

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS

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

The following annual rules report reflects the rulemaking actions taken by the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners (“LSBAE”) during the twelve-month period beginning 01/01/2025 through 12/31/2025, as required by R.S. 49:966(K) (Act 192 of RS 2024). It also reflects the information required by JML Executive Order No. 25-035.

Title 46 PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS Part I. Architects

Chapter 3. Organization

§301. Executive Director

§303. Officers

§305. Other Personnel

§307. Meetings

§309. Minutes

§311. Conduct of meetings

§313. Quorum

§315. Official Records

§317. National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

§319. Powers and duties of the board

During 2025, applying the criteria required by Act 192 of RS 2024 and JML Executive Order No. 25-035, the board reviewed Chapter 3 of its rules (LAC 46:I.Chapter 3). It determined that amendments of all but one of the rules contained herein should be made and that Rule §319 pertaining to the powers and duties of the board should be adopted. Proposed amendments to Rule §301, Rule §303, and Rule §305 pertaining respectively to the executive director, the officers of the board, and other personnel of the board describe more completely and accurately the duties of such persons as presently exists. Proposed amendments to Rule §307, Rule §309, and Rule §313 pertaining respectively to board meetings, the minutes of meetings, and the necessary quorum for meetings describe more completely and accurately the meetings, minutes, and quorum of the board as presently exists. Proposed amendment to Rule §315 pertaining to the official records of the board describes more completely and accurately the existing records maintained by the board. Proposed amendment to Rule §317 pertaining to the NCARB describes more completely and accurately the relationship between the board and NCARB. Proposed Rule §319, which is new, sets forth more completely the powers and duties of the board. Rule §311 pertaining to the conduct of meetings will be maintained without change.

The LSBAE rulemaking actions concerning the amendment to Rules in Chapter 3, Organization, during 2025 were as follows:

LSBAE approved proposed amendments to Chapter 3 of its rules and authorized rulemaking to commence: August 22, 2025.

Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement approved by Legislative Fiscal Office: October 2, 2025.

Oversight reports required by R.S. 49:966(B) submitted to appropriate standing committees and presiding officers of respective houses: October 3, 2025.

Notice of Intent published: October 20, 2025 (*Louisiana Register* Vol. 51, No. 10, pp. 1699-1702).

Comment period for Notice of Intent published October 20, 2025 (*Louisiana Register* Vol. 51, No. 10, pp. 1699-1702): expired November 14, 2025. No comments, petitions, or submissions received, and no responses made.

Public or oversight legislative committee hearings during 2025: None.

During 2026 rulemaking will continue.

Title 46
PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS
Part I. Architects

Chapter 15. Titles, Firm Names, and Assumed Names

§1501. Misleading and Confusing Names Prohibited

§1503. Architect's Responsibility

§1505. Use of Term "Architect," "Architecture," or "Architectural"

§1507. Use of Plural Term "Architects"

§1509. Firm Name Which Includes Names of Licensed Architect or Architects only

§1511. Use of "AIA"

§1513. Use of the Term "Associate"

§1515. Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Group, Association, or Limited Liability Company

§1517. Professional Architectural Corporation

§1519. Architectural-Engineering Corporation

§1521. Fictitious Name

§1523. Practicing in a Firm with Other Professionals

§1525. Deceased or Retired Member Predecessor Firms

§1527. Unlicensed Persons

§1529. Intern Architect

§1531. Business Cards

§1533. Limited Liability Company

§1535. Non-Resident Firms

§1537. Exemptions

§1539. Architect Emeritus

During 2025, applying the criteria required by Act 192 of RS 2024 and JML Executive Order No. 25-035, the board reviewed Chapter 15 of its rules (LAC 46:I.Chapter 15). It determined that virtually all of the rules therein should be simplified, modernized, and clarified, and that others were outdated, unnecessary, and should be repealed in their entirety. The proposed amendments consolidate for simplification the rules prohibiting misleading or confusing names (Rule §1501 and Rule §1503) and clarify the prohibition. The board is proposing the repealing as unnecessary and obsolete Rule §1505 (Use of Term “Architect,” “Architecture,” or “Architectural”), Rule §1507 (Use of the Plural Term “Architects”), Rule §1509 (Firm Name Which Includes Names of Licensed Architect or Architects Only), Rule §1511 (Use of “AIA”), Rule §1513 (Use of the Term “Associate”), and Rule §1515 (Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Group, Association, or Limited Liability Company).

The proposed amendments simplify and clarify Rule §1517 (Professional Architectural Corporations), Rule §1519 (Architectural-Engineering Corporations), Rule §1521 (Fictitious Names), Rule §1523 (Practicing in a Firm with Other Professionals), Rule §1527 (Unlicensed Persons), Rule §1529 (Intern Architect), Rule §1531 (Business Cards), Rule §1533 (Limited Liability Company), Rule §1535 (Non-Resident Firms), and Rule §1539 (Architect Emeritus). The “Allowed” and “Not Allowed” charts contained in many of the rules in this Chapter have been confusing to some architects, and all such charts are deleted in the proposed rules.

The board is proposing that Rule §1525 (Deceased or Retired Member Predecessor Firms) and Rule §1537 (Exemptions) be maintained without change.

The LSBAE rulemaking actions concerning the amendments to the Rules in Chapter 15, Titles, Firm Names, and Assumed Names, during 2025 were as follows:

LSBAE approved proposed amendments to Chapter 15 of its rules and authorized rulemaking to commence: November 21, 2025.

Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement approved by Legislative Fiscal Office: January 7, 2026.

Oversight reports required by R.S. 49:966(B) submitted to appropriate standing committees and presiding officers of respective houses: January 7, 2026.

Notice of Intent published: January 20, 2026 (*Louisiana Register* Vol. 52, No. 1, pp. 95-98).

Comment period for Notice of Intent published January 20, 2026 (*Louisiana Register* Vol. 52, No. 1, p. 98): will expire February 13, 2026.

During 2026 rulemaking will continue.

Title 46
PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS
Part I. Architects

Chapter 21. Architects Selection Board

§2101. Districts

§2103. Nominations

§2105. Waiver of Election

§2107. Ballots
§2109. Voting
§2111. Plurality
§2113. Tabulation
§2115. Tie
§2117. Vacancies
§2119. Election Contest

During 2025, applying the criteria required by Act 192 of RS 2024 and JML Executive Order No. 25-035, the board reviewed Chapter 21 of its rules (LAC 46:I.Chapter 21). It determined that a number of the rules in Chapter 21 should be modernized, simplified, and clarified. Proposed amendments allow for email transmissions to submit nominations (Rule §2103), distribute and return ballots (Rule §2107 and Rule §2109), and provide notice of election results to the candidates (Rule §2113 and Rule §2119); provide for online voting (Rule §2109); provide for the electronic tabulation of votes (Rule §2113); clarify that only properly licensed architects residing in Louisiana are eligible to vote (Rule §2107, Rule §2109, and Rule §2115); provide that an architect previously nominated but not elected will receive notice of any vacancy of the person elected (Rule §2117); and provide for related matters. Rule §2101 pertaining to districts, Rule §2105 pertaining to the waiver of elections, and Rule §2111 pertaining to plurality will be maintained without change.

The LSBAE rulemaking actions concerning the amendment to Rules in Chapter 21, Architects Selection Board, during 2025 were as follows:

LSBAE approved proposed amendments to Chapter 21 of its rules and authorized rulemaking to commence: August 22, 2025.

Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement approved by Legislative Fiscal Office: October 2, 2025.

Oversight reports required by R.S. 49:966(B) submitted to appropriate standing committees and presiding officers of respective houses: October 3, 2025.

Notice of Intent published: October 20, 2025 (*Louisiana Register* Vol. 51, No. 10, pp. 1696-1699).

Comment period for Notice of Intent published October 20, 2025 (*Louisiana Register* Vol. 51, No. 10, p. 1699): expired November 14, 2025. No comments, petitions, or submissions received, and no responses made.

Public or oversight legislative committee hearings during 2025: None.

During 2026 rulemaking will continue.

Title 46
PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS
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Chapter 22. Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund
§2201. Proposals

§2211. Awards

§2213. Use of Funds Awarded

§2215. Final Report

During 2025, applying the criteria required by Act 192 of RS 2024 and JML Executive Order No. 25-035, the board reviewed Chapter 22 of its rules (LAC 46:I.Chapter 22) and determined that several of the rules therein should be modernized and clarified. Proposed amendments allow that proposals for awards include digital deliverables (Rule §2201); clarify that failure to submit the final report will result in forfeiture of a portion of the award and for ineligibility for future awards unless good cause is shown (Rule §2211(E)); provide for exceptions to excuse non-use of funds received during the academic year received (Rule §2211(F)); clarify permissible and non-permissible use of funds awarded (Rule §2213); clarify when the final report must be submitted (Rule §2215); and provide for related matters. .

The board is proposing that Rule §2203 (Eligibility), Rule §2205 (Budgets), Rule §2207 (Proposed Submissions), and Rule §2209 (Review Criteria) be maintained without change.

The LSBAE rulemaking actions concerning the amendment to the Rules in Chapter 22, Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund, during 2025 were as follows:

LSBAE approved proposed amendments to Chapter 12 of its rules and authorized rulemaking to commence: November 21, 2025.

Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement approved by Legislative Fiscal Office: January 7, 2026.

Oversight reports required by R.S. 49:966(B) submitted to appropriate standing committees and presiding officers of respective houses: January 8, 2026.

Notice of Intent published: January 20, 2026 (*Louisiana Register* Vol. 52, No. 1, pp. 93-95).

Comment period for Notice of Intent published January 20, 2026 (*Louisiana Register* Vol. 52, No. 1, p. 95): will expire February 13, 2026.

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**PETITIONS, SUBMISSIONS, OR
COMMENTS BY INTERESTED PERSONS**

During 2025, no petitions, submissions, or comments by interested persons were made to the LSBAE pursuant to R.S. 49:964, and during 2025 no responses by LSBAE were made.

On December 22, 2025, the LSBAE conducted a public hearing pursuant to La. R.S. 49:964(B)(1) for the purpose of allowing any interested person the opportunity to comment on any rule of the agency which the person believed was contrary to law, outdated, unnecessary, overly complex, or burdensome. On November 20, 2025, the LSBAE published notice of the public hearing in the *Louisiana Register*, and it gave notice of the hearing electronically to the

appropriate legislative oversight committees. No written or oral comments or submissions were submitted to the LSBAE at the public hearing, and no responses by the LSBAE were made.

During 2025, no proposed fee adoption, increase, or decrease was made by LSBAE.

**JML EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25-035
AND ACT 192 OF RS 2024 (R.S. 49:964(D))**

During 2024, as reported in its 2024 Annual Rules Report, the LSBAE reviewed the rules in LAC 46:I. §§101-103, §§301-317, §§501-515, §§701-705, §§901-903, §§1101-1111, and §§1701-1707 as required by R.S. 49:964(D). 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 outweighed the burdens and costs on persons regulated by the rules.

During 2025, the LSBAE continued the review of its rules as required by R.S. 49:964(D) and, in addition, reviewed its rules as mandated by JML Executive Order No. 25-038 issued in April of 2025. This executive order mandated that LSBAE examine the following rules by December 31, 2025, to determine whether the rule is necessary, consistent with the law, and aligned with the board's mission, and assess whether the benefits of the rule outweighed the burdens and costs on those regulated by it.

TITLE 46 PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part I. Architects

- 101-305, 309-315, 501, 503-515, 703-903, 1307-1313, 1317-1321, 1503, 1519, 1527, 1529, 2101-2115, 2119, 2301 (Last Revision 2003)
- 317, 1903 (Last Revision 2004)

In accordance with such executive order and statute, during 2025 the LSBAE examined the rules listed below, after which the LSBAE determined:

**Rules to be amended for
which rule-making should begin**

During 2025, the LSBAE evaluated the rules listed below as mandated by Act 192 of 2024 and JML Executive Order No. 25-038 to determine whether each is necessary, consistent with the law, and aligned with the board's mission. The LSBAE further assessed whether the benefits of the rule outweighed the burdens and costs on those regulated by it. After conducting this examination, the LSBAE determined that the following rules should be amended and that rulemaking should begin at an appropriate time:

Rules §§ 101, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 313, 315, 317, 319, 1303, 1305, 1311, 1315, 1317, 1319, 1501, 1517, 1519, 1521, 1523, 1527, 1529, 1531, 1533, 1535, 1539,

1903, 2103, 2107, 2109, 2111, 2113, 2115, 2117, 2119, 2201, 2211, 2213, 2215

The LSBAE further determined that each of these rules, as amended, will satisfy the criteria of Act 192 of 2024 and JML EO No. 25-038.

On October 20, 2025, a Notice of Intent (NOI) proposing to amend Rules §§ 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 313, 315, 317, and 319, was published in the *Louisiana Register* at pp. 1699-1702.

On October 20, 2025, a NOI proposing to amend Rules §§ 2103, 2107, 2109, 2111, 2113, 2115, 2117, and 2119 was published in the *Louisiana Register* at pp. 1697-1699.

On January 20, 2026, a NOI proposing to amend Rules §§ 1501, 1517, 1519, 1521, 1523, 1527, 1529, 1531, 1533, 1535, and 1539 was published in the *Louisiana Register* at pp. 95-98.

On January 20, 2026, a NOI proposing to amend Rules §§ 2201, 2211, 2213, and 2215 was published in the *Louisiana Register* at pp. 93-95.

**Rules to be amended
after the legislature amends the
correlating section of the licensing law
as will be proposed in an upcoming session**

The LSBAE determined that the scope and nature of any amendment to the following rules will depend upon a precursor amendment to the section of the licensing law which correlates to the underlying rule. Accordingly, subject to a precursor amendment to the section of the licensing law which correlates to the following underlying rules, which will be proposed in an upcoming session, the LSBAE determined the following rules should be amended:

Rules §§ 103, 501, 503, 505, 507, 509, 511, 513, 515, 701, 703, 705, 901, 903, 1101, 1103, 1105, 1107, 1109, 1111, 1301, 1313, 1701, 1703, 1705, and 1707.

The LSBAE further determined that each of these rules, as amended, will satisfy the criteria of Act 192 of 2024 and JML No. 25-038. The LSBAE determined that rulemaking to amend these should rules begin after a precursor amendment to the section of the licensing law which correlates to the underlying rule.

**Rules which satisfy the criteria of JML 25-038 and Act 192
and which are to be maintained without amendment or change**

The LSBAE evaluated the rules listed below and determined that the following rules satisfy the criteria of Act 192 of 2024 and JML No. 25-038 and should be maintained

without amendment or change:

Rules §§ 311, 1307, 1309, 1319, 1321, 1525,1537, 1903 [?], 2101, 2105, 2111, 2203, 2205, 2207, 2209, and 2301.

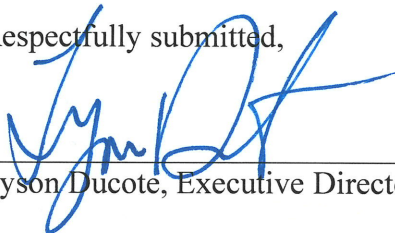
Rules to be repealed

The LSBAE evaluated the rules listed below pursuant to the criteria of Act 192 of 2024 and JML No. 25-038 and determined that the following rules should be repealed:

Rules §§ 1503,1505, 1507, 1509, 1511,.1513, 1515

Since the beginning of the five-year period described in R.S. 49:964(D) (Act 192 of 2024), the LSBAE has reviewed more than 40% of its rules in accordance with the criteria set forth in Act 192 of 2024 and JML Executive Order No. 25-038. The rules reviewed by LSBAE during 2024 are identified in the 2024 Annual Rules Report previously submitted to the oversight committees and posted on the LSBAE website, copied herein by reference. The rules reviewed by LSBAE during 2025 are identified in this 2025 Annual Rules Report.

Respectfully submitted,



Tyson Ducote, Executive Director

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