

CHAIR'S REPORT

New leadership for LSBAE

By Ron Blitch
FAIA, FACHA, Hon. FCARM

The Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners is evolving and moving forward with new executive leadership and 3 new Board members in 2022.



We welcome Tyson Ducote as our new Executive Director, after Kathy Hillegas' departure in early Spring. Tyson came to the LSBAE 5 years ago and has been an integral and dedicated supporter of the Board's needs and is already very well respected among the other 54 licensing Boards of NCARB.

Tyson Ducote

Tyson is committed to continuing to advance our Board to be among the very best of the 55 jurisdictions of NCARB, including planning for our Board strategic planning retreat this fall in conjunction with AIA LA's annual meeting in Alabama in October.

We look forward to the LSBAE continuing to strive for excellence in service to the architects of our state. We are also committed to building strong collaborations with the AIA and the Engineering Board to discuss and support issues that affect all of our practices. We are grateful to our long-time Board Attorney Paul Spaht for his careful and diligent representation of the LSBAE's needs for rules, laws, and interpretations of the issues that come before us.

We also are saying farewell to our retired Board members Dave Brinson AIA, NCARB; Allen Bacqué, AIA, NCARB, and Shannon French, AIA, NCARB; who were part of the Board's mission to serve Louisiana's architects, and were very involved nationally with NCARB service

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Firm renewals are due now

Registration of firm renewals is due by June 30. The registration renewal period for firms runs from July 1 through June 30 each year. To access your firm's renewal application, you must log into the [Licensing Portal](#) and select the "Firm Profile" tab in the blue header at the top of the page. You will then be able to update your "Point of Contact" and begin your application.

Renewal applications must be submitted with payment by June 30th. Paper applications are no longer available. Applicants can pay in one of

two ways: either with a credit card or by mailing a check payable to LSBAE to the LSBAE office. Applications not completed on or before June 30th will be assessed a delinquent fee equal to the renewal fee of \$75 (in-state) or \$150 (out-of-state), in addition to the regular renewal fee for a total of \$150 (in-state) or \$300 (out-of-state) respectively.



Renewal applications delinquent for more than 90 days may also be subject to fines in addition to the delinquent fees and will need to complete a firm reinstatement application.

Outlined below is some key information you should be aware of as you prepare to renew your registration.

Professional Architectural Corporations: The Professional Architectural Corporation law (R.S. 12:1086-1101) establishes owner and director requirements for registration with the Board. The Licensing Portal has been designed to validate that your firm meets these requirements. Please be sure to have information regarding the number of shares authorized for your firm, the total number of shares that have been issued, and a total number of shares owned by Louisiana licensed architects, as well as a total

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number of directors and directors licensed to practice architecture in Louisiana.

Architectural Engineering Corporations and Architectural Firms:

The Board rules for Architectural Engineering Corporations and Architectural Firms require you to designate one or more Supervising Professional Architect(s). A Supervising architect is responsible for performing or directly supervising the performance of all architectural services provided by the firm. This means unrestricted, unchecked, and unqualified command of, and legal accountability for, the architectural services performed. Specifications, drawings, or other related documents will be deemed to have been prepared by the architect or under the architect's direct supervision only when the requirements of Board Rules have been satisfied. Only individuals who are licensed by the Board and full-time active employees of the firm and whose primary occupation is with the firm may be designated as a supervising professional

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on various committees and task forces involving Professional Practice, the ARE, AXP, Procedures and Documents, and other committees of NCARB.

You should be pleased and proud to know that the Louisiana Board is consistently represented at Regional and Annual Meetings, usually by all seven members. Louisiana's Board is one of the strongest in the US and its territories.

It has been an honor to serve on the LSBAE for many years, to represent the state as NCARB President in 2013, and to serve as President of the Board again.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can ever assist in any way.

Owens named Deputy Director



Justin Owens has joined LSBAE as Deputy Director, announced Executive Director Tyson Ducote. Justin began his career in compliance and regulation in 1992 at the Louisiana Dept. of Agriculture as a food safety compliance officer, inspecting beef and poultry processing facilities from New Roads to Hammond.

In 2006 he joined the Enforcement staff at the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board, where he spent eight years as an investigator before becoming the compliance officer for the Louisiana Board of Examiners of Psychologists and the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board.

Justin hails from Dallas, Texas, but found himself in Louisiana when his parents moved to Baton Rouge in 1977. He married his sweetheart, Donna, in 1993, and they will be celebrating 30 years of marriage next February. Justin began playing the drums in high school and still plays the occasional 'gig' with various bands around the Baton Rouge area. Justin is very excited to be a part of the LSBAE team and looks forward to taking part in the Board's mission to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Louisiana.



CALLED TO SERVE

LSBAE seeking candidates for La Architects Selection Board

LSBAE is seeking candidates from **District 3** to serve on the Louisiana Architects Selection Board beginning September 16, 2022. Any resident architect holding a current Louisiana license desiring nomination must deliver a written nomination on a current form and/or reproduction obtained from the board office to [Tyson Ducote \(tducote@lsbae.com\)](mailto:tducote@lsbae.com), signed by not less than 10 resident architects holding a current Louisiana license no later than July 15, 2022, at 5 p.m.

The nomination shall state the parish in which the nominee resides and the district for which election is sought. Nominations received on or before the deadline shall be considered timely delivered. Confirmation of receipt is the sole responsibility of the nominee.

District 3 consists of the Parishes of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, St. Helena, St. Martin, Tangipahoa, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana.

New LSBAE Board Members take office

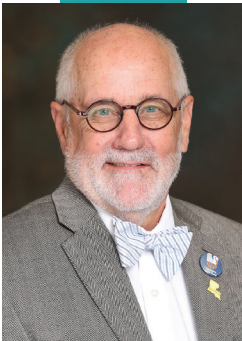


Kristine Kobila, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, NCARB - District 1

Kristine is a native New Orleanian with over 20 years of dynamic leadership involvement in the architecture profession. Having worked at several firms in New Orleans, Kristine has a diverse range of experience in the historic, municipal, educational, industrial, and residential markets. She has a Master of Architecture from the Tulane School of Architecture and a Bachelor of History from the University of Mississippi.

As the Senior Architect and Quality Assurance/Quality Control Design Director at NANO Architecture | Interiors, Kristine approaches every one of her projects with the same rigor and detail-oriented work ethic regardless of its size, setting a precedent of distinguished design excellence within the firm. During her time at NANO, she has continued to grow as a professional and has provided dedicated oversight to detail and quality assurance. Kristine's portfolio is exceptionally diverse, with some of her most notable projects being the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Octavia Bookstore, the New Orleans Fire Department Multi-Stations, 2513 Metairie Road, 616 Conti Street, and Frederick Douglass Senior High School Auditorium. She works with others as an NCARB AXP supervisor and a professional mentor to many in the industry.

An active volunteer and steward within the local community, Kristine is an ongoing volunteer at City Park, Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, and St. Paul's Episcopal School, and has previously served on the Louisiana Architect Selection Board representing District 1. Kristine currently lives in Mid City, New Orleans, with her husband and twin boys.



Michael Holly, AIA, REFP, NCARB - District 3

Fulfilling the architectural process from a conceptual design to a completed structure embodies the essence of continual collaboration, reflection, and exploration that informs Michael Holly's endeavors, inspires his life, and enriches his soul. He is devoted to the idea that architecture should have an uplifting impact on its environment and that building or plan details should support its specific purpose as much as its overall design concept.

Michael earned his architecture degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette) and has been a registered architect since 1977. In 1980, he founded Michael Holly & Associates Inc. Jeffery Smith joined the team in 1985, and shortly after that, Holly & Smith Architects APAC was formed. From that time, they have built Holly & Smith into the largest architecture firm on the Northshore of Lake Pontchartrain and a regional brand known throughout Louisiana.

He has contributed his leadership abilities to a broad array of civic, art, education, charitable and professional organizations and has played a key role in the rejuvenation of downtown Hammond through the Hammond Historic District Commission and Downtown Development District. Michael has received numerous awards in architecture design and leadership, but he is most proud of the more than 120 design awards Holly & Smith Architects has earned during his years as the firm's president. As immediate past president of Holly Smith, he will remain Chairman of the Board of Directors for the corporation.



David Brossett, AIA, LEED AP, NCARB - District 4

David is the founder and principal at Brossett Architect, LLC. He graduated from Louisiana Tech University with honors in the early 1990s. He also received a Master's Certificate in Sustainable Design from Boston Architectural College and is a LEED-Accredited Professional.

He has served on numerous AIA local and state boards and was on the national AIA Young Architects Forum Board for several years. He has received a variety of awards over the years, including PCI Best State Concrete Project of the Year, Small Business of the Year, and Boy Scout of America President's Award, to name a few. He is licensed to practice architecture in Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, and New Mexico. When he is not working, David enjoys running half marathon races.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Tyson J. Ducote, Executive Director

A look at our 2022 Customer Satisfaction Survey

Earlier this year licensed architects and their points of contact were invited to participate in the LSBAE Customer Satisfaction Survey. It has been 10 years since the last customer service survey was completed and much has changed since 2012. The Board felt that it was important to gauge your satisfaction with the services we provide to you related to your license to practice architecture in Louisiana.

The survey was distributed to 3,420 individuals. We received responses from 596 participants of which 45% reside in-state and 55% reside out-of-state. What follows is a quick snapshot of the results of that survey.

Application/ Renewal Process:

Tremendous resources have been placed on improving the application and renewal process over the past five years. These efforts began with the launch of our

Licensing Portal in late 2018. When asked to compare the licensure application and renewal process in Louisiana to other jurisdictions, customers gave the new processes a 4.5 out of 5 stars.

Website: A new website was simultaneously launched with the updated Licensing Portal in 2018. The website was designed to be more user-friendly and easier to navigate than

the antiquated one in use before. Updated information was provided related to the licensure process, continuing education, enforcement, and disciplinary actions as well as an expanded FAQ section.

Board Communications:

The Board produces two newsletters annually for licensees which include information relevant to issues the Board is addressing along with information on new licensees and disciplinary actions that were taken since the last newsletter. Articles include updates from the Board's Legal Counsel and the State Fire Marshal.

Additionally, the Board will communicate with licensees via e-mail on critical issues as they occur throughout the year. We recognize that you are all busy professionals and work hard to ensure that any communication received from us is critical information that we have an obligation to share with the profession.

Customer Service (interaction with staff):

Public service - that is at the heart and soul of what the Board does in regulating the profession of architecture. It is our main priority to ensure that any and every interaction you have with the Board is a professional, courteous one where your time is respected, and any issues/questions are resolved. This hallmark started with Teeny Simmons back in 1978 and continues today with the Board and staff.

While gathering metrics on the Board's performance is critical to identify areas of concern or opportunities for improvement, the one part of the survey I have found most valuable is the open-ended question. Participants were asked if there was anything further that the Board should be doing to better protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public through the regulation of architecture. Several recurring themes appeared in the responses provided.

Included, in no particular order, were these responses:

- Continued pursuit of unlicensed practice
- Strengthen relationships with peer professions regarding practice responsibilities for each profession
- Develop a better and more clear definition of when an architect crosses the line into the practice of engineering and when an engineer crosses the line into architecture
- Pursue those who sell their stamp
- Collaboration with State Fire Marshal to ensure that plans are stamped by licensed architects

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Meet the new State Fire Marshal

Following is a letter from new Fire Marshal Dan Wallis:



Hello,
My name is Dan Wallis and, after the first week as your State Fire Marshal, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself.

I am a family man with a strong work ethic and have been successful in standing firm on a value centered on trust, truth, and hard work.

I was introduced to the Zachary Volunteer Fire Department Junior Firefighter program in 1977 at the age of 16. I was intrigued by the passion for service that the volunteers displayed on a continual basis and the fire station felt like another home for me. I continued to serve until 1980 when I was hired as a career firefighter. I was supported by the citizens of Zachary and strong leaders in my quest to be the best that I could be. I worked in many different capacities until I retired in 2008 as the Fire Chief for the City of Zachary.

Chief Butch Browning, a lifelong friend, appointed me as the Assistant State Fire Marshal in 2008. I have had many great years of service with the State Fire Marshal's office and I thank Chief Browning, as well as the professional men and women that serve our office, for their continued support and dedication to our mission.

As Fire Marshal, I will support our relationship with our fire service, law enforcement, fire and life safety systems professionals, design and building professionals, and the citizens of our great state. Our staff and I will continue to be responsive to your needs and will stand strong in our mission of service.

I thank Governor Edwards and the Louisiana Legislature for having confidence in our team and in me as our leader. I also want to thank my family for continuing to support my career and for always being there for me. Most importantly, I thank God for blessing me with the opportunity to SERVE.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Wallis'.

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- Tracking HSW on LSBAE website
- Responsible control of the practice of architecture.

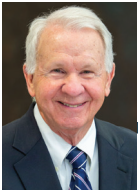
One respondent requested that we distribute renewal notices in regular mail vs. e-mail. The Board has opted to communicate with licensees electronically and has done so this way exclusively for the past four years. The Board intends to continue to communicate this way moving forward. To that end, please be sure that we always have a current, valid e-mail on file for you.

Many of the issues identified in the open response answers are items that the Board is aware of and is already addressing or has plans to address. The Board will meet in the fall for a strategic planning session where all responses to this question will be placed in front of them for further discussion and consideration.

On behalf of the staff and the Board, I would like to thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. The information we learned from this is invaluable and will help the Board continue to move forward in its desire to provide first-class customer service. In addition, it helps us safeguard life, health, and property; and promote the public welfare of the citizens of Louisiana through the built environment.



One11 Hotel
Williams Architects



BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT

By Paul H. Spaht, LSBAE Board Attorney

New law defines incidental engineering work for architects

Since the December newsletter, three events bear mentioning. The most important is the passage in the legislature of HB305, which defines the incidental engineering work which an architect may perform.

HB305 of 2022 (Representative Gadberry) – Architects licensed in Louisiana should already be aware of HB305, as the board sent email blasts concerning it to all such architects in late March and again in early April of 2022. The first blast notified all architects that this important bill had been filed, and the second blast informed all architects of recent amendments to the original bill which had been made.

Architects who contacted the board concerning this bill were directed to representatives of AIA Louisiana. In Louisiana, state agencies are prohibited from lobbying for or against pieces of legislation pending before the legislature or any committee thereof. State agencies may only provide factual information.

It is my understanding that the amendments to this bill addressed some, but not all, of the concerns expressed by architects. As amended, the bill passed the House 97-1 and the Senate 37-0. At the time of my writing this report, the bill is on its way to the Governor for executive approval.

HB305 defines the incidental engineering work which an architect

may perform. It amends the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Law, R.S. 37:681 et seq., not the Architect Licensing Law. More specifically, it adds paragraph I to R.S. 37:701. You may find its provisions here. In addition, HB305, with amendments, is currently posted on the [LSBAE website](#).

Designating one or more “supervising professional architect(s)” – To obtain a certificate of authority to practice architecture in Louisiana, the Architectural-Engineering Corporation Law requires an architectural-engineering corporation to designate “the supervising professional architect(s) who shall perform all professional architectural services or who shall directly supervise the performance of all architectural services by said corporation.” See R.S. 12:1173(B). Board Rule §1703(D) requires an architectural-engineering corporation to designate “one or more supervising professional architect(s) who shall perform or directly supervise the performance of all architectural services by said corporation.” Likewise, Board Rule §1705(G) requires an architectural firm to designate “one or more supervising professional architect(s) who shall perform or directly supervise the performance of all architectural services by said corporation.” Both rules also provide, “[p]erforming or directly supervising the performance of all architectural services shall mean unrestricted, unchecked, and unqualified command of, and legal accountability for, the architectural services performed.”

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Ascension Parish Courthouse
GHC Architects

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An architectural-engineering corporation has recently asked whether it should designate as its "supervising professional architect(s)" all architects in the firm who could potentially seal documents, or just one architect who is in charge of the overall firm.

Historically, most architectural-engineering corporations and architectural firms have designated in their applications for certificates of authority one supervising professional architect only. A minority of firms have designated several (in some cases more than several) supervising professional architects.

The board is of the opinion that designating one supervising professional architect only is sufficient, provided the architect has unrestricted, unchecked, and unqualified command of, and legal accountability for, the architectural services performed by the firm. For such firms, it is not necessary that the firm designate in its application every architect in the office who could potentially seal documents.

At the same time, designating more than one supervising professional architect is certainly permissible, and may be necessary if no one architect in the firm has unrestricted, unchecked, and unqualified command of, and legal accountability for, the architectural services performed by the firm.

Firm name which contains the name of deceased or retired member – To make clear that the name of an architectural firm does not need to be changed upon the death or retirement of a member whose name is included in the firm name, the board is in the process of amending its Rule §1525.

Firm names which include the name(s) of deceased or retired members have long been allowed, and the first sentence of existing Board Rule §1525(A) provides, "[a]n architect may include in the firm name the real name or names of one or more living, deceased, or retired members of the firm" However, confusion has been caused by the third sentence of such rule which provides, "[u]pon the retirement or death of a firm member, the name of the firm should be changed ..." The third sentence is inconsistent with the first sentence.



Lake Conroe Residence
NANO Architecture/Interiors



OSFM PLAN REVIEW CORNER

By: Joe Delaune, Chief Architect

Changing of the guard, and high mark on plan submittals

Change is inevitable. On Monday, May 16, 2022, a Changing of the Chiefs ceremony was held to wish Chief H. "Butch" Browning well in his "retirement" and to welcome Chief "Dan" H. Wallis as our new State Fire Marshal. The full ceremony can be viewed online here: <https://youtube/GyyDS0x42Ak>.

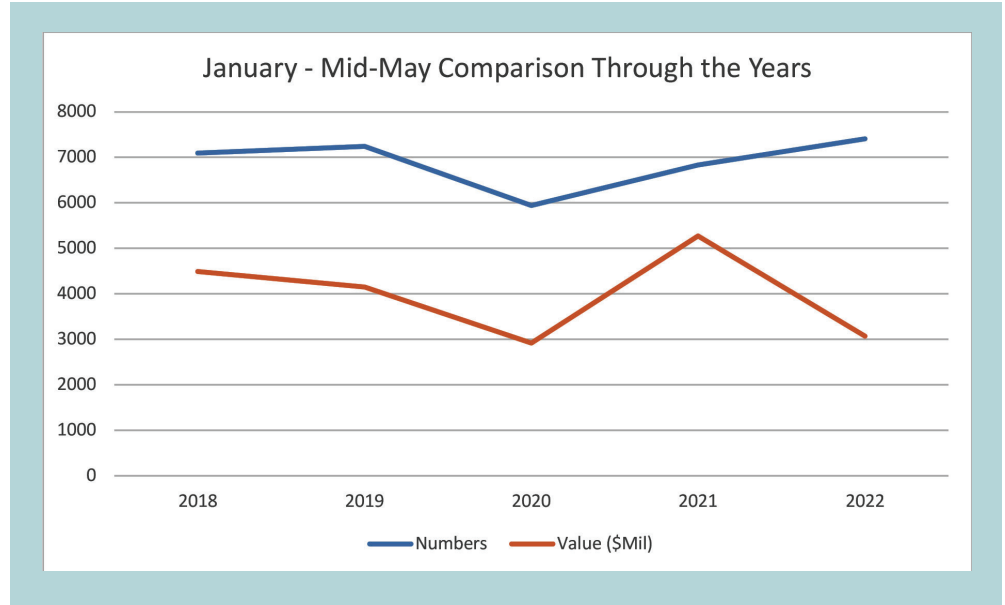
As of July 1, 2022, Chief Browning will become the next executive director of the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) where he will continue his support of this office and expand his leadership to all other state fire marshal offices at the national level. I sincerely thank Chief Browning for his incredible vision, his leadership, his common sense approach to all issues, and his friendship during his term as the Louisiana State Fire Marshal.

It requires great vision, careful planning, and a lot of hard work to grow a state agency in a positive direction. That's exactly what occurred over the past 14 years under the direction of Chief Browning and that will continue under the direction of Chief Wallis. Chief Browning and Chief Wallis have been great friends for many years. They worked well together before coming to the State Fire Marshal's Office in 2008 and have continued that successful teamwork ever since. They both share the same passion for Louisiana's safety, the vision for growth, and the common sense approach. This will be one of the most seamless transitions in the history of this office. I look forward to continuing to fulfill the vision for this office under the leadership of Chief Wallis.

Numbers

A comparison of projects received between January 1st and May 15th of each year since 2018 reveals that the volume of plan submittals is currently at a five-year high. So far, 7,410 plans have been submitted to this office for review with approximately 57% of these being architectural reviews. The second highest volume was in 2019 when 7,239 plans were received. However, the scope of the projects is not quite as high as it has been in previous years. To date, the projects received account for approximately \$3.1 billion compared to last year's \$5.3 billion

(highest) and the 2020 scope of \$2.9 billion (lowest) during the same time frame. See the chart below for a full comparison.



These smaller scopes of work require additional review time on our part when submitted without the involvement of a professional of record. They often require additional information to be provided, clarifications to the application, corrections to deficiencies, and subsequent submittals. The applicants also have many questions regarding the requirements during and after the review. In a perfect world, all projects would be submitted with the assistance of an architect. Thank you all for what you do!

Code Adoptions

The Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (council) is poised to adopt the 2021 editions of the building codes, with amendments, for an effective date of January 1, 2023. The adoption date for later editions of the fire and life safety codes and standards is to be determined. This office had initially intended to coordinate these adoptions, however, there is a vast difference between both the national consensus code and the council recommendations for amendments regarding fire protection.

Chief Wallis recognizes the complexity of the issues. He understands the economic impact as well as the importance of fire protection and life safety. This office has historically adopted the national consensus fire and life safety codes as published. Amendments may be warranted; however, the codes will be amended and adopted only after full input from all of our partners is received and vetted.

Thank you all for your partnership with the Office of the State Fire Marshal!

ENFORCEMENT REPORT

By Justin Owens, Deputy Director

LSBAE disciplinary and enforcement actions

One important function of the Board is to investigate alleged violations of the statutes and rules which regulate the practice of architecture in Louisiana. Substantiated violations result in disciplinary or enforcement action being taken either through a Consent Order or by Board Order following a formal hearing. The following are summaries of the disciplinary actions taken by the Board since the previous issue of the newsletter.

Unlicensed Offering and/or Practicing of Architecture

WAAR LLC, an unlicensed firm, was subject to enforcement action by the Board for practicing and/or offering to practice architecture in violation of La. R.S. 37:145 and La. R.S. 37:154(A). The Board opened an investigation based upon its receipt of information which suggested that the firm may have engaged in the practice of and/or offering to practice architecture in Louisiana without being licensed or certified. The investigation disclosed that at least since October 2015 Walter Antin III (on behalf of and in the name of the Firm) prepared and issued architectural drawings on WAAR LLC title block to its clients in connection with two (2) projects in Louisiana. The firm subsequently became certified in the State of Louisiana as an architecture firm, number AF0830, effective October 29, 2021. The firm entered into a Consent Order with the Board wherein it admitted to the referenced violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$1500; pay administrative costs of \$1,127.11; the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website; the printing of a summary of this matter identifying the firm by name in this publication, and the reporting of this matter to the NCARB Disciplinary Database.

Multiple Laws/Rules Violations

Walter Antin III, an architect (license #7690), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for using another architect's plans without the prior written approval of that architect in violation of La. R.S. 37:153(A)(6) to wit La. R.S. 37:152(A)(2). R.S. 37:152(A)(2) provides that the removal of an architect's seal or stamp, and/or use of an architect's plans unless otherwise provided by law or by written approval of the architect, shall be a violation of the Architect Licensing Law and subject to penalties.

The Board opened an investigation based upon its receipt of information and documents which suggested that Respondent may have committed a violation of R.S. 37:152(A)(2) in connection with his practice of architecture in Louisiana. The investigation disclosed the following:

- In or about August of 2021, Respondent submitted to the New Orleans Historic District Landmark Commission ("HDLC") for approval of an application for a project at 2121 Chartres St. New Orleans, LA.
- The application included a set of plans which contained 4 plan sheets originally prepared, sealed, and signed by another architect for a previously proposed project at that same location. Under the earlier Owner/Architect Agreement, the previous architect had retained ownership of the 4 plan sheets.
- The Owner and a real estate agent both gave Respondent permission to use the previous set of plans; however, Respondent did not obtain the permission or consent of the previous architect to use the previous plans.

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Virgin Hotel
Mathes Brierre Architects

2021 enforcement stats

- Number of issues investigated - 22
- Number of cases opened - 17
- Number of cases closed - 19
- Avg. Number of days to close - 190 days
- Number of cases that ended in a Consent Order - 8
- Fines collected - (Forwarded to LA Treasury) - \$22,000
- Costs recouped - \$5,676.00

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- The previous architect had no role in or knowledge of the 2021 submission.

- Upon learning of the 2021 submission, the previous architect demanded that his title block be removed from his plan sheets in that submittal.

- Respondent then removed the previous architect's title block and seal and signature from the 4 plan sheets and resubmitted the application to the HDLC.

- The previous architect then requested that his plan sheets be completely removed from the application.

Respondent then completely removed the 4 plan sheets from the HDLC application.

- Mr. Antin has entered into a Consent Order with the Board wherein he admitted to the referenced violations of the above laws and agreed to pay a fine of \$1500; pay administrative costs of \$1,127.11; the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website; the printing of a summary of this matter identifying Mr. Antin by name in this publication, and the reporting of this matter to the NCARB Disciplinary Database.

Other Violations

Michael W. LeBlanc, Sr., an architect (license #3140, expired since January 1, 2020), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for his conviction of a felony under the laws of the United States, such conviction a violation of La. R.S. 37:153(A)(4). On August 6, 2019, Mr. LeBlanc pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States of America, a violation of 18 U.S. Code §371, a felony. Mr. LeBlanc has entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board wherein he admitted to the referenced violation of the above law and agreed to the voluntary surrender of his architect license; to immediately cease and desist from practicing and/or offering to practice architecture in Louisiana; to return his Louisiana certificate of architectural licensure and all seals to the Board; to the publication of the Consent Order on the Board's website; to the printing of a summary of this matter identifying Mr. LeBlanc by name in this publication, and to the reporting of this matter to the NCARB Disciplinary Database.

Disclaimer: Every effort has been taken to ensure that the aforementioned information is correct; however, it should not be relied upon without verification from the Board office. Please note that the names of companies and individuals listed could be similar to other parties who have not had disciplinary or enforcement actions taken against them.



Seed Center - McNeese State University
Champeaux Evans Hotard, APAC

Teeny Simmons AERF grants provide valuable student projects

UL project helps under-served community

By Ashlie Latiolais, AIA, NCARB

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette's School of Architecture and Design (SoAD) focused on a university-community partnership for its LSBAE Mary "Teeny" Simmons Architectural Education and Research Fund grant.

Students in the graduate studio aligned with the 2019 American Institute of Architect's Blueprint for Better Campaign to follow the imperative that architects plant the seeds that blossom into stronger communities.

Led by Associate Professor Ashlie Latiolais, AIA, NCARB; and Visiting Adjunct Phanat Xanamane, students partnered with Envision da Berry (EdB), the not-for-profit organization that works directly with New Iberia's under-served west end community. EdB needed renovations and expansions to its existing SNAP-approved, for-profit food retail market, Da Berry Fresh Market.



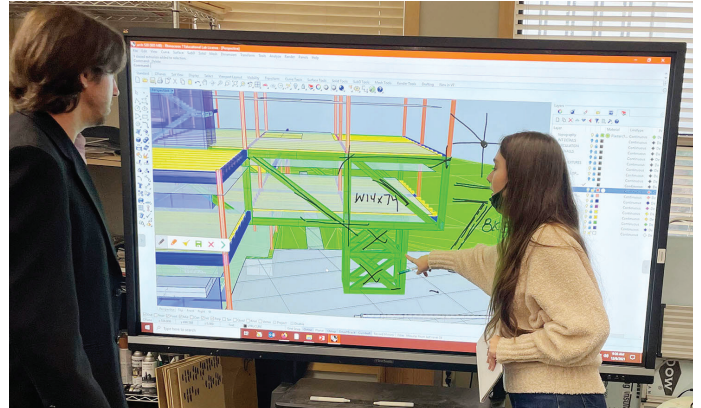
Students participate in the Brown Sugar Festival charrette

The students held formal and informal interactions with community patrons and stakeholders, and participated in the Brown Sugar Festival as

an impromptu charrette process. As a result of the studio's community engagement and research, four themes emerged as strategies and approaches: health/wellness, urban fabric, agriculture, and social concerns. The students' studio work was exhibited at the UL Lafayette Fletcher Hall Gallery. Their concept "Cultural & Climatic Actors: Shifting Roles of Architects and Practice" was selected and presented at the virtual 2020 AIA/ACSA National Intersections Symposium.

The LSBAE award also funded 10 new NCARB records and 5 renewals, a graphic visualization workshop, and a field study precedent/firm crawl trip to the River North Art District (RiNo) in Denver, Colorado.

The students' creative acts initiated dialogues in the community, propelled developer's financial commitments, and gave voice to under-served community stakeholders, thereby fortifying the profession's broader impact on citizens and stakeholders.



La. Tech's Engineer Consultancy Program

By Professor Damon E. Caldwell

Louisiana Tech University's Master of Architecture program was fortunate to receive funding from the LSBAE Mary "Teeny" Simmons Architecture Education and Research Fund in 2019 to implement a structural engineer consultancy program including a visiting consultant to the year-long comprehensive design studio.

Louisiana Tech School of Design's distance from larger urban centers makes the casual connection to architectural and engineering practices difficult. This grant allowed students to connect to the real-world scenario of engaging in dialog with consultants, developing compromises, and implementing alternatives that can still achieve conceptual design goals.

Robby Vogel, PE, Stantec principal, and Structural Team leader for Texas, served as a consultant for the program. This role entailed multiple visits to the university over the academic year, each over several days, introducing students to the important relationship architects have with structural engineers. Students in the professional degree program had to engage their proposals beyond the speculative by developing and integrating well-resolved structural solutions to the design process.

Mr. Vogel was involved in the students' design process and extended consultation. Here he was able to provide sizing guidelines, run some general calculations, and help to develop structural solutions to unusual design ideas. After students developed multi-layered structural models for their buildings, he returned to increase students' understanding of façade support, structural details, and connection to primary structural systems.

The result has been a notable increase in structural understanding by the students graduating with our professional degree. By integrating consultancy into the educational design process, the program has built a stronger connection to the practice of architecture, and the important role that consultants play in the development and realization of real-world architectural projects.

Teeny Simmons AERF grants provide valuable student projects

LSU workshop focuses on virtual friction

Louisiana State University's all-school workshop received an LSBAE Mary "Teeny" Simmons Architectural Education and Research Fund grant. The workshop was entitled Virtual Friction and it was the last collective in-person activity the School of Architecture did before the pandemic forced LSU to go online in spring 2020.

The workshop included seven visiting academicians who specialized in seven different forms of fabrication working with approximately 200 architecture students. The seven themes included three-D forms, parametric knit forms, robotically captured AR visions, digital curved forms, analog algorithms, digitally designing inflatables, and variable parametric casting molds.

Over the span of three days, the workshop included a keynote lecture and day-long sessions on project development and fabrication. The work was exhibited in the School of Architecture and College of Art and Design buildings. The workshop concluded with a panel discussion and reception.



A video of the event was produced which can be viewed on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VacUk_T-rEk or the School of Architecture website: <https://design.lsu.edu/architecture/about/overview/>.

LSU is very grateful for the LSBAE grant that made this valuable experience possible for students.



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Congratulations to our new licensees by examination

The LSBAE is pleased to announce that the following individuals were licensed by examination between December 8, 2021, and May 24, 2022.

NAME	CITY	NAME	CITY
<i>Benjamin Bradley Atchison</i>	<i>New Orleans, LA</i>	<i>Michael Robert Nichols</i>	<i>Alexandria, LA</i>
<i>Justin Aubert</i>	<i>Destrehan, LA</i>	<i>Julie Annette Olson</i>	<i>Baton Rouge, LA</i>
<i>Christie Marie Badinger</i>	<i>Destrehan, LA</i>	<i>Benjamin Rath</i>	<i>Baton Rouge, LA</i>
<i>Alexandra Carr</i>	<i>Broussard, LA</i>	<i>Katie Leleaux Roddie</i>	<i>Lafayette, LA</i>
<i>Adrienne Erbesti</i>	<i>Chicago, IL</i>	<i>Kyle Louis Schroeder</i>	<i>Covington, LA</i>
<i>Lauren Ashlie Evans</i>	<i>Metairie, LA</i>	<i>Kathryn Elizabeth Seal</i>	<i>Nashville, TN</i>
<i>Wil Finley</i>	<i>New Orleans, LA</i>	<i>Julia Katherine Sharp</i>	<i>Nashville, TN</i>
<i>Li Gong</i>	<i>London, UK</i>	<i>Megan Tagesen</i>	<i>Jefferson, LA</i>
<i>Rajan Karmacharya</i>	<i>Baton Rouge, LA</i>	<i>David S. Verzwyvelt III</i>	<i>Bossier City, LA</i>
<i>James Irby Knight Jr</i>	<i>Shreveport, LA</i>	<i>Ashley Nicole Webre</i>	<i>Thibodaux, LA</i>
<i>Alison Blaine Melancon</i>	<i>Baton Rouge, LA</i>	<i>Leah Christia Willis</i>	<i>Baton Rouge, LA</i>
<i>Charles E. Mouton</i>	<i>Jefferson, LA</i>	<i>Elizabeth Anne Banks Woodard</i>	<i>Covington, LA</i>

Be sure your license has been renewed

Following the 2022 architectural license renewal cycle, which ended December 31, 2021, it was noted that 91 architect and architect emeritus licenses were not renewed. The break-down is as follows:

In-State:

Architects - 20

Emeritus Architects – 7

Out-of-State:

Architects – 63

Emeritus Architects – 1

Please verify the status of your license with the [“LSBAE Find an Architect search function.”](#) Architects are reminded that La. R.S. 37:153(A)(3) and La. R.S. 37:154(A) prohibits the practice and/or offer to practice architecture in Louisiana with an expired license.



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