



**STATE BOARD FOR INTERIOR DESIGN  
OFFICE OF THE PROFESSIONS**

1411 Broadway, New York, NY 10018

Remote Location:

89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234

January 31, 2025

~ 10:30 am ~

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**Primary Board Members Present:**

- P. Durante (Chair), Certified Interior Designer
- D. Mallin (Vice Chair), R.A. (remote in Albany, NY)
- R. Alweis, P.E.
- R. Betz, R.A.
- H. Galutera, Certified Interior Designer
- R. Novak, Certified Interior Designer, arrived 11:00 A.M., left 11:53 A.M.

**Extended Board Members Present:**

- None

**Board Members Absent:**

- S. Subance Ferrier, Certified Interior Designer
- E. Fisher, Ph.D., Certified Interior Designer

**Guests:**

- E. Lu – IIDA NY Advocacy Committee and co-founder of the Alliance of Design and Construction Professionals (ADCP)
- T. Buchan – Lobbyist, Park Strategies (remote in Albany, NY)
- T. Banks – CEO, Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ) (remote via Webex), left 11:31 A.M.
- M. Barusch – Director, CIDQ Government Affairs and Advocacy (remote via Webex), left 11:31 A.M.
- A. Rienth, CIDQ Board of Directors

**Department Personnel:**

- E. Greppo, P.E. – Executive Secretary (ES)
- K. Fitzgerald – Associate in Professional Education
- J. O'Brien – Education Program Assistant II, left 10:47 A.M.
- M. Slivinski – Education Program Assistant I, left 10:47 A.M.
- H. Lienteigne – Administrative Assistant I, left 10:47 A.M.

**1. Call to Order – Open Session**

ES Greppo called the Open Session to order at 10:40 A.M.

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

Board members, Department personnel, and guests gave brief introductions.

**3. Guest Remarks – CIDQ CEO**

ES provided some professional background details on Thom Banks, Hon FASID, Hon Member IDC. Mr. Banks was invited as a guest to update the Board as his CIDQ CEO tenure is expected to end soon. Topics covered included standardizing licensure qualifications, CIDQ exam registrations, exam pass rate consistency over time, adding advanced questions to all three (3) exam sections, active certifications, and how surveys (practice analyses) administered every five (5) years inform exam content. Regulated jurisdictions, public awareness campaign, 2024 updated Model Legislation, 2025 Model Regulation work, the addition of a business analytics staff member in 2024, and, relying on volunteers (<https://www.cidq.org/volunteering>) were also discussed.

In connection with information shared by Mr. Banks, ES stated that the CIDQ Model Law passed unanimously at the 2024 Annual Meeting. ES inquired about exam resources and preparation; blueprints within the candidate handbook and score reports were mentioned. A short Q&A session followed, including federal-level trends. ES will forward CIDQ Town Hall invitation to Board Members.

*Note: CIDQ attendees speaking and presenting at non-SED remote locations were asked to disconnect from Webex at the conclusion of this topic.*

**4. Meeting Minutes**

The Open Session meeting minutes from September 27, 2024, were reviewed.

**Motion** – Betz/Alweis: Approve September 27, 2024, open session meeting minutes.  
**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. Board Office Report**

- The Public Board Member is the only vacancy on the Board and the Board Office is seeking nominations of people who meet the statutory criteria. ES will reach out to associations to see if they can notify members and clients on behalf of the Board Office.
- As of January 1, 2025, there were 336 registered certified interior designer licensees (254 in-state, 81 out-of-state and one [1] international). NYSED licensed 11 certified interior designers in 2024.
- The 2024 CIDQ Annual Meeting was held November 7-9 in Chicago, IL (50th Anniversary). ES and Chair Durante attended.
- ES thanked Member Galutera for providing edits to the NCIDQ new certificate holders outreach email.
- As a continuation from the previous Board meeting, the Board Office is still working to streamline the process for applicants, remove barriers, and reduce administrative redundancy by working towards utilizing CIDQ applicant information for NYSED licensure.
- ES mentioned that the new Legislative session started on January 8, 2025.

**6. Nomination and Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair**

Discussion was held for the Board Chair and Vice-Chair Board Member positions, effective January 31 – first 2026 Board Meeting.

Motion – Galutera/Betz: Move to nominate Chair Durante for Chair.

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Motion – Galutera/Betz: Move to nominate Vice-Chair Mallin for Vice-Chair.

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**7. Requirements for certification for certified interior designers Senate Bill 1141 (Holyman-Sigal)**

The Bill has been reintroduced with identical language as in the previous legislative session's version.

Discussion may continue at the next Board meeting depending on the need for further Board technical review.

ES reminded Board Members not to advocate or express a position on proposed legislation.

**8. Board Committee Development and Assignments**

Discussion outlining the Licensing, Practice and Outreach Committees was held. ES requested that Board Members email their committee preference within the next week. The Board may be asked to review Department online technical resources, assist in the development of outreach resources, and participate in outreach events related to licensure.

**9. Other Business & Board Member Remarks**

NY11+ is hosting the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) annual student exhibit at the Port Authority from April 1 – May 30, 2025. In line with World Creativity day, a lunch will be held in the UN lobby on April 21, 2025. NY11+ will also host a roundtable with various academic administrators on Integrating AI in Curriculum (Fall 2025, exact date TBD). ES will share an email with Board Members pertaining to the SUNY General Education Framework revised core competency for Civil Discourse and Information Literacy that identifies artificial intelligence.

**10. Next Board Meeting**

The next Interior Design Board Meeting will be held on May 16, 2025, in New York City at 10:30AM.

**11. Adjournment**

Motion – Betz/Alweis: Move to adjourn at 12:46 P.M.

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Greppo, PE  
Executive Secretary