



# NC BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE

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# PURPOSE OF THE BOARD

- “Occupational licensing board means any board, committee, agency ....in North Carolina which is established for the primary purpose of regulating the entry of persons into, and/or the conduct of persons within, a particular profession or occupation, and which is authorized to issue licenses; ‘occupational licensing board’ does not include State agencies, staffed by full-time State employees, which as a part of their regular functions may issue licenses.”

*From NC General Statute 93B*

*The NC Board of Architecture  
was established in 1915.*

# BOARD OFFICE OPERATIONS

- Cathe Evans – Executive Director
- Julie Piatek – Director of Administration
- Tyler Barrick – Firm/CE Compliance Administrator
- Nichols, Choi & Lee – Outside counsel

# PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE

Practice and Title Act – One must hold a license from the Board to offer and render architectural services as well as use the title architect as defined by G.S. 83A-1(7).

- Practice of architecture" means performing or offering to perform or holding oneself out as legally qualified to perform professional services in connection with the design, construction, enlargement or alteration of buildings, including consultations, investigations, evaluations, preliminary studies, the preparation of plans, specifications and contract documents, administration of construction contracts and related services or combination of services in connection with the design and construction of buildings, regardless of whether these services are performed in person or as the directing head of an office or organization.



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- Complex, confusing and potentially contradictory language.
- No clear definition of the practice of Interior Design.
- A voluntary registration does nothing to protect the public and may contribute to confusion.
- No clear oversight.
- Interior Designers are not trained on much of the technical information described in H858.
- May lead to individuals practicing architecture without a license.
- 29 States regulate ID via Occupational Licensing Entities. (National Council of Architecture Registration Boards document)

# BOARD POSITION ON H858

As set forth in the minutes of the May 10, 2019 Board Meeting:

A motion by Peele, second by Dodson approved by all to issue the following statement:

*"It is the opinion of the North Carolina Board of Architecture that the path to professional licensure for interior designers, including the professional responsibility of public health, safety and welfare would be most appropriate as a joint board with the architects, as has been successful in other states. It is noted that HB 858, as written, does not have a governing board of licensees in any advisory capacity nor has there been a fiscal note only on the consequences of the misdemeanor provision.*

*Since 1915 NC Board of architecture has regulated the practice of architecture including the design, construction and alteration of buildings in North Carolina. Over that time the board has worked cooperatively with the building inspectors, building code council, engineers and general contractors. If interior designer is licensed as a profession, the board anticipates it would work cooperatively with them as licensed professionals. The Board does express the view that having a governing board of licensees has been beneficial in creating and promoting this pattern of cooperation."*

# QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, COMMENTS

- Thank you for the opportunity to comment on H858