



**STATE BOARD FOR INTERIOR DESIGN  
OFFICE OF THE PROFESSIONS  
1411 Broadway, New York, NY 10018**

May 16, 2025  
~ 10:30 am ~

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**Primary Board Members Present:**

- P. Durante (Chair), Certified Interior Designer, arrived at 10:39 A.M.
- R. Alweis, P.E.
- R. Betz, R.A., left 12:27 P.M.
- E. Fisher, Ph.D., Certified Interior Designer, left 12:08 P.M., returned 12:10 P.M.
- H. Galutera, Certified Interior Designer
- R. Novak, Certified Interior Designer, left 12:27 P.M., returned 12:30 P.M.
- S. Subance Ferrier, Certified Interior Designer

**Extended Board Members Present:**

- None

**Board Members Absent:**

- D. Mallin (Vice Chair), R.A.

**Guests:**

- R. Moden – CEO, Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ) (remote via Webex), left 10:50 A.M.
- M. Barusch – Director, CIDQ Government Affairs and Advocacy (remote via Webex), left 10:50 A.M.
- T. Buchan – Lobbyist, Park Strategies, left 12:38 P.M., returned 12:40 P.M.

**Department Personnel:**

- E. Greppo, P.E. – Executive Secretary (ES)
- K. Fitzgerald – Associate in Professional Education

**1. Call to Order – Open Session**

ES Greppo called the Open Session to order at 10:36 A.M.

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

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

**3. Guest Remarks – CIDQ CEO**

R. Moden was invited as a guest to meet the Board membership and introduce herself within her new role of CIDQ CEO (effective May 1, 2025). In addition to providing information on her professional background, other topics included the inaugural CIDQ Member Board Executive Committee, uniform NCIDQ certificate

application, removing unnecessary certificate/licensure barriers, and a recent day-long mentorship/sponsorship discussion with ASID, IIDA, and CIDA representatives. Chair Durante shared that she is a new member on the national CIDQ Nominating Committee.

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

#### 4. Meeting Minutes

The Open Session meeting minutes from January 31, 2025, were reviewed.

**Motion** – Alweis/Betz: Approve January 31, 2025, open session meeting minutes.

**PASSED, with two (2) abstentions (Member Fisher and Member Subance Ferrier).**

#### 5. Board Chair Report

Chair Durante said that she is looking forward to forthcoming committee work.

#### 6. Board Office Report

- The Public Board Member remains vacant. The Board Office is seeking nominations of people who meet the statutory criteria. ES has reached out to professional associations asking that they notify members (and, by extension, their clients) that the Board Office is soliciting nominations. The public member must be a consumer of professional interior design services and may not hold interests in the organization, financing, or delivery of interior design services.
- ES provided a brief demonstration on how to log into the NYSED Interior Design Board Members SharePoint, for secure Board related communications. An email including video tutorials and written instructions will be sent to all Board Members post-meeting.
- The 2024 Office of Professions (OP) Annual Report mentions the Board's initiatives and outreach.
- As of today, there have been eight (8) new Interior Design licensees in 2025. Registered licensee statistics will be updated on the website as of July 1, 2025.
- The 2025 CIDQ Annual Meeting is expected to be November 6-9 in Denver, CO. ES hopes to attend. If approved, one Board Member may also attend.
- ES will request Board Member feedback for the next NCIDQ new certificate holders outreach email; the outreach email will then be sent to new certificate holders after their names are released.
- The next CIDQ Exams will be administered from October 1 – 31, 2025.
- The International Council on Regulation (ICOR) is still working on a practice overlap resource. ES noted that the Board will have the opportunity to review and provide comments within the next few months.
- ES was asked to join the CIDQ Member Board Executive Committee. The committee met on March 21, 2025, and discussed ways to develop resources for boards to use, such as presentations.

#### 7. ES and Board Member Remarks

Member Galutera provided an overview of recent and ongoing NY11+ events, including the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) annual student exhibit at the Port Authority (April 1 – May 30, 2025) and a luncheon held in line with World Creativity Day on April 21, 2025, in the UN lobby. Chair Durante co-chaired the luncheon, which will provide funding towards a scholarship and mentorship program. Although there are no details to-date, NY11+ hopes to hold a Fall 2025 event.

ES noted that Interior Design application volume is low and will explore ways to learn the following from NYS licensees and NCIDQ certificate holders: Which degrees and types of industry experience do applicants have? What are applicants' incentives for, and value seen in applying for NYS Certified Interior Designer licensure? Would the application process be recommended to others? What are the applicant time lines (e.g.,

time from graduation, to passing exams, to securing licensure)? Pertinent information to help assess these types of questions may be added to SharePoint. Creating a brief survey that incorporates the aforementioned questions was suggested, along with inviting new certificate holders to events, and developing videos covering the importance of licensure and an application forms demonstration. All forms will be included in the next Board meeting packet for review and discussion.

## 8. New Business

- a. Part 52.18(a)(8) of the Commissioner's Regulations (Color theory and application coursework)  
A discussion about this regulation was held, with particular attention to color theory as it may be critical to interior design. Some topics included fields where color is critical (e.g., healthcare, education, branding), neurodiversity, visual acuity, color contrasts for aging, CIDA pathways, public protection, and finding environment/behavior research that shows the effects of color on humans. A follow-up meeting will be held (date and time TBD) to further discuss color theory and examples of substantially equivalent courses, within the context of how the profession is evolving. ES will research the degree-level course requirement differences within the Commissioner's Regulations.
- b. CIDQ Proposed Bylaw  
A new Board structure is being proposed, which would expand eligibility to gain needed expertise and broadens the potential member pool. ES reminded the Board that CIDQ is expected to solicit the member board vote in the forthcoming weeks. More details can be found on pages 37-49 of the Open Session packet.
- c. Consumer Information Web Page  
A 90-minute virtual meeting on this topic will be scheduled for the Licensing and Practice committee (date and exact time TBD); the webpage will be reviewed and updated to reflect 2025 information.
- d. Career Path Web Page  
The Licensing and Practice committee will focus on this (date and time TBD), including linking to the Department of Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook.
- e. Fall Student/Professional Outreach Event Development  
The first outreach committee meeting will focus on this (date and time TBD).

## 9. Old Business

- a. Interior Design Certification Bill - S1141 / A4840 (Holyman-Sigal/McDonald)  
The Bill is in Higher Education Committee for both houses. To date, there is no progress to note or additional requests of the Board.
- b. Board Committee Development and Assignments  
The final rosters for the Outreach and Licensing & Practice Committees were reviewed. ES will schedule virtual Webex committee meetings with defined tasks (dates TBD).

## 10. Next Board Meeting

The next Interior Design Board Meeting will be held on September 19, 2025, in New York City at 10:30AM.

## 11. Adjournment

**Motion** – Fisher/Alweis: Move to adjourn at 12:53 P.M.

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Greppo, PE  
Executive Secretary

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