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Representative Phillip R. DeVillier, Speaker of the House
(apa.housespeaker@legis.la.gov)

Re: Summary Report for the proposed amendments of LAC 46:I.Chapter 13.
Administration

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 13. Administration. A Notice of Intent was duly published in the *Louisiana Register* on April 20, 2026, at pp. 584-88. 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 13. The proposed rules update language to align with current practice and clarify.

More specifically:

- The proposed amendments to §§1303 and 1305 clarify the board's interpretation concerning an architect's seal by removing obsolete references to a "stamp," clarify the meaning of "computer generated," and update references from "responsible supervision" to "responsible control."
- The proposed amendments to §§1309 and 1311 correct erroneous statutory citations within the existing rules, clarify the methodology for calculating gross floor area in mixed occupancy buildings, and clarify the board's interpretation of the statutory exemption applicable to certain alterations defined as Level 1 by the International Building Code that do not affect structural integrity or life safety.
- The proposed amendment to §1313 clarifies the board's interpretation of R.S. 37:152(B) concerning an architect's responsible control over work prepared outside the architect's office by specifying the documentation that must be maintained to demonstrate responsible control.
- The proposed amendments to §1315 modernize the board's continuing education

program by clarifying its purpose, exemptions, definitions, acceptable educational activities, methods of earning continuing education hours, reporting requirements, recordkeeping requirements, and related administrative provisions.

- The proposed amendments to §1317 clarify the board's interpretation of the phrase "associates with a registered architect of this state" as used in R.S. 37:155(A)(3).

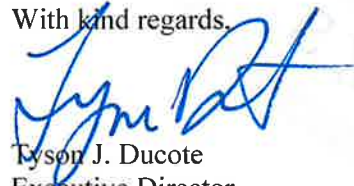
The comment period in the published Notice of Intent ended on May 15, 2026. The board received no comments on the proposed rule amendments, and, therefore, the board did not conduct any hearings pursuant to R.S. 49:961(B).

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 April 8, 2026, the board has made no changes to the proposed rule amendments.

By letter dated July 17, 2026, the Department of Justice Occupational Licensing Review Program (OLRP) determined that the proposed amendments are within the Board's statutory authority, are consistent with the clearly articulated state policy embodied in the Architect Licensing Law, and do not create reasonably foreseeable anticompetitive effects. 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
Executive Director,
State Board of Architectural Examiners

Attachments (NOI published on April 20, 2026, in *Louisiana Register* and OLRP determination letter dated July 17, 2026)

cc: Ms. Andrea Trantham (via email only: Andrea.Trantham@la.gov) (with attachments)
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