

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

1411 Broadway (between 39th & 40th Streets) Tenth Floor – Manhattan

Remote location: 89 Washington Ave – Catalog Room – Albany

Friday, October 16, 2026 – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

OPEN SESSION AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF 2026-01-30 AND 2026-06-05 MEETING MINUTES *(see packet pages 2-7)*
4. BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS
 - a. Dusan Zdravkovic, CID – Primary Member (10/1/26 – 9/30/31)
 - b. Brigid O'Connor – Public Member (10/6/26 – 10/5/31)
5. REPORTS
 - a. Board Office
 - i. Future Board Member: Registered Architect
 - ii. Active Certified Interior Designer Registrants (7/1/26): 341
 - iii. New 2026 C.I.D. Registrants (9/30/26): 12
 - iv. CIDQ Member Board Executive Update
 - v. CIDQ Annual Meeting – 11/13-11/14/26 – Atlanta GA
 - b. NYS Legislation
 - i. A4840A *(see packet pages 8-9)*
 - c. Outreach
 - i. Albany IIDA Flannel Fest – 8/8/26
6. CONTINUING BUSINESS
 - a. Illegal Practice & Fraudulent Use of Seals
 - b. Virtual C.I.D. Registration Outreach
 - i. NYS Interior Design Education Program Institutions
 - ii. Interior Design Related Corporate Entities
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. CIDQ Board of Directors and LDC Candidates *(see packet pages 10-15)*
 - b. 2027 Tentative Board Meeting Dates
 - i. Friday 19 February
 - ii. Friday 25 June
 - iii. Friday 22 October
8. ADJOURNMENT

~ Next Tentative Board Meeting: February 19, 2027 ~

**STATE BOARD FOR INTERIOR DESIGN
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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

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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

STATE OF NEW YORK

4840--A

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 6, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. McDONALD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Higher Education in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the requirements for certification for certified interior designers

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 8305 of the education law, as added by chapter 905 of the laws of 1990, paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 653 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as follows:

§ 8305. Requirements for certification. 1. To qualify for certification to use the title "certified interior designer", an applicant shall fulfill all the following requirements:

(a) Application: file an application with the department;

(b) Education: have ~~[received at least seven years of professional training consisting of academic study and work experience relating to interior design and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations. These seven years shall contain at least two but not more than five years of post secondary education, including an associate degree or the equivalent, in an approved program of interior design]~~ met the educational requirements required to sit for an examination offered by a national certifying organization for interior design professionals, provided that such certifying organization is approved by the commissioner;

(c) Experience: have met experience ~~[satisfactory to the board and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations]~~ requirements deemed necessary to sit for an examination offered by a national certifying organization for interior design professionals provided that such certifying organization is approved by the commissioner;

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets ~~[-]~~ is old law to be omitted.

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(d) Examination: (1) pass an examination satisfactory to the board in accordance with the commissioner's regulations, and (2) ~~[pass a separate examination satisfactory to the board relative to the fire, safety and building codes of the state]~~ provide a verification from a national certifying organization for interior design professionals that an applicant has passed an examination offered by such certifying organization for interior design professionals, and that the applicant is a certificate holder in good standing from such certifying organization for interior design professionals, provided that such certifying organization is approved by the commissioner;

(e) Age: be at least twenty-one years of age;

(f) Citizenship: meet no requirements as to United States citizenship;

(g) Character: be of good moral character as determined by the department; and

(h) Fees: pay a fee of ~~[three hundred dollars to the department for admission to the two department conducted examinations and for an initial license, a fee of one hundred fifty dollars for each reexamination, a fee of]~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars for an initial license ~~[for persons not requiring admission to a department conducted examination,]~~ and a fee of two hundred ten dollars for each triennial registration period.

2. On recommendation of the board, the department may exempt:

(a) from the requirement of subparagraph one of paragraph (d) of subdivision one of this section, an applicant who holds a license of certification to practice as an interior designer issued to ~~[him or her]~~ the applicant upon examination by a legally constituted board of examiners in any other state or political subdivision of the United States, provided that at the time the license or certificate was issued by such state or political subdivision the applicant met the requirements of paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section for certification to use the title "certified interior designer" established by this article; or

(b) from the requirements specified in paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section provided the applicant submits, prior to January first, nineteen hundred ninety-six, satisfactory evidence that the applicant has held ~~[himself or herself]~~ themselves out as an interior designer and has prepared interior design documents in accordance with the requirements set forth in section eighty-three hundred three of this article for a minimum of seven years, has received a secondary school diploma or equivalent, and has passed the examinations required under paragraph (d) of subdivision one of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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CIDQ is Pleased to Present the 2027 Election Ballot to the Assembly of
Delegates

Board of Directors and Leadership Development Council (LDC) Candidates

BOARD

CIDQ is committed to cultivating talented, passionate leaders who champion public health, safety, and welfare through NCIDQ Certification. This commitment is reflected in a strong governance structure led by the CIDQ Board of Directors.

The CIDQ Board of Directors provides strategic leadership for the organization. Entrusted with fiduciary and legal oversight, the Board establishes CIDQ's vision and priorities while ensuring the organization has the resources necessary to achieve its mission.

The Board is composed of eight members, most of whom are NCIDQ Certified interior designers and one public member who represents the interests of the public. Board nominees are selected by a Leadership Development Council (LDC) and elected by CIDQ's Assembly of Delegates. Directors serve staggered two-year terms beginning each January. The President serves a three-year leadership progression, first as President Elect, then as President, and finally as Past President.

CIDQ's LDC was charged with identifying strong, diverse leaders devoted to CIDQ's mission. This year, in maintaining the Board's staggered rotation, they were tasked with filling four (4) positions: three (3) Directors and one (1) Public Member.

Please review the recommended candidates' profiles below and [CAST YOUR VOTES VIA ELECTRONIC BALLOT](#) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026 AT 5:00 PM EST.

Please note: In accordance with the CIDQ Bylaws, the position of President Elect is an appointed role and is not subject to election by the Assembly of Delegates. **Ashley Kirkland** has been selected to serve as the 2027 President Elect and therefore does not appear on this ballot.

Director

Amanda Rienth

Years Certified: 13 years

Amanda is a Principal and Interiors Studio Leader at Steinberg Hart with over 14 years of experience. She guides cultural, civic, and higher education institutions through the planning and design process, with a particular focus on libraries and performing arts spaces. Based in NYC, Amanda is a dedicated advocate for client and community engagement, ethical design, and upholding rigorous interior design standards. Her empathetic approach and dedication to understanding her client's needs ensure that achieving client goals remains her primary focus.



Director

Alan Antioquia

Years Certified: 12 years

Alan has more than ten years of experience in interior design, working on a diverse range of office, retail, restaurant, low-rise residential, and affordable housing projects throughout Calgary. He has also dedicated more than a decade to design education and currently serves as Chair of the Interior Design Department at Mount Royal University.

Alan has been an active leader within the Interior Designers of Alberta, serving as a CIDQ Delegate, President, and currently as Past President. His professional practice and leadership experience have informed his passion for teaching design communication and building systems. Through both practice and education, he explores how interior design and architecture shape the built environment and influence human experiences.



Director**John Cothron**

John serves as Executive Director of the Mississippi State Board of Architecture, the Landscape Architecture Advisory Committee, and the Interior Design Advisory Committee. With more than 25 years of experience supporting the regulation of design professions, he has worked extensively with licensing boards and professional regulatory organizations.



Throughout his career, John has served on and chaired numerous committees for the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB), and CIDQ. Most recently, he served on the CLARB Leadership Advisory Council and as Chair of the CIDQ Member Board Executives Committee. Before his current role, John held several leadership and administrative positions with the Tennessee Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners, including Executive Director.

John brings a strong background in regulatory affairs, professional licensure, and organizational leadership, along with a long-standing commitment to advancing the design professions and protecting the public interest.

Public Member**David Minacci**

David is a partner with the law firm Manausa, Shaw & Minacci, P.A., and has served as Prosecuting Attorney for the Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design since 2002. In this role, he has prosecuted hundreds of cases involving registered interior designers, helping to uphold professional standards and reinforce the importance of regulations that protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.



Throughout his career, David has held numerous leadership positions within Florida state government, including Director of State Purchasing for the Department of Management Services, Acting Director of the Division of Professions, Deputy General Counsel, and Executive Director of the Florida Board of Professional Engineers within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

David previously served as CIDQ's Public Member Director from 2018 to 2022 and was recognized with the 2017 ASID Honorary Medalist Award. A Board-Certified Construction Lawyer through The Florida Bar, he brings extensive knowledge of the design and construction industries and a deep appreciation for the role of interior design regulation in protecting the public.

An active educator and speaker, David regularly delivers lectures and presentations on professional licensure, regulation, and disciplinary processes. He also engages with interior design students and emerging professionals, helping them understand the responsibilities and opportunities associated with licensure and professional practice.

Leadership Development Council

The **Leadership Development Council (LDC)** collaborates closely with the CIDQ Board of Directors to identify and select future leaders for our organization.

The LDC is made up of:

- **Chair - Immediate Past President, defined as the most recent Past President whose term has been completed on the Council Board of Directors**
- One current sitting At-Large Director (selected by the CIDQ Board of Directors)
- Five (5) Member Board representatives who are either NCIDQ Certified interior designers who have served or are serving on a Member Board **OR** a Member Board Executive (maximum of one Member Board Executive)

The LDC's charge is to align CIDQ's future leadership with established Board priorities. These priorities, along with the strategic plan, will be reviewed at a CIDQ Board meeting before the annual call for nominations. The LDC is also responsible for selecting the single-slate candidates for the CIDQ Board and identifying successors for the LDC itself.

NOMINEES:

Kara Bergmann | Manitoba | 2-year term

Kara is an interior designer based in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and holds a Master of Interior Design degree from the University of Manitoba. She has more than 14 years of experience as Senior Interior Designer at Prairie Architects Inc. and has served as Manitoba's CIDQ Delegate and an NCIDQ Ambassador since 2020.

Specializing in educational environments, Kara has led the design of numerous childcare centers, K-8 schools, and post-secondary institutions across Manitoba. Her work is grounded in the principles of early childhood learning and higher education pedagogy, creating meaningful, holistic, and inspiring spaces that support student success. By thoughtfully integrating learning objectives into the built environment, she leverages interior design as a powerful tool for education and engagement.

Danielle Bush | Maryland | 2-year term

Danielle serves as Vice President of Interior Design at David S. Brown Enterprises in Baltimore. With more than 25 years of experience, she has led multidisciplinary design

teams on a diverse portfolio of projects across the commercial, education, institutional, hospitality, retail, and multifamily sectors.

Danielle is a dedicated leader and advocate for the profession, having served as Vice President of IIDA Mid-Atlantic, President of IIDA Baltimore, and a member of the Maryland State Board of Certified Interior Designers. Her extensive industry experience and commitment to professional service support her ongoing efforts to advance the interior design profession and protect the public through excellence in practice.

Madani, Directors Melanie Doss and Amanda Rienth, and Public Member David Cox.

Members remaining on the Board are:

- Carol Erklouts, 2026 President
- Charrisse Johnston, 2026 President Elect
- Marcus Appleby, Director
- McKenzie Cooper, Director

Sincerely,

CIDQ Leadership Development Council

- Erin Jennings, Chair, and Immediate Past President
- Melanie Doss, Board Director
- Sandy Edmonds, Louisiana Member Board Executive
- Emmy Williams, North Carolina Member Board Member
- Jennifer Wiwchar Fast, Manitoba Member Board Member
- Al Lawson, Mississippi Member Board Member
- Cameron Stiles, Virginia Member Board Member

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