



**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, June 5, 2026

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Primary Board Members Present:

- P. Durante (Chair), Certified Interior Designer
- D. Mallin (Vice Chair), R.A. (remote in Albany, NY)
- R. Novak, Certified Interior Designer
- R. Alweis, P.E.

Extended Board Members Present:

- None

Board Members Absent:

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

Guests:

- E. Lu – Advocacy Committee, IIDA NY / Co-founder, Alliance of Design and Construction Professionals (ADCP)
- T. Buchan – Lobbyist, Park Strategies – Consortium for Interior Design (remote in Albany, NY)
- Matthew Barusch – Director, Government Affairs and Advocacy – CIDQ
- Amanda Rienth – Director, CIDQ

Department Personnel:

- E. Greppo – Executive Secretary (ES)

1. Call to Order – Open Session

ES Greppo called Open Session to order at 10:40 a.m. The ES noted that four board members were present and that a quorum was not achieved.

2. Welcome and Introductions

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

3. Meeting Minutes

Because a quorum was not present, action on the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting was deferred until the next meeting.

4. Board Office Report

The ES reported the reappointment of extended board member Dorian Dahan. Board members discussed the role of extended members and were reminded that extended members may participate in disciplinary matters as authorized by statute.

Board members were advised regarding procedures for responding to inquiries from investigators and the importance of maintaining the integrity of disciplinary processes.

Board members provided brief updates and comments. Discussion included appreciation for the continued service of extended board members and ongoing interest in legislative developments affecting the profession.

The ES provided updates regarding:

- Current board vacancies and recruitment efforts.
- Strategies for identifying prospective board members and public members.
- Outreach opportunities through professional organizations and CIDQ communications.
- CIDQ committee activities and participation opportunities for board members.
- The CIDQ Member Board Executive Committee and related national discussions.
- Upcoming CIDQ meetings and professional engagement opportunities.

The ES encouraged board members to share information regarding board vacancies with qualified candidates.

5. Legislative and Regulatory Update

CIDQ Director of Government Affairs, Matthew Barauch presented a legislative and regulatory update regarding developments affecting the interior design profession across North America.

Topics discussed included:

- Trends in professional regulation and licensing reform.
- Expansion and modernization of interior design regulatory frameworks.
- Increasing collaboration among interior design, architecture, and related design professions.
- Current regulation of interior design in U.S. and Canadian jurisdictions.
- Recent legislative proposals affecting scope of practice, permitting privileges, and professional regulation.
- National efforts to clarify practice overlap and professional responsibilities.

Tom Buchan provided an overview update regarding pending New York State legislation (A4840) affecting the Certified Interior Designer title qualifications. The bill is awaiting potential action by the Governor.

The ES advised the Board that, if signed into law, the legislation would become effective approximately six months after enactment, allowing time for regulatory implementation and development of supporting procedures. Board members may be called upon to provide advisory input during the implementation process.

6. Continuing Business

The Board discussed emerging issues affecting professional practice, including:

- The use of professional seals and credentials.
- Concerns regarding fraudulent or unauthorized representations of professional qualifications.
- The impact of online freelance and remote-service platforms on professional regulation and enforcement.

Matthew Barusch discussed the Interorganizational Council on Regulation (ICOR) Practice Overlap Guidance document and provided an overview to the Board with an appeal for technical comment and feedback. The ES will solicit feedback from the Board.

7. New Business

No new business was introduced during open session.

8. Adjournment

Following completion of the open-session agenda, the Board adjourned the open session at approximately 12:31 p.m. and prepared for executive session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Greppo
Executive Secretary