



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

1411 Broadway, New York, NY 10018

Remote location:

89 Washington Avenue, Catalog Room – Albany, NY 12234

Friday, January 30, 2026 – 10:30 A.M. – 1 P.M.

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

Extended Board Members Present:

- None

Board Members Absent:

- R. Novak, 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 via Webex), departed the meeting at 11:02 A.M.

Department Personnel:

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

1. Call to Order – Open Session

ES Greppo called Open Session to order at 10:53 A.M.

2. Welcome and Introductions

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

3. Guest Remarks

T. Buchan and E. Lu provided brief legislative updates. The proposed Interior Design Certification Bill (S1141/A4840) is intended to align law with NCIDQ's requirements. The Bill is currently without a Senate sponsor, as the prior sponsor (Holyman-Sigal) is no longer a Senator.

Note: T. Buchan was asked to disconnect from Webex at the conclusion of this topic.

4. Meeting Minutes

The Open Session meeting minutes from September 19, 2025, were reviewed.

Motion – Betz/Fisher: Approve September 19, 2025, open session meeting minutes pending one (1) grammatical correction.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Board Office Report

- The Public Board Member position remains vacant. The Board Office is seeking nominations for people who meet the statutory criteria. ES has asked Board Members and reached out to professional associations asking that they notify members (and, by extension, their clients) that the Board Office is soliciting nominations of qualified nominees. 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 requested that Board Members let him know if they experience SharePoint issues; he will coordinate I.T. assistance to ensure reliable access to handle Board business.
- There are 340 active Certified Interior Designer (C.I.D.) registrants as of January 1, 2026.
- ES will consider posting publicly available NCIDQ new certificate holders outreach for both NY and non-NY residents to social media. He will recirculate existing NY outreach information via email to the Board members for their comment. New York has a 42% conversion rate for CIDQ certificate holders that pursue title registration.
- There were 16 new licensees in 2025, which is the most since 2021.
- The number of new NYS 2025 NCIDQ certificate holders is 64.
- The spring CIDQ 2026 Exam will be administered between April 1 – 30. The application deadline is January 31, 2026. ES requested that the Board review the updated CIDQ website.
- ES and Vice Chair Mallin maintained an informational table on title registration at IIDA-NY's Flannel Fest, held on October 9, 2025. ES noted that he and a Board Member will hopefully participate again in Fall 2026.
- The 2025 CIDQ Annual Meeting was held November 7-8, 2025, in Denver, CO. ES will circulate meeting reference materials for the Board's information. ES plans to attend a member board executive meeting in August.
- Other topics arising during the Board Office report included Member Fisher sharing information on regional accreditation and how it can impact CIDA-accredited programs. Guest Lu mentioned that SUNY's new general education requirements went into effect approximately 1.5 years ago; ES will obtain the PDF that outlines these requirements.

6. Continuing Business

a. NYSED Online Resources

ES noted that the NYSED career page updates for Certified Interior Designers are under internal review. The draft changes will be circulated to the Board for comment; ES anticipates by the end of February. The live web updates should be ready by the next Board meeting in May. Incorporating CIDQ and other interior design informational videos will be included in these updates.

b. Board Chair/Vice Chair 2026 Nominations and Elections

Members Fisher and Alweis nominated Chair Durante and Vice Chair Mallin to continue in their respective roles for 2026.

Motion – Mallin/Betz: Re-elect Chair Durante to continue in her respective role for 2026.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion – Betz/Fisher: Re-elect Vice Chair Mallin to continue in her respective role for 2026.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. Illegal Practice & Fraudulent Use of Seals

Individuals are obtaining and using others' credentials and identities on third-party freelance websites. Discussion about this topic occurred during the CIDQ MBE forum at the annual meeting. The ES will monitor national conversation on the matter. ES is investigating ways to educate the public and municipalities.

7. New Business

a. Education Program Review

A virtual Board committee meeting was held on December 5, 2025, to review a new proposed M.S. in Interior Design. This program remains under review with NYSED.

b. Virtual Certified Interior Designer Registration Outreach

ES will coordinate two live presentations with Kayla Karpp (CIDQ), one for NY professionals and one for NY postsecondary students and Interior Design faculty (exact dates and times TBD). The presentations will discuss CIDQ and the licensure process, with time for questions. Draft slides will be sent to Board Members for review. ES intends to offer this type of outreach every year.

c. NY11+ Events

A student interior design exhibit will be held at the Port Authority in NYC from April 1 – May 31, 2026. A luncheon will be held in line with World Creativity Day on April 23, 2026, in the UN lobby. Chair Durante will co-chair the luncheon, which will provide funding towards a scholarship and mentorship program. NYSID is holding an Interior Design Educators Dialogue on October 26, 2026. The purpose is to have postsecondary department heads talk about education, curriculum, and AI.

8. Adjournment

Motion – Fisher/Alweis: Move to adjourn open session and move directly to Executive Session at 12:33 P.M.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Greppo
Executive Secretary