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Re: Summary Report for the proposed amendments of LAC 46:I.Chapter 22. Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund

Senators and Representatives:

Pursuant to R.S. 49:966(D)(1)(b), the Board of Architectural Examiners hereby announces its intention to proceed with rulemaking regarding proposed amendments of LAC 46:I.Chapter 22. Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund. A Notice of Intent was duly published in the *Louisiana Register* on January 20, 2026, at pp. 93-95. The published NOI is attached.

Act 192 of 2024 mandated that all state agencies which make rules review a sufficient number of rules each year so that all rules have been reviewed within a five-year period. Executive Order JML 25-038 issued April 1, 2025, mandated that by December 31, 2025, state agencies review at least 50% of the rules listed in the order or a minimum of 100 rules, whichever is greater. The remaining rules must be reviewed by December 31, 2026.

Pursuant to Act 192 and EO JML 25-038, the Board of Architectural Examiners has undertaken a review of all of its rules, including the rules in LAC 46:I.Chapter 22. The Board determined that the rules in Chapter 22 should be modernized and clarified. The proposed amendments allow proposals for awards to include digital deliverables; 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; provide for exceptions to excuse non-use of funds received during the academic year received; clarify permissible and non-permissible use of funds awarded, and clarify when the final report must be submitted.

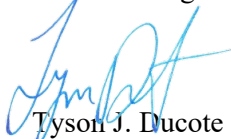
The comment period in the published Notice of Intent ended on February 13, 2026. The board received no comments on the proposed rule amendments, and, therefore, the board did not conduct any hearings pursuant to R.S. 49:961(B).

Since the reports provided for in R.S. 49:966(B) were submitted to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs and the House Commerce Committee on January 8, 2026, the board has made no changes to the proposed rule amendments.

By letter dated March 9, 2026, the Department of Justice Occupational Licensing Review Program (OLRP) determined that the proposed amendments are within the Board's statutory authority, adhere to clearly articulated state policy, and do not constitute occupational regulations with reasonably foreseeable anticompetitive effects within the meaning of La R.S. 49:260. Accordingly, the Board may proceed with promulgation of the proposed amendments in accordance with the Louisiana APA without further input from the OLRP. The OLRP determination is attached.

Subject to legislative oversight by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs, and the House Committee on Commerce, the board intends to submit a Rule to the Office of the State Register for publication. Please contact Tyson J. Ducote at (225) 925-4802 if the board may be of any assistance to you concerning the proposed rule.

With kind regards,



Tyson J. Ducote
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Attachments: (NOI published on January 20, 2026, in *Louisiana Register* and OLRP determination dated March 9, 2026)

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