pass.

- The Board hopes to eventually move to an “automatic” approval model, in which examinees would register for the exam directly with NCEES and be automatically approved to take the exam. After passing the exam, examinees would then apply to the Board for engineer intern certification, and the Board would verify their exam result with NCEES. Statutory changes will be necessary in order to adopt this process.

## PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING (PE) EXAMS

- The PE exams will continue to be offered as currently administered for the foreseeable future. However, a resolution passed at last year’s NCEES Annual Meeting to convert each PE examination to a computer-based format at the earliest feasible date, but no earlier than January 2015.
- Beginning November 4, all PE exam candidates will be required to pay NCEES directly for all exam-related fees during the online registration process. The only fees that will be paid to the Board are the \$30 application fee and the \$140 registration fee (paid upon passing the examination).

Additional details about the initiation of computer-based testing are available at <http://cbt.ncees.org/>.

## CIDQ NAMES DR. CAROL WILLIAMS-NICKELSON TO EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP POSITION



**WASHINGTON, DC—** The Council for Interior Design Qualification, Inc. (CIDQ) announces the appointment of Carol Williams-Nickelson, Psy.D. as its new Executive Director, replacing Jeff Kenney, who stepped down in February. As a long-

time nonprofit leader, Williams-Nickelson brings an array of uniquely combined skills in the areas of human and systems science, organization development, executive management, higher education and mentoring. Williams-Nickelson is a well-known and highly-regarded lecturer, author and advocate in psychology and healthcare and has received many awards for her mentorship, scholarship, leadership and advancement of women’s issues.

“We are eager to expand the work of CIDQ and continue to promote the important professional standards in the interior design and interior architecture field to ensure protection of the public. Dr. Williams-Nickelson has been highly successful in directing business functions of nonprofits, and we are thrilled that she can help us advance the evidence-based practices of interior designers that improve lives,” says Kim Ciesynski, CIDQ President.

“Health is a multidimensional concept and practice. We all know how much our physical environment affects our mood, productivity, recovery from illness, relationships, feelings of contentment and pleasure and our general well-being,” Williams-Nickelson says “The science behind good design fosters mental health and improved quality of life. It is evidenced in the hospital wards, doctors’ offices, health

clubs, hotels, homes, work spaces and shopping centers that NCIDQ’s Certificate holders design, to name a few.”

That philosophy was what the CIDQ Board of Directors found so appealing in Williams-Nickelson’s professional background. “Not only does Carol have 20 years of proven experience and achievements, but her impressive background in growing organizations, developing teams, working with diverse boards and training students, makes her an excellent fit for the future of CIDQ,” says Ciesynski.

Fervent in its efforts to bridge the awareness gap between interior design and public safety, CIDQ is optimistic about its role in continuing to advance the profession and educate the public about qualified interior designers.



# Information On Examinations



The Board would appreciate your sharing information about these professional examinations with interns in your office.

## ARCHITECTURE

Interns wishing to sit for the ARE before completing the Intern Development Program (IDP) must file an application with the Board and request that NCARB transmit a record summary to the Board office confirming that they have enrolled in IDP. Applicants applying for early ARE eligibility must also submit transcripts. Upon completion of IDP, a complete NCARB record must be transmitted to the Board and references must be submitted before registration may be granted.

### Exam Results (1/8/13-6/14/13)

	Total	Pass	% Pass
Constr. Doc. & Services	33	25	76%
Prog., Planning & Practice	29	20	69%
Structural Systems	22	18	82%
Bldg. Design & Const. Sys.	26	19	73%
Schematic Design	32	28	88%
Site Planning & Design	28	20	71%
Building Systems	22	19	86%

## ENGINEERING

- Fundamentals of Engineering Examination (FE) —

### Application Deadlines:

	Seniors*	Non-seniors**
Fall Exam	August 15	August 1

\*Engineering students with senior status in the engineering curriculum.

\*\*Those who have already been awarded an undergraduate degree in engineering.

The FE exam will be administered in Chattanooga, Cookeville, Nashville, Knoxville, Martin, and Memphis on:

October 26, 2013

NOTE: The FE exam will be given via computer-based testing beginning in January 2014. When that happens, the exam will be given during assigned windows of time at Pearson VUE test centers rather than on specific April and October dates. Also, the FE exam will be delivered as seven freestanding, discipline-specific exams (Chemical, Civil, Electrical and Computer, Environmental, Industrial, Mechanical, and Other Disciplines) beginning in 2014, and exam fees will be paid directly to NCEES. See the related article in this newsletter for additional details.

- Principles and Practice of Engineering Examinations (P&P) —

The application deadline for new applicants

for the spring Principles and Practice of Engineering exam is December 1. The fall deadline is June 15. All supporting documents (references, transcripts, etc.) are due in the Board office within thirty (30) days after the application deadline. The exam will be given in Nashville, Knoxville, and Memphis on:

October 25, 2013  
April 11, 2014

To facilitate scheduling of the P&P exams, retake requests and fees should be received by the Board office by September 1 for the fall exam. Registrants wishing to take other exam disciplines must submit an application to add an exam discipline (available at the Board's website) with the appropriate exam fee by August 1 for the fall exam. The 16-hour Structural exam fee is \$1,020 (\$510 Lateral Forces and \$510 Vertical Forces), and the examination fee for all other disciplines is \$265. Beginning in 2014, all exam fees will be paid directly to NCEES when reserving a seat for the exam.

Following approval by the Tennessee Board to sit for an exam, applicants must register with NCEES at [www.ncees.org](http://www.ncees.org) to reserve a seat for the exam. For information regarding exam study materials, which calculators are permitted in the examination room and exam specifications, please visit the NCEES website.

### Exam Results (April 2013)

	Total	Pass	%Pass
Fundamentals of Engineering	664	496	75%
Principles and Practice of Engineering			
Chemical	7	3	43%
Civil	97	51	53%
Electrical & Computer	23	13	57%
Environmental	6	3	50%
Industrial	1	0	0%
Mechanical	31	21	68%
Naval Architecture & Marine Eng.	1	1	100%
All Disciplines	166	92	55%

	Total	Acceptable Result	% Pass
Structural Engineering (16-hour)			
Vertical Component	6	4	67%
Lateral Component	6	1	17%

To pass the Structural exam, an acceptable result must be obtained on both the vertical and lateral components. One (1) candidate passed the Structural exam this administration.

National pass rates are available on the NCEES website ([www.ncees.org](http://www.ncees.org)).

## LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Beginning with the September 2012 administration, the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) was completely computerized, and candidates now register directly with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) for all exam sections following approval by the Board to sit for the exam. The LARE is now divided into four sections:

- Section 1—Project and Construction Administration
- Section 2—Inventory and Analysis
- Section 3—Design
- Section 4—Grading, Drainage and Construction Documentation

Additional information regarding the LARE, including current fees and exam dates, is available at CLARB's website ([www.clarb.org](http://www.clarb.org)).

### Exam Results (12/12-4/13)

	Total	Pass	% Pass
Section 1	3	1	33%
Section 2	2	1	50%
Section 3	2	1	50%
Section 4	5	3	60%

## INTERIOR DESIGN

The Interior Design Qualification exam will be given on:

October 4, 2013

Sections 1 and 2 (paper-and-pencil). This is the last administration of these two sections. If you do not pass both, you must take both the IDFX (Interior Design Fundamentals Exam) and the IDPX (Interior Design Professional Exam) in the computer-based format.

October 5, 2013

Practicum Exam

October 17-26, 2013

IDFX and IDPX Exams

April 5, 2014

Practicum Exam

April 17-26, 2014

IDFX and IDPX Exams

To obtain an application for the exam, call the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) at 202-721-0220, or visit [www.ncidq.org](http://www.ncidq.org). The application deadline for the spring exam is December 1, and the deadline for the fall exam is June 1.

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## Examinations ...cont.

See the Spring/Summer 2012 newsletter for information on recent NCIDQ exam changes.

## NEW REGISTRANTS

The Board and staff congratulate the following registrants who passed their respective professional examinations and were registered between July 1, 2012, and December 31, 2012:

### ARCHITECTS

(Architect Registration Exam)

Barbara Jo Agnew Brillard  
William Samuel Dunklin  
Andrew Thomas Godwin  
Scott Gregory Guidry  
Susan Angela Hager  
Darrell Lamont Hayes  
Valerie Dowlen Nipper  
Leigh Ann Pruitt  
John David Purser  
Michael Defreese Robinson  
Andrea Jill Whitfield

### ENGINEERS

(Principles and Practice of Engineering Examinations)

Ramzi Behnam Abdul-Ahad  
Mohamed Ismail Ahmed  
David Ross Ahnquist  
Maria Karen Barringer  
James Jones Baxter  
Jacob Trenton Blystone  
Gordon Ted Boyd  
Chawanpon Bunniran  
James Houston Cheatham  
Timothy Rodney Colvett  
John David Coulter  
Christopher Ryan Donovan  
Mark Haley Driver  
John M. Foster  
Bethany C. Fritz  
Adam Wilson Green  
James Lyle Greenlee  
Evan Andrew Hackett  
Andrew Dale Huggins  
Jason Mark Ingram  
Eric Leighton Kees  
Mark Stephen Keown  
Thomas Lee Knight  
Christopher Lee Koboldt  
Jill M. Kovalchik  
Richard Douglas Laney  
Craig Ryan Leonberg  
Dennis McDaniel Marsh

Paul T. Martin  
Richard Martin May  
Eric Mayhaus  
Kurtis Michal McCormack  
David Michael Metchikoff  
Nathan Jeffrey Mills  
Devon Milligan Moore  
Eric O'Neil Morris  
Dray Dalton Moultrie  
Rebecca Ann Neves  
Chris Blaine Nielsen  
Henry Joseph Nirider  
Mohamed Gafar Osman  
Jeremy Everette Owens  
Christopher Allen Pendleton  
Nicholas Austin Perry  
Son Minh Pham  
Jeffery Lee Phillips  
Georg Pinggen  
Lashondria V. Scott  
Derrick Adam Shaver  
Alexander L. Shoemaker  
Jon B. Sipes  
Adam Daniel Smith  
Houston Ryan Smith  
Kurtus Louis Smith  
Charles Edward Stevens, Jr.  
Jordan Michael Tlumak  
Brian Thomas Traylor  
Russell Frederick Tyree  
Daniel I. Unger  
Jason Adam Volpe  
Rachel Stone Webb  
Evan J. White  
Jason A. Whittaker  
David Randolph Wiggins  
Matthew Campbell Winkler  
Robert Steven Young, Jr.  
Eric Timothy Zgonina

### LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

(Landscape Architect Registration Exam)

Thomas McCurdie Boyd  
Scott Anthony Cook  
Alisha Rose Eley  
Stephen Patrick Schaller  
Catherine Elizabeth Spivey

### REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS

(National Council for Interior Design Qualification Exam)

Alecia Rae Bandstra  
Rebecca Sullivan Castleberry  
Malee Ann Cherry  
Nicole Rae Daman

## MY EXAMINATION—A NEW SERVICE FOR ARE CANDIDATES

In late August, NCARB will launch a new service within My NCARB for Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) candidates to access their examination information and schedule appointments. The service—called My Examination—will be located within your online NCARB Record and will offer several new benefits, such as easy access to exam history, authorization to test information, rolling clock dates, score reports, and more. As announced in September 2011, Alpine Testing Solutions, Inc. will take over content and candidate management for the ARE, and Prometric will continue to be the Council's site management consultant. In order to facilitate the migration of data to the new consultant, there will be an estimated eight-week blackout beginning 1 July 2013. NCARB will grant an automatic 12-week extension to the rolling clock for affected candidates. Exams may be scheduled immediately following the blackout period, which is expected to end in late August. There will be no changes to exam cost or content post-blackout. Visit [NCARB.org](http://NCARB.org) to learn about My Examination's exciting new benefits, the rolling clock extension, and how to prepare for the blackout.

## NEW ERA FOR THE ARCHITECT REGISTRATION EXAMINATION® (ARE®)

A new path forward for the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) was revealed at this year's National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Annual Meeting. The NCARB Board of Directors has approved the development of ARE 5.0, the next version of the examination, which will incorporate dramatic new breakthroughs in graphic testing methods. The use of case studies and new "performance item type" questions will allow the determination of a candidate's graphic competency while not requiring the present outdated CAD software system.

ARE 5.0 is anticipated to launch in late 2016, with development and integration testing taking place over the next three and a half years. The division and exam structure are expected to be finalized by mid-2014, at which time information about the transition from ARE 4.0 to ARE 5.0 will be announced. The launch schedule assumes successful modeling and testing of this approach in the coming months.

"This is the threshold of a new era for the ARE," said NCARB President Ronald B. Blicht, FAIA, FACHA, NCARB. The proposed direction for ARE 5.0 was informed by multi-year R&D efforts of volunteer committees, expert psychometric advice, research conducted by a multi-disciplinary staff project team, results of the 2012 NCARB Practice Analysis of Architecture, and a thorough review of emerging technology and testing industry tools.

The new test specification will be developed by the ARE 5.0 Test Specification Task Force and evaluated by the ARE Item Development Subcommittee, NCARB's largest volunteer committee, which is responsible for writing questions (or "items") for the exam.

The ARE is required by all 54 U.S. jurisdictions and helps ensure that both NCARB's Member Boards and licensed practitioners can meet their obligation to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

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## My Examination ...cont.

### ARE Development Process

The ARE is developed by practitioner volunteers from across the United States and Canada, ranging from recently licensed to experienced architects, from large and small firms, who have their “fingers on the pulse” of the profession and are familiar with its trends and current practices. NCARB and its volunteer committees are committed to using and implementing innovative testing methodologies to ensure all sections of the exam remain fresh, current, and forward thinking.

### For More Information

For full details about the proposed structure, new item types, and the path that led to ARE 5.0, please visit the NCARB website ([www.ncarb.org](http://www.ncarb.org)). Additional information about ARE 5.0 will be released as various phases of research and development are completed, leading up to a late 2016 launch.

## CENTRAL REGISTRY FOR INTERIOR DESIGNERS LAUNCHED

### Joint Announcement from CIDQ and IDCEC

A new, streamlined automated process for interior designers to track their continuing education units and professional development activities has recently been launched. For the first time in its history, the Interior Design Continuing Education Council, Inc. (IDCEC) has centralized and automated the course submission process and the continuing education registry.

The National Council for Interior Design Qualification's (NCIDQ) continuing education registry is being phased out in 2013 in an effort to support an efficient mechanism for everyone's use.

The central online registry will provide secure access for interior designers across North America to keep track of their continuing education activities. For more information on the features of the online self-serve system, please visit [www.idcec.org](http://www.idcec.org).

## - ANNOUNCEMENTS -

The Board office has moved from the 8th floor of the Andrew Johnson Tower at 710 James Robertson Parkway to the 5th floor of the Davy Crockett Tower at 500 James Robertson Parkway. Our office was temporarily relocated to the Andrew Johnson Tower in 2008, while the Davy Crockett Tower was being renovated. Our mailing address remains unchanged: 500 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37243-1142.

At the June 12, 2013, Board meeting, Paul W. (Bill) Lockwood, R.L.A., was elected to serve as Board Chair; Richard D. Thompson, R.A., was elected to serve as Vice Chair; and Robert G. Campbell, Jr., P.E., was elected to serve as Secretary. All officers will serve from July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014.

Philip K. S. Lim, P.E. (Cordova, Tennessee) was recently reappointed to serve as an engineer member representing West Tennessee. Mr. Lim will serve until June 30, 2017.

Richard D. Thompson, R.A. (Chattanooga, Tennessee) was recently reappointed to serve as an architect member representing East Tennessee. Mr. Thompson will serve until June 30, 2017.



Board Chair Philip Lim presented an emeritus certificate to former architect member David Schuermann on June 12, 2013. Mr. Schuermann served on the Board from January 9, 2004, to September 17, 2012.

### Rulemaking Hearing ...cont.

(NCARB) recognize CACB-accredited programs as substantially equivalent to NAAB-accredited programs. Additionally, the NAAB occasionally evaluates programs outside the U.S., ineligible for NAAB accreditation, to determine if they are “substantially equivalent” to NAAB-accredited programs.

- Proposed Rule 0120-01-14 Examinations – Engineer, Engineer Intern is amended by deleting the paragraph stating that senior student applicants for certification as an engineer intern who fail to report for the required examination as scheduled must reapply for examination. This provision will be obsolete after the Fundamentals of Engineering examination is converted to a computer-based format in 2014.
- Rules 0120-01-17 Postponement of

Examinations – General and 0120-01-19 Postponement of Examinations – Engineer Intern are repealed. These rules will be obsolete after NCEES begins collection of all examination fees and after the conversion of the Fundamentals of Engineering examination to a computer-based format.

- Rule 0120-01-26 Fee for Transfer of Examination Grades is repealed. The fee is unnecessary because very little administrative effort is required to transfer exam results to another jurisdiction. Exam results are now transferred electronically.
- Proposed Rule 0120-01-27 Mailing Addresses is amended by changing the title to Notification to the Board and by amending the language to require registrants and applicants to notify the Board in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of any change of name,

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## Formal Disciplinary Actions Taken by the Board

Joseph Andrew Baran, P.E. #112301  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

**VIOLATION:** Failed to pay the professional privilege tax for two (2) years or more. Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 62-2-308(a)(1)(B) and 67-4-1704.

**PENALTY:** Indefinite suspension until such time as respondent provides proof of payment in full.

**CONSENT ORDER:** March 12, 2013

Registrant subsequently paid all taxes and the suspension was lifted on April 11, 2013.

Eric Lee Exley, P.E. #111888  
Stuebenville, Ohio

**VIOLATION:** Disciplined in another jurisdiction. Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-2-308(a)(1)(B) and rule 0120-02-.07(5)(b).

**PENALTY:** Suspension of registration until its expiration on January 31, 2014, after which the Board will not consider an application to renew.

**CONSENT ORDER:** March 1, 2013

David N. Hauseman, R.A. #101174  
Atlanta, Georgia

**VIOLATION:** Affixed seal to plans not prepared by him or under his responsible charge; practice outside areas of competence. Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-2-306(b) and rules 0120-02-.08 and 0120-02-.03.

**PENALTY:** \$400 civil penalty; must take and pass the Board's law and rules exam.

**CONSENT ORDER:** March 20, 2013

Frederick W. Keeney, P.E. #22530  
Atlanta, Georgia

**VIOLATION:** Practiced engineering on an expired certificate of registration. Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 62-2-101 and 62-2-105.

**PENALTY:** \$2,000 civil penalty; must take and pass the Board's law and rules exam.

**CONSENT ORDER:** March 26, 2013

Donald F. Lee, P.E. #7100  
Winchester, Tennessee

**VIOLATION:** Failed to pay the professional privilege tax for two (2) years or more. Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 62-2-308(a)(1)(B) and 67-4-1704.

**PENALTY:** Indefinite suspension until such time as respondent provides proof of payment in full.

**CONSENT ORDER:** June 25, 2013

Linda K. McEntire, R.I.D. #607  
Knoxville, Tennessee

**VIOLATION:** Use of misleading advertising or promotional activities and divulging information about a client's project without permission. Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-2-308(a)(1)(B) and rule 0120-04-.10(4) and (5).

**PENALTY:** \$500 civil penalty; must take and pass the Board's law and rules exam.

**CONSENT ORDER:** May 16, 2013

### Rulemaking Hearing ...cont.

- mailing address, e-mail address, phone number, or change of employment. The rule currently only requires notification of a change in mailing address.
- Proposed Rules 0120-02-.02 Proper Conduct of Practice and 0120-04-.10 Professional Conduct are amended to clarify the requirement that registrants cooperate with the Board in providing timely and accurate information regarding an applicant's qualifications for registration.
  - Proposed Rule 0120-02-.05 Conflicts of Interest is amended by deleting paragraph (5), which simply duplicates a paragraph in Rule 0120-02-.07 Misconduct. This paragraph is out of place in a rule concerning conflicts of interest.
  - Proposed Rule 0120-02-.07 Misconduct is amended by deleting a subparagraph pertaining to child support payment delinquencies, which is unnecessary
- since the Department of Human Services handles hearings for these cases.
- Proposed Rule 0120-02-.08 Seals is amended to correct minor errors and omissions that were made when the rule was last amended.
  - Proposed Rule 0120-04-.05 Experience Requirements is amended to make the reference requirements for registered interior designer applicants consistent with the requirements for architect, engineer, and landscape architect applicants and to delete obsolete provisions.
  - A new rule is proposed (Rule 0120-04-.13 Notification to the Board) requiring registered interior designers and interior designer applicants to notify the Board in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of any change of name, mailing address, e-mail address, phone number, or change of employment.
  - A new rule is proposed (Rule 0120-05-.14 Alternative Continuing Professional Development Option for Architects and

Registered Interior Designers) establishing an alternative continuing professional development option for architects and registered interior designers. This provision will allow architects and registered interior designers to comply with the continuing education requirements by completing 12 Continuing Education Hours per calendar year, all of which must address health, safety, and welfare subjects and must be acquired in structured educational activities. This will bring the continuing education requirements for architects into conformity with the model regulations established by NCARB.

The complete rulemaking hearing notice is available on the Board's website (<http://www.tn.gov/regboards/ae>). Comments on the proposed rules may be e-mailed to John Cothron, Executive Director, at [john.cothron@tn.gov](mailto:john.cothron@tn.gov), or mailed to the Board office.



The Board and Staff wish to extend our sympathies to the families and friends of these individuals who have honored their professions:

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# F.A.Q.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### QUESTION: HOW DO I FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE BOARD?

**ANSWER:** Complaints may be submitted on the Board's complaint form (available at <http://tn.gov/regboards/ae/complaint.shtml>) or in a written format that includes a description of the alleged violation and supporting documents. Complaints may be filed anonymously, although this is discouraged because it impedes the investigation. If you choose to file anonymously, we will still need the documentation that supports the allegation.

### QUESTION: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I FILE A COMPLAINT?

**ANSWER:** When the Board receives your complaint, a copy of the complaint is usually sent to the respondent (the person the complaint is filed against) asking for his or her response within 14 business days. The complaint and the response will be forwarded to the Board's

legal counsel for review. If additional information is necessary an investigation will be initiated. The Board's legal counsel will present the findings to the Board, which has the sole authority to determine the appropriate action. You will be notified of the Board's decision. If the Board conducts a formal hearing in the matter, you may be subpoenaed to testify.

### QUESTION: CAN I WITHDRAW A COMPLAINT AFTER FILING IT WITH THE BOARD?

**ANSWER:** Complaints may not be withdrawn after filing. Once a complaint is received in the Board office, it becomes the State's case and only the Board can dispose of the complaint. However, a request to withdraw a complaint may be considered by the Board in determining the appropriate action. Complainants are advised to bear these facts in mind before filing a complaint.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Several bills impacting the Board and its registrants were introduced in the General Assembly this year. These bills included:

- Senate Bill (SB) 0148/House Bill (HB) 0142, which amended Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 2, to remove references to a “minimum eight-hour written” engineering exam in preparation for the computerization of the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam in January 2014. It was announced by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) earlier this year that the computer-based FE exam will be six hours in length. This bill passed and became Public Chapter 180.
- SB 0149/HB 0143, which prohibits the issuance or renewal of a license issued by a program assigned to the Division of Regulatory Boards unless civil penalties assessed by the program have been paid and authorizes the implementation of an electronic system for submitting complaints and applications. This bill passed and became Public Chapter 138.
- SB 0493/HB 0422, which requires expedited issuance of licenses for veterans and their spouses, waiver of renewal requirements for those on active duty, and the granting of certain credit for certain service members. This bill passed and became Public Chapter 122.

Legislation may be viewed and tracked on the General Assembly’s website ([www.capitol.tn.gov](http://www.capitol.tn.gov)). Public Acts are available on the Secretary of State’s website ([www.tn.gov/sos/acts](http://www.tn.gov/sos/acts)).

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Board recently awarded grants totaling \$250,000 to seven state-funded universities. These grant funds allow Tennessee universities to purchase essential and modern instructional, computer and laboratory equipment to enhance education for students in accredited architectural, engineering, landscape architectural, and interior design programs. Grant funding is provided from the Board’s revenues or reserve funds. The Board has awarded over \$2.2 million in grant funds since the inception of the program in 2002. The Board’s grants appropriation has been increased to \$300,000 for fiscal year 2014, and grant funds will now be available to

both public and private institutions with accredited programs.

The National Council for Interior Design Qualification, Inc. (NCIDQ) is now incorporated as the Council for Interior Design Qualification, Inc. (CIDQ). This change was implemented to include all member regulatory boards, regardless of country, in representing a global standard of health, safety and welfare within the interior design profession. The only change to the Council is the registered corporate name. CIDQ continues to develop and administer the NCIDQ Exam and NCIDQ Certificate and pursue its mission to protect public health, safety and welfare.

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