

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS

January 28, 2025

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS ANNUAL RULE REPORT TO HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The following annual rule report reflects the rule-making actions taken by the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners (“LSBAE”) during the twelve-month period beginning 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2024, as required by R.S. 49:966(K).

Title 46 PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS Part I. Architects

Chapter 19. Rules of Conduct: Violations §1907(E). General Disciplinary Guidelines

During 2024, the LSBAE completed the amendment to Rule §1907(E) concerning the fine which shall be imposed, absent aggravating or mitigating circumstances, upon firms found to have practiced architecture with an expired certificate of authority. For a firm found to have practiced architecture with an expired certificate of authority, the amendment reduces the fine imposed to \$250 for practicing architecture three months to six months; \$500 for practicing architecture six months to twelve months or fraction thereof, and \$500 per year for practicing architecture for more than one year or fraction thereof.

For LSBAE rule-making actions concerning the amendment to Rule §1907(E) during 2023, *see* the annual rules report for that year posted on the LSBAE website.

The LSBAE rule-making actions concerning the amendment to Rule §1907(E) during 2024 were as follows:

Final rule: adopted at board meeting May 31, 2024.

Occupational Licensing Review Commission second report: July 18, 2024.

Occupational Licensing Review Commission final review and approval by resolution: July 31, 2024.

Summary reports (R.S. 49:968(D)(1-5)) submitted to appropriate standing committees and presiding officers of respective houses: August 1, 2024.

Final rule: adopted again at board meeting: August 30, 2024.

Final rule published: September 20, 2024 (*Louisiana Register* Vol. 50, No. 9, p. 1264)

Final rule repromulgated: October 20, 2024 (*Louisiana Register* Vol. 50, No. 10, pp. 1465-66)

Chapter 3. Organization

§307. Meetings

Act 393 of the 2023 regular session mandated that state agencies that do not conduct at least six regularly scheduled meetings in a calendar year shall provide by rule for the participation in their meetings by electronic means on an individualized basis by members of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disability Act, designated caregivers of such persons, and participant board members with an ADA-qualifying disability. The Act further sets forth required procedures for providing public notice of meetings, for receiving requests for accommodation, and for accommodating requests for such participation.

The amendment to Rule §307 complies with Act 393. It provides that the board, which does not conduct at least six regularly scheduled meetings in a calendar year, (i) shall accommodate participation in its meetings on an individual basis via electronic means by members of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disability Act, designated caregivers of such persons, and participant board members with an ADA-qualifying disability who request accommodation, and (ii) shall follow the required procedures for providing written public notice of its meetings and for receiving and accommodating requests for participation in its meetings from persons with disabilities.

For LSBAE rule-making actions concerning the amendment to Rule §307 during 2023, *see* the annual rules report for that year posted on the LSBAE website.

The LSBAE rule-making actions concerning the amendment to Rule §307 during 2024 were as follows:

Comment period for Notice of Intent published December 20, 2023 (*Louisiana Register* Vol. 49, No. 12, pp. 2120-21): expired January 15, 2024. **No comments, petitions, or submissions received, and no responses made.**

Public or oversight committee hearings during 2024: **None.**

Final rule: adopted at board meeting: May 31, 2024.

Summary reports (R.S. 49:968(D)(1-5)) submitted to appropriate standing committees and presiding officers of respective houses: June 4, 2024.

Occupational Licensing Review Commission second report: July 18, 2024.

Occupational Licensing Review Commission final review and approval by resolution: deemed unnecessary by OLRC.

Final rule published: August 20, 2024 (*Louisiana Register* Vol. 50, No. 9, pp. 1264-65)

During 2024, no petition, submission, or comment was received by the LSB AE pursuant to R.S. 49:964, and during 2024 the LSB AE made no responses to such.

During 2024, no proposed fee adoption, increase, or decrease was made by LSB AE.

Finally, pursuant to and as required by R.S. 49:964(D), during 2024 the LSB AE reviewed the rules in LAC 46:I. §§101-103, §§301-317, §§501-515, §§701-705, §§901-903, §§1101-1111, and §§1701-1707. The board concluded that each of these rules is currently necessary and consistent with law and the agency's mission, and determined that the probable benefits of each of these rules outweighs the burdens and costs on persons regulated by the rules.

Contemporaneously with its review of the rules mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the LSB AE reviewed the sections of the Architect Licensing Law (R.S. 37:141 et seq.) related to these rules for the purpose of determining whether such law sections should be maintained, amended, clarified, updated, or repealed. More specifically, the LSB AE reviewed R.S. 37:141 (Policy and Definitions), R.S. 37:142 (Board appointed by governor; removal), R.S. 37:143 (Term of office), R.S. 37:144 (Powers, authority, and domicile of board), R.S. 37:145 (Architects; requirements for; certificate; continuing education), R.S. 37:146 (Examination before board; qualifications),), R.S. 37:146.1 (Licensing; architecture), R.S. 37:147 (Rules governing examinations), R.S. 37:148 (Examinations; persons exempt), R.S. 37:149 (Fees), R.S. 37:150 (Renewal of license; renewal fees), and R.S. 37:151 (Roster of architects to be published annually). The LSB AE concluded that some of these law sections need to be amended, clarified, updated, and/or repealed. If the legislature amends, clarifies, updates, and/or repeals any of the referenced law sections, the LSB AE is prepared to amend, clarify, update, and/or repeal the related rules.

Since the beginning of the five-year period, the LSB AE has reviewed more than 20% of its rules.

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Honorable members of the Louisiana House of Representatives and Louisiana Senate:

Pursuant to R.S. 49:966(K), the Board of Architectural Examiners (LSBAE) hereby submits the attached Annual Rules Report concerning its actions taken with respect to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of each rule proposed for adoption, amendment, or repeal during 01/01/2024 – 12/31/2024.

No proposed fee adoption, increase, or decrease was made by the LSBAE during 2024.

No petition or submission was received by the LSBAE pursuant to R.S. 49:964 during 2024.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the email address or phone number below.

Sincerely yours,

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