

Georgia State Board of Registered Architects and Interior Designers
Board Meeting
July 24, 2020 (Open Session Minutes)

A meeting of the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers was held on **Friday, July 24, 2020** via zoom, for the purpose of conducting Board business.

Present Board Members:

David Maschke, Registered Architect, Registered Interior Designer, Vice President
Laurie McRae, Registered Interior Designer
Craig Buckley, Registered Architect
Susan Watts, Registered Interior Designer
Melissa Cantrell, Registered Architect

Absent Board Members:

Anne Smith, Registered Architect, President
Carole Pacheco, Registered Architect
Janice Wittschiede, Registered Architect, Registered Interior Designer

Present Staff:

Darren Mickler, Executive Director
Ava Walker, Licensure Analyst
Logan Malcom, Board Support Specialist

Present Attorney General:

Alison Spencer, Assistant Attorney General

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At 9:33 a.m., Vice President David Maschke established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order. The following members were present Vice President David Maschke, Susan Watts, Melissa Cantrell, Craig Buckley and Laurie McRae.

The Board held a rules hearing in accordance with the Notice of Hearing issued on May 29, 2020.

During the rules hearing the Board members discussed the rule changes in general as well as the potential economic impact of the rule changes

Susan Watts made a motion that the formulation and adoption of these rules do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee, and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-34, 43-4-9, and 43-4-11, therefore, the Board voted that it was not necessary in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-34, 43-4-9, 43-4-10, 43-4-11, 43-4-31, 43-4-32, 43-4-35, and 43-4-36 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every

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licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of architecture or Interior Design. Laurie McRae seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Susan Watts made a motion for the Board to adopt rules 50-2-.03 and 50-10-.06. Melissa Cantrell seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Rule 50-10-.06 Licensure of veterans and military spouses.

(1) As used in this Rule:

- (a) “Military” means the United States armed forces, including the National Guard.
- (b) “Military spouse” means the spouse of a service member or transitioning service member.
- (c) “Registered Interior Designer” means a person who is registered as an Interior Designer under the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
- (d) “Service member” means an active or reserve member of the United States armed forces, including the National Guard.
- (e) “Transitioning service member” means a member of the military or active duty status or on separation leave who is within 24 months of retirement or 12 months of separation.

(2) Expedited applications. Effective July 1, 2017, military spouses and transitioning service members may qualify for expedited processing of a license application by showing that the applicant is a military spouse or transitioning service member and that the applicant has paid the fee and meets all requirements for a license issued under Chapter 4 of Title 43.

(3) Licensure by reciprocity of service members, transitioning service members, and military spouses. A service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse may qualify for a license by reciprocity where the applicant:

- (a) holds a license in good standing from another state for which the training, experience, and testing substantially meets or exceeds the requirements under Georgia law to obtain a license as an Interior Designer;
- (b) submits to the Board a verification of licensure from the appropriate licensing agency of another state showing that the applicant’s active license is in good standing in that state;
- (c) submits documentation satisfactory to the Board which verifies the applicant’s status as a service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse;
- (d) submits a completed application for licensure by reciprocity on a form approved by the Board, pays the required fee, and requests a license by reciprocity.

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(4) Education, training, and experience obtained while in the military. A service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse may obtain credit for education and experience obtained while in the military that is required for licensure by Chapter 4 of Title 43 if he or she:

- (a) submits documentation of graduation from a college or university with the major and/or hourly requirements that substantially meet or exceed the requirements under Georgia law for licensure as an Interior Designer;
- (b) submits documentation showing acceptable experience doing Interior Design work performed under the supervision of a person whose credentials are acceptable to the Board which meet the requirements for licensure under Georgia law;
- (c) submits documentation satisfactory to the Board which verifies the applicant's status as a service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse;
- (d) submits proof of passing the examination required for licensure; and
- (e) submits a completed application on a form approved by the Board for approval to take the licensure examination or for licensure and pays the required fee.

Rule 50-2-.03 Licensure of veterans and military spouses.

(1) As used in this Rule:

- (f) "Military" means the United States armed forces, including the National Guard.
- (g) "Military spouse" means the spouse of a service member or transitioning service member.
- (h) "Registered Architect" means a person who is technically and legally qualified and currently registered with the board to practice architecture in the State of Georgia.
- (i) "Service member" means an active or reserve member of the United States armed forces, including the National Guard.
- (j) "Transitioning service member" means a member of the military or active duty status or on separation leave who is within 24 months of retirement or 12 months of separation.

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- (e) holds a license in good standing from another state for which the training, experience, and testing substantially meets or exceeds the requirements under Georgia law to obtain a license as an architect;
- (f) submits to the Board a verification of licensure from the appropriate licensing agency of another state showing that the applicant's active license is in good standing in that state;
- (g) submits documentation satisfactory to the Board which verifies the applicant's status as a service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse;
- (h) submits a completed application for licensure by reciprocity on a form approved by the Board, pays the required fee, and requests a license by reciprocity.

(4) Education, training, and experience obtained while in the military. A service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse may obtain credit for education and experience obtained while in the military that is required for licensure by Chapter 4 of Title 43 if he or she:

- (f) submits documentation of graduation from a college or university with the major and/or hourly requirements that substantially meet or exceed the requirements under Georgia law for licensure as an architect;
- (g) submits documentation showing acceptable experience doing architectural work performed under the supervision of a person whose credentials are acceptable to the Board which meet the requirements for licensure under Georgia law;
- (h) submits documentation satisfactory to the Board which verifies the applicant's status as a service member, transitioning service member, or military spouse;
- (i) submits proof of passing the examination required for licensure; and
- (j) submits a completed application on a form approved by the Board for approval to take the licensure examination or for licensure and pays the required fee.

The Board briefly discussed add the word professional to Architect in the rule.

Susan Watts made a motion for the Board to forward the AG memo to the Governor's office. Melissa Cantrell seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on August 21, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Logan Malcom, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Darren Mickler, Executive Director

David Maschke, Vice President

Darren Mickler, Executive Director

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These minutes were approved on: August 21, 2020