

Report on the

# Board for Registered Interior Designers

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Representative Howard Sanderford  
Chairman, Sunset Committee  
Alabama State House  
Montgomery, AL 36130

Dear Representative Sanderford,

This report was prepared to provide information for use by the Sunset Committee in conducting its review and evaluation of the operations of the Alabama Board for Registered Interior Designers in accordance with the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 41-20-9.

The report contains unaudited information obtained from the management, staff, and records of the Alabama Board for Registered Interior Designers, in addition to information obtained from other sources.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Laurie Riddle". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Chief Examiner

**Examiner**  
Ashley L. Allen



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# **PROFILE**

## **Purpose/Authority**

The Alabama Interior Design Registration Act was established by Act No. 706, Acts of Alabama 2010. The Board has regulatory jurisdiction only over persons who are registered with the Board as interior designers. Persons not registered with the Board as interior designers can practice interior design and advertise themselves as interior designers but cannot advertise themselves as **registered** interior designers. The Board operates under the authority of the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 34-15C-1 through 34-15C-19.

<b><u>Characteristics</u></b>	
<b>Members and Selection</b>	Seven members appointed by the governor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Five must be registered interior designers selected from a list of nominees generated from the statewide nominating committee.</li><li>• One professional educator</li><li>• One consumer</li></ul> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975</i>, Section 34-15C-4</p>
<b>Term</b>	Four-year staggered terms.  No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms and members shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed by the Governor.  <i>Code of Alabama 1975</i> , Section 34-15C-4(b)
<b>Qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Five registered interior designers engaged in the full-time practice of interior design.</li><li>• One professional educator, who teaches in a college or university level interior design program, and who is a registered interior designer or was previously registered or certified by the former Alabama State Board of Registration for Interior Design.</li><li>• One consumer member who is not a design professional and not employed in the fields of construction, architecture, engineering, interior design, interior decorating, or any related field.</li></ul> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975</i>, Section 34-15C-4(c)</p>
<b>Consumer Representation</b>	One member required by statute. One consumer member currently serving.  <i>Code of Alabama 1975</i> , Section 34-15C-4(c)

<b>Racial Representation</b>	<p>At least one shall be a member of a minority race. One black member currently serving.</p> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975, Section 34-15C-4(d)</i></p>
<b>Geographical Representation</b>	<p>One practicing registered interior designer shall be appointed from each of the following districts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Northern District</u></b> - Comprised of Lauderdale, Colbert, Lawrence, Limestone, Morgan, Cullman, Marshall, Madison, Jackson, DeKalb, Cherokee, Etowah, Calhoun, and Cleburne Counties.</li> <li>• <b><u>Central District</u></b> - Comprised of Blount, Jefferson, St. Clair, and Talladega Counties.</li> <li>• <b><u>Western District</u></b> - Comprised of Marion, Winston, Lamar, Fayette, Franklin, Walker, Pickens, Tuscaloosa, Sumter, Greene, Hale, Bibb, Perry, Dallas, Marengo, Choctaw, Lowndes, Shelby, and Wilcox Counties.</li> <li>• <b><u>Eastern District</u></b> - Comprised of Randolph, Clay, Chilton, Coosa, Tallapoosa, Chambers, Autauga, Elmore, Lee, Macon, Montgomery, Bullock, Pike, Coffee, Dale, Henry, Barbour, Russell, and Crenshaw Counties.</li> <li>• <b><u>Southern District</u></b> - Comprised of Butler, Covington, Conecuh, Escambia, Houston, Monroe, Clarke, Washington, Mobile, Geneva, and Baldwin Counties.</li> </ul> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975, Section 34-15C-4(e)</i></p>
<b>Other Representation</b>	<p>Total membership of the Board shall reflect the racial, gender, urban/rural, and economic diversity of the state.</p> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975, Section 34-15C-4(d)</i></p>
<b>Compensation</b>	<p>Members receive no compensation but are paid travel and per diem allowances at the same rate as state employees.</p> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975, Section 34-15C-4(h)</i></p>
<b>Attended Board Member Training</b>	<p>Six board members</p>

<b><u>Operations</u></b>	
<b>Administrator</b>	<p>Bryant G. Williams, Executive Director  Part-time contract employee.  Current Annual Salary - \$22,512.00</p> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975</i>, Section 34-15C-4(j)</p>
<b>Location</b>	<p>208 20<sup>th</sup> Street North  Birmingham, AL 35203  Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday  8:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m.</p>
<b>Employees</b>	One part-time contract employee
<b>Legal Counsel</b>	Madeline Lewis, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General’s Office
<b>Subpoena Power</b>	<p>Yes, witnesses and records.</p> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975</i>, Section 34-15C-5(10)</p>
<b>Internet Presence</b>	<p><a href="http://abrid.alabama.gov/">http://abrid.alabama.gov/</a>  Information available includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home</li> <li>• About Us</li> <li>• Board Members</li> <li>• Design Code</li> <li>• Forms</li> <li>• Find a Designer</li> <li>• Interior Design Career Path</li> <li>• Accredited Programs in Alabama</li> <li>• Events Calendar</li> <li>• Newsletter</li> <li>• Quick Links</li> <li>• Contact Us</li> </ul>

<b><u>Financial</u></b>																									
<b>Source of Funds</b>	Registration fees and fines																								
<b>State Treasury</b>	Yes - Special Revenue Fund 0364  <i>Code of Alabama 1975</i> , Section 34-15C-14																								
<b>Required Distributions</b>	No required distributions.																								
<b>Unused Funds</b>	Unused funds are retained at fiscal year-end.																								
<b><u>Licensee Information</u></b>																									
<b>Licensees</b>	As of February 10, 2020 242 registered interior designers																								
<b>Qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good ethical character.</li> <li>• Has satisfied all requirements to take the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ)</li> <li>• The applicant has successfully passed the NCIDQ examination.</li> <li>• The applicant is at least 21 years of age.</li> </ul> <p><i>Source: Code of Alabama 1975</i>, Section 34-15C-6(b)</p>																								
<b>Examinations</b>	<p>The Board does not administer examinations. To become registered by the Board, an applicant must show successful completion of the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) examination.</p> <p>Examinations are prepared, administered and graded by the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ). Exam fees are paid directly to NCIDQ.</p> <p>Examinations are given twice a year (once in the spring and once in the fall) in Birmingham or Huntsville.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4"><b>Section I – Interior Design Fundamental Exam</b></th> </tr> <tr> <th><b>Calendar Year</b></th> <th><b># Taken</b></th> <th><b># Passed</b></th> <th><b>% Passed</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2016</td> <td>44</td> <td>31</td> <td>70%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017</td> <td>42</td> <td>26</td> <td>62%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018</td> <td>62</td> <td>31</td> <td>50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019</td> <td>49</td> <td>29</td> <td>59%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Section I – Interior Design Fundamental Exam</b>				<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b># Taken</b>	<b># Passed</b>	<b>% Passed</b>	2016	44	31	70%	2017	42	26	62%	2018	62	31	50%	2019	49	29	59%
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<b>Reciprocity</b>	<p>The Board may waive the requirements for registration and grant registration to any applicant who submits proof of current registration as an interior designer in another state, the District of Columbia, or territory of the United States that requires standard for registration which are substantially equivalent to those required in this state and gives similar reciprocity to registered interior designers of this state.</p> <p>The Board does not have reciprocal agreements with other states.</p> <p><b>Code of Alabama 1975</b>, Section 34-15C-7  <b>Source:</b> Executive Director</p>																																																
<b>Renewals</b>	<p>Certificates of registration shall expire on September 30 of each year, and shall become invalid on October 1 of each year, unless renewed.</p> <p>On-line renewals are available to licensees.  Approximately 93% of licensees renewed online in FY 2019.</p> <p><b>Code of Alabama 1975</b>, Section 34-15C-6(d)</p>																																																
<b>Licensee Demographics</b>	Data not collected by the Board.																																																

<b>Continuing Education</b>	10 hours per annual reporting period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of 4 hours should be interactive course study</li> <li>• Maximum of 6 hours in self-directed study</li> </ul> <i>Source:</i> Administrative Rule 485-X-5-.05(1)
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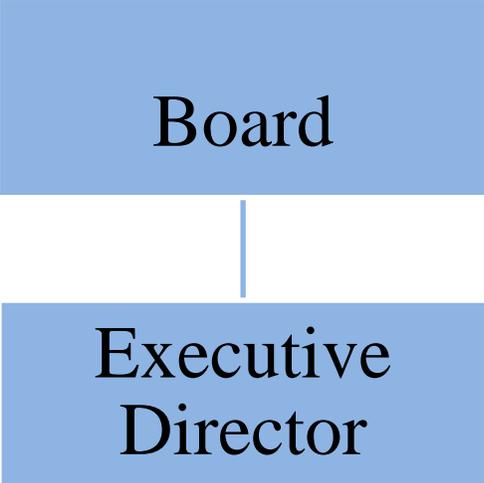
**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

There are no new significant issues.

**STATUS OF PRIOR FINDINGS/SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

All prior findings and significant issues have been resolved.

**ORGANIZATION**



**PERSONNEL**

The Board does not have employees. The Board contracts with Bryant G. Williams to serve as the Board’s Executive Director. The current two-year contract ends April 30, 2021. The executive director receives \$938.00 semi-monthly not to exceed \$22,512.00 per year.

**Legal Counsel**

Madeline Lewis, Assistant Attorney General, an employee of the Attorney General’s Office, provides legal counsel to the Board.

## PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

### Number of Persons per Licensee in Alabama and Surrounding States

	<b>Population (estimate)*</b>	<b>Number of Licensees</b>	<b>Persons Per Licensee</b>
<b>Alabama</b>	<b>4,903,185</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>20,261</b>
Florida	21,477,737	2,689	7,987
Georgia	10,617,423	366	29,009
Mississippi	2,976,149	50	59,523
Tennessee	6,829,174	319	21,408
<b>*Source:</b> U.S. Census, December 2019 Population Estimates			

**Operating Disbursements per Licensee (FY2019)** - \$136.98

### Notification of Board decisions to Amend Administrative Rules

The Board complied with notification procedures prescribed in the Administrative Procedure Act, which includes publication of proposed rules in the Administrative Monthly and public hearings on proposed rules. Licensees are also notified by e-mail.

## COMPLAINT HANDLING

The Board's *Administrative Rules* 485-X-7-.02 through 485-X-8-.04 provide the procedures for documentation, receipt, and investigation of complaints received by the Board. The Board does not have jurisdiction over persons not licensed by the Board; however, an individual who uses the titles, stamps, or seals restricted by the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 34-15C without possessing a valid Certificate of Registration will find that the Board, in its own name, may seek an injunction in the circuit court for the county of residence of the accused, and the court may enjoin such person in regards to the violation (*Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 34-15C-12(c)).

<b>Initial Contact/Documentation</b>	Any person may file complaints with the board, including board members. All complaints must be in writing and signed, but not notarized. A copy of the complaint form shall be given to any registered interior designer who is asked to respond to an allegation. The Board shall notify, in writing, the receipt of the complaint to the individual.
<b>Anonymous Complaints Accepted</b>	No

<b>Investigative Process / Probable Cause Determination</b>	Investigators may be a board member, or members, along with legal counsel. Any board member who assists in the investigation process must recuse themselves from the administrative hearing process, other than acting as a witness. The investigators must first determine if the individual named in the complaint is a registrant. If so, the investigators determine if there is sufficient evidence of a violation to make a probable cause determination. If a probable cause determination is made, notice of charges may be initiated on the registrant. If the investigator determines there is no probable cause for a disciplinary hearing, then the case shall be considered closed and the file marked as “no probable cause found”.
<b>Negotiated Settlements</b>	Yes
<b>Notification of Resolution to the Complainant</b>	The Board notifies the complainant, in writing, if a hearing date has been set; and of the resolution of the compliant.

**Source:** Executive Director

According to the Executive Director, the Board did not have any complaints during fiscal years 2016 through 2019

## **REGULATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER ENTITIES**

The Board does not coordinate regulation, licensing, or permitting with any other state or federal agency.

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

### **Source of Funds**

The Board’s operating funds consist of registration fees and fines.

**Fund** - The Board operates from Special Revenue Fund 0364 in the State Treasury, authorized by the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 34-15C-14. Year-end balances are retained for the Board’s continuous use, subject to appropriations.

**Schedule of Fees**

The Board's statutory authority allows the Board to set the fees in their Administrative Rules. The Board's fees are set in Administrative Rule 485-X-1-.10(4).

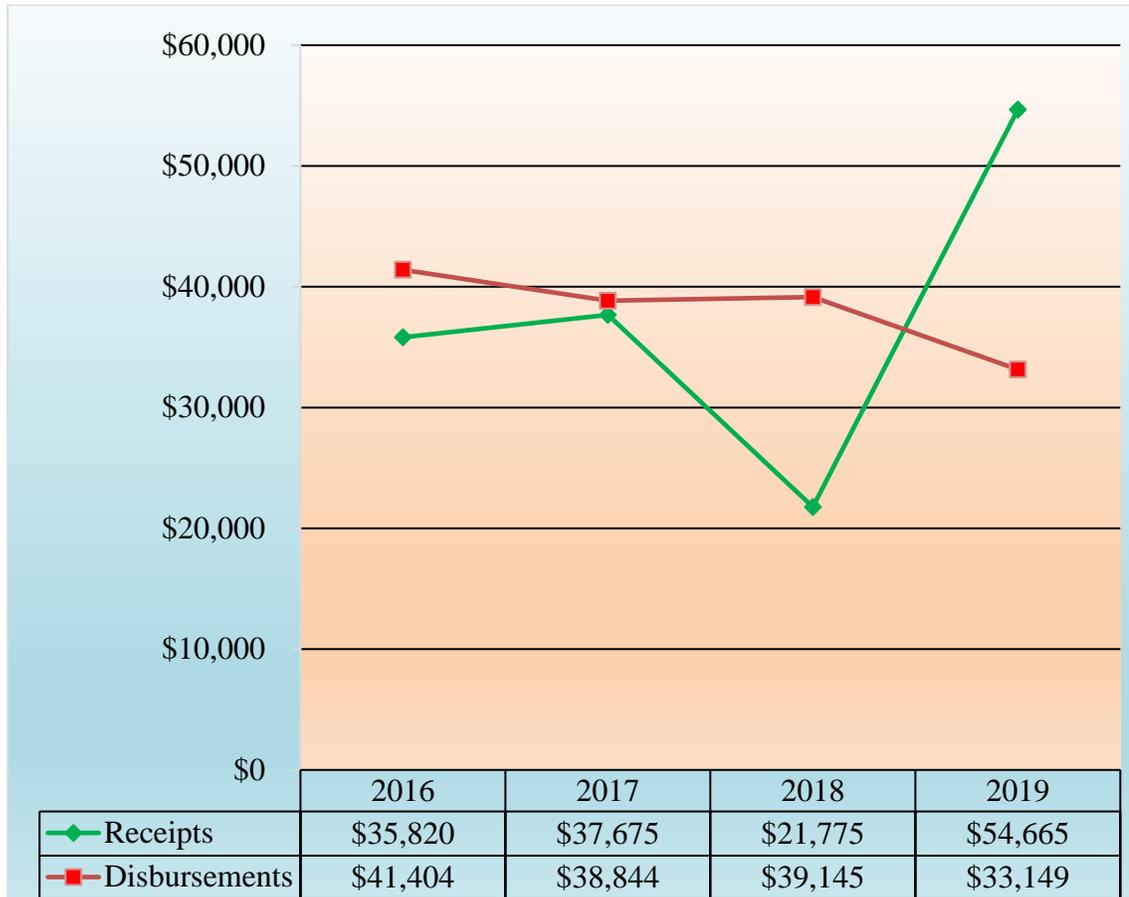
<b>FEE TYPE/PURPOSE</b>	<b>STATUTORY AUTHORITY</b>	<b>AMOUNT COLLECTED</b>
Registration Application Fee	34-15C-5(13)	\$ 300.00
Annual Renewal Fee	34-15C-5(4)	\$ 160.00
Late Renewal Fee	34-15C-5(13)	\$ 75.00
Reinstatement Application Fee (Revoked or Suspended)	34-15C-5(13)	\$ 400.00
Reinstatement Fee (lapsed)	34-15C-5(13)	\$ 300.00
Inactive Status Fee	34-15C-5(13)	\$ 35.00
Reactivation of Inactive Certificate Fee	34-15C-5(13)	\$ 250.00
Stamp/Seal Fee	34-15C-5(13)	\$ 25.00
Records Reproduction Fee	34-15C-5(13)	\$ .50/page
Certificate Replacement Fee	34-15C-5(13)	\$ 50.00
Copy of Administrative Code	34-15C-5(13)	\$ 20.00
Roster (printed or electronic)	34-15C-5(13)	\$ 20.00
Returned Check Fee	8-8-15	\$ 30.00

**Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances**

October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2019

	<b><u>2018-2019</u></b>	<b><u>2018-2017</u></b>	<b><u>2017-2016</u></b>	<b><u>2016-2015</u></b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>				
Licensing Fees	<u>\$ 54,665.00</u>	<u>\$ 21,775.00</u>	<u>\$ 37,675.00</u>	<u>\$ 35,820.00</u>
<b><u>Disbursements</u></b>				
Personnel Costs	16,403.35	22,343.46	19,623.00	20,016.00
Employee Benefits	1,254.85	1,709.28	1,501.17	1,532.09
Travel In-State	-	-	-	124.65
Out-of-State Travel	2,315.43	-	1,477.81	-
Repairs and Maintenance	-	-	30.00	245.00
Rentals and Leases	489.19	2,828.64	7,268.00	6,468.00
Utilities and Communications	753.69	510.76	599.24	497.45
Professional Services	6,800.49	5,946.60	2,220.90	6,101.81
Supplies, Materials and Operating Expenses	5,132.00	5,806.59	5,520.00	5,780.68
Grants & Benefits	-	-	500.00	500.00
Other Equipment Purchases	-	-	103.98	137.91
Total	<u>33,149.00</u>	<u>39,145.33</u>	<u>38,844.10</u>	<u>41,403.59</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts over Disbursements	21,516.00	(17,370.33)	(1,169.10)	(5,583.59)
Cash Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>52,389.39</u>	<u>69,759.72</u>	<u>70,928.82</u>	<u>76,512.41</u>
Cash Balance at End of Year	73,905.39	52,389.39	69,759.72	70,928.82
Reserved For Unpaid Obligations	<u>(713.09)</u>	<u>(11,611.26)</u>	<u>(12,220.08)</u>	<u>(11,565.60)</u>
Unreserved Cash Balance at End of Year	<u>\$73,192.30</u>	<u>\$ 40,778.13</u>	<u>\$ 57,539.64</u>	<u>\$59,363.22</u>

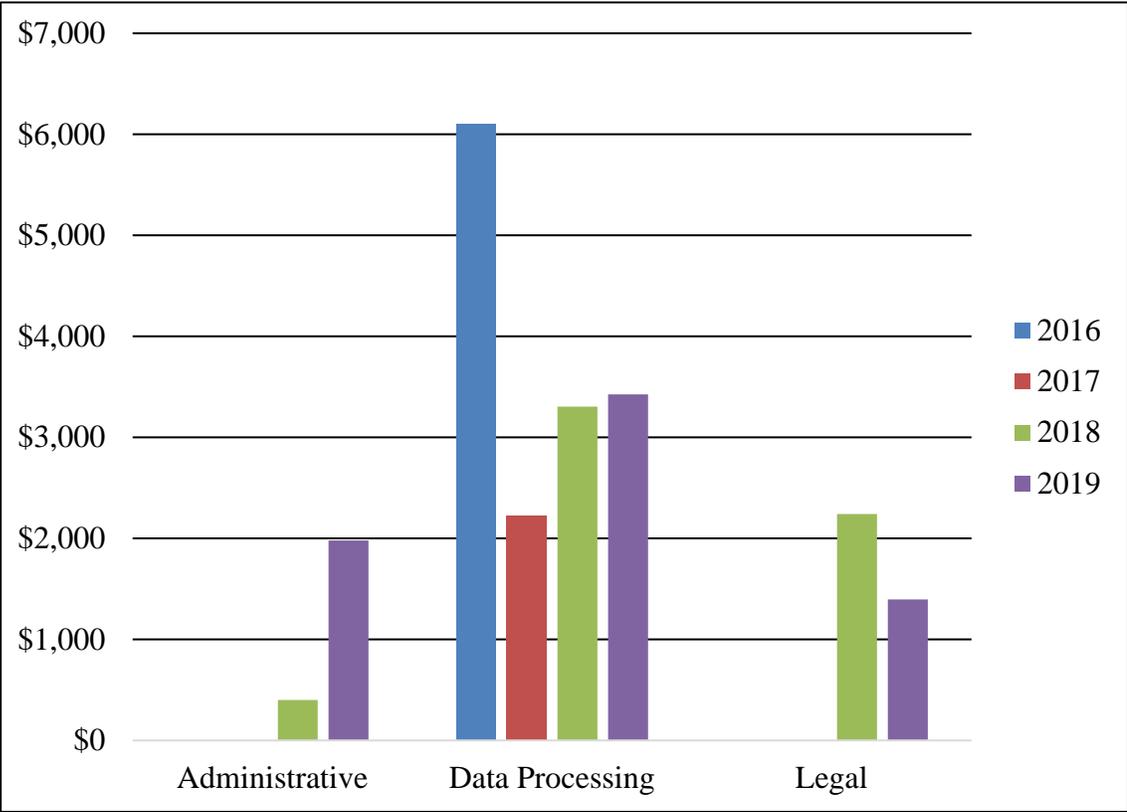
**Operating Receipts vs. Operating Disbursements (Chart)**



<b>SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE DISBURSEMENTS*</b>				
As of September 30 <sup>th</sup>				
<b>Type of Service</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>
Administrative	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,980.00
Data Processing	6,101.81	2,220.90	3,304.62	3,425.49
Legal	0.00	0.00	2,241.98	1,395.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,101.81</b>	<b>\$ 2,220.90</b>	<b>\$ 5,946.60</b>	<b>\$ 6,800.49</b>

\*Detailed information presented in the appendix.

**Professional Service Disbursement Chart**



## **QUESTIONNAIRES**

### **Board Member Questionnaire**

A letter was sent to all seven members of the Board for Registered Interior Designers requesting participation in our survey. Six participated in the survey. The percentages, where shown, are based on the number who responded to the question.

#### **1. What are the most significant issues currently facing the Board for Registered Interior Designers and how is the Board addressing these issues?**

**Board Member #1** – “Educating the public about the advantages/safeguards in hiring a registered Interior Designer vs. a decorator”

**Board Member #2** – “The Board continues to address the health, safety and welfare of the Public by reaching out to the citizens of Alabama, Interior Design Professionals and prospective and current Interior Design Students through online resources and person-to-person experiences.”

**Board Member #3** – “The most significant issue facing the RID Board is in communicating the need for Interior Designers to be State Registered and to join the board. We have updated our website portal to better communicate the goals of the Board, made it easier for our RID's to receive the needed CEU credit yearly, and are reaching out more to pre-professionals through college visits to speak with students about the need for State Registration.”

**Board Member #4** – “Increasing number of registered designers. We inform the interior design students about registration and how important it is to our profession. We attend professional organization conferences and provide an information booth to recruit new registrants and keep out current registrants informed.”

**Board Member #5** – “I'm new to the board so I really don't know the issues they have been facing. I know the issues I see and hope that can be addressed are availability of current and useful CEU's and items involving the HSW of the general public.”

**Board Member #6** – “Greatest challenge: General awareness and perception of interior design professionals' involvement and impact on the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The Board is encouraging young professionals to take the qualifying exam (NCIDQ); seeking to encourage registration of professionals who qualify; and educating young design students within the state about Alabama legislation regarding interior design.”

#### **2. What changes, if any, to the Board's law are needed?**

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**Board Member #2** – “The Board continues to address the health, safety and welfare of the Public by reaching out to the citizens of Alabama, Interior Design

## *Board Member Questionnaire*

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**Board Member #6** – “Greatest challenge: General awareness and perception of interior design professionals' involvement and impact on the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The Board is encouraging young professionals to take the qualifying exam (NCIDQ); seeking to encourage registration of professionals who qualify; and educating young design students within the state about Alabama legislation regarding interior design.”

### **3. Is the Board adequately funded?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>66%</b>
No	1	17%
Unknown	1	17%

**Board Member #1** – “Do not see a need for any change at this time”

**Board Member #3** – “None at this time.”

**Board Member #6** – “None at this time.”

### **4. Is the Board adequately staffed?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>83%</b>
Unknown	1	17%

### **5. Does the Board receive regular reports on the operations of the board from the Executive Director?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>83%</b>
Unknown	1	17%

**Board Member #1**- “Do not see a need for any change at this time”

*Board Member Questionnaire*

**6. Are you satisfied with the reports the Board receives from the Executive Director?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>66%</b>
Unknown	1	17%
No Opinion	1	17%

**Board Member #2** – “As a new Board member, I do not have experience with the reports at this time.”

**7. Has the Board experienced any significant changes to its operations?**

<b>No</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>83%</b>
Unknown	1	17%

**8. Does the Board plan any significant changes in its operations?**

<b>No</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>83%</b>
Unknown	1	17%

Licensee Questionnaire

A letter was sent to one hundred licensees requesting their participation in our survey. Twenty-four participated in the survey. The percentages, where shown, are based on the number who responded to the question.

**1. Do you think regulation of your profession by the Board for Registered Interior Designers is necessary to protect the public welfare?**

Yes	24	100%
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**Respondent #1** – “a qualified "Yes" - if it offers an actual value to Interior Designers and the public, which I don't think it really does as currently structured; it seems to be more self serving”

**2. Do you think any of the Board’s laws, rules, and policies are an unnecessary restriction on the practice of your profession?**

Yes	3	13%
<b>No</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>79%</b>
Unknown	1	4%
No Opinion	1	4%

**Respondent #1-** “U requirements are a joke and cumbersome instead of being relative to actual practice. EVERYTHING should not have to be HSW - there are other relevant topics to quality professional practice - business courses, etc.”

**Respondent #14** – “The sheer number of CEU's cost is bad enough but not having a reference available to find out which CEUs qualify for the Codes portion without paying a membership fee to get the info is over the top.”

**Respondent #16** – “It would be honoring that at a specified age (65), the number of CEUs could diminish.”

**3. Do you think any of the Board’s requirements are irrelevant to the computer practices of your profession?**

Yes	2	8%
<b>No</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>88%</b>
Unknown	1	4%

**Respondent #1** – “Again, the CEU requirements, while important and worthwhile in principle, are mostly irrelevant, useless, and a joke due to how they are set up.”

**Respondent #16** – “For those of us who exclusively practice Residential Design, the CEUs pertain to Contract only.”

**4. Are you adequately informed by the Board of changes to and interpretations for the board positions, policies, rules, and laws?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>83%</b>
No	1	4%
Unknown	2	9%
No Opinion	1	4%

**Respondent #18** – “I think the information is provided and out there if we want to go read and study it, but I do think it would be good to have occasional reviews/questions and answer sessions when we are gathered for other events like conferences and CEU classes.”

**Respondent #19** – “Probably. I have all my emails sent to an email address that I only check periodically. So I probably miss a lot of emails pertaining to this topic”

**5. Has the Board performed your licensing and renewal in a timely matter?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>96%</b>
No	1	4%

**Respondent #3** - My Renewal has come back very upon submittal.

**6. What do you think is the most significant issue(s) currently facing your profession in Alabama and what is the Board doing to address the issue(s)?**

**Respondent #1** – “Protecting the practice of the profession in the market place and elevating the standard of the profession in practice and education and the public's recognition / understanding of the added value of hiring a licensed Interior Designer are most important, but again, I do not think that is occurring.”

**Respondent #2** – “Maintaining continuing education compliance. The board is strict in its enforcement of these requirements.”

**Respondent #3** – “Code Compliance, ADA Compliance, Interior Environmental Safeguards Board required continuing education and continued practice keeps me current.”

**Respondent #4** – “There are decorators in Alabama who have no formal education in interior design and, therefore, little knowledge of health and safety. By having a title of registration next to one's name, a contractor or client can easily identify an interior designer who is qualified to work for them.”

**Respondent #5** – “keeping the professionals updated with rules, regulations, law changes & ID professionals in the mind of the public as a profession with integrity”

**Respondent #6** – “Keeping out Registered Interior Designers informed on issues relating to public safety and seeing we have CEU's on HSW and codes. The Board is very stringent on its enforcement of our annual required CEU's especially codes and HSW”

**Respondent #7** – “Protecting our right to practice as interior designers and protect the safety and welfare of the public. The board has procedures in place to make sure

individuals that do not have the knowledge of the appropriate practices in designing for safety and welfare.”

**Respondent #8** – “I am not sure.”

**Respondent #9** – “I would like to see more support to Sunset Committee from IIDA Alabama. IIDA Alabama has so much support through sponsors, I would rather see those funds go to protecting our profession rather than hosting parties, events, and treating board members to retreats. I don't know that these funds are 'allowed' to go to supporting our lobbyist, but this seems like the most important thing to me.”

**Respondent #10** – “Protecting the professional nature of RID's qualifications - requiring schooling, experience and testing (NCIDQ).”

**Respondent #11** – “GETTING DESIGNERS TO SEE THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING CERTIFIED AND LICENSED.”

**Respondent #12** – “It is a booming economy and unlicensed designers are trying to use it as a opportunity to expand their business. Board is working to insure public is aware of qualifications and requirements.”

**Respondent #13** – “I think keeping Interior Designers updated on current codes and issues in important.”

**Respondent #14** – “The fact that Alabama has a title act versus a practice act. I hear of people that practice and just call themselves interior consultants, space planners, professionals...anything except interior designer. Confuses the public as to their qualifications.”

**Respondent #15** – “it is always making sure that those practicing interior design are properly accredited and that the public's health, safety and welfare are the primary goal.”

**Respondent #16** – “no comment”

**Respondent #17** – “Can't think of anything”

**Respondent #18** – “Education of the public on what the interior designer profession really does could be improved. So many of the general population think we just make things look pretty.”

**Respondent #19** – “I work for the Government and they do not recognize our profession as a professional level profession, like Atchitects and Engineers. This keeps us from moving up in pay grade. It would be nice to see this change.”

**Respondent #20** – “Maintenance of the legislation to protect the public's health, safety and welfare. Outreach to both the profession and consumers to increase awareness is effective.”

**Respondent #21-** “Unlicensed designers calling themselves interior designers and taking work from the professionals in the industry who is continuing to apply current codes and ANSI standards to everyday practices.”

**Respondent #22** – “Do not have a strong opinion about this.”

**Respondent #23** – “expressing to the public the importance of Health, Safety and Welfare in the interior design profession. The board has increased awareness through public appearances at consumer design shows and an improved website portal.”

**Did Not Respond**                      1

**7. Do you think the Board and its staff are satisfactorily performing their duties**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>91%</b>
Unknown	2	9%

**Respondent #1** – “The gentleman we work with is excellent - Bryant Williams. I am unfamiliar with any others.”

**Respondent #3** – “Yes, Bryant Williams has always been very responsive to any questions that I might have and I feel keeps Interior Designers up to date on Board requirements.”

**Did Not Respond** 1

## **APPENDICES**

### **Applicable Statutes**

#### **Section 34-15C-1 Short title.**

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Alabama Interior Design Registration Act of 2010.

*(Act 2010-706, p. 1715, §2.(b))*

#### **Section 34-15C-2 Legislative findings**

The Legislature finds and declares that this chapter is not intended to restrict the practice of interior design or the use of the terms design, designer, interior design, or interior designer in this state. The Legislature declares that the purpose of this chapter is to establish a registration process for those interior designers who choose to obtain the credentials required to seal and submit construction documents for commercial interior projects in certain spaces less than 5,000 contiguous square feet within a building which has a total area of 2,500 square feet or more to building officials for review and permitting purposes. The Legislature further finds and declares that this chapter is not intended to prohibit any person from making plans and specifications for or administering the erection, enlargement, or alteration of any building upon any farm for the use of any farmer, any single family residence of any size, or of any other type building which has a total area of less than 2,500 square feet, provided the building is not a school, church, auditorium, or other building intended for the assembly occupancy of people. Except as expressly provided in Section 34-15C-9, nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to prohibit any person who is not a registered interior designer from conducting any activity not prohibited by any other state law. Further, registration under this chapter may not be required by this state or by any city, town, county, or other governmental entity or official for the submission, review, approval, or issuance of permits for plans and specifications for or to administer the erection, enlargement, or alteration of any building upon any farm for the use of any farmer, any single family residence of any size, or of any other type building which has a total area of less than 2,500 square feet, provided the building is not a school, church, auditorium, or other building intended for the assembly occupancy of people, nor for any activity other than the submission to building officials of construction documents for commercial interior projects in certain spaces up to 5,000 contiguous square feet, within a building which has a total area of 2,500 square feet or more.

*(Act 2010-706, p. 1715, §2(b).)*

#### **Section 34-15C-3 Definitions**

For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (1) BOARD. The Alabama Board for Registered Interior Designers.
- (2) NCIDQ. The National Council for Interior Design Qualification.
- (3) REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNER. An interior design professional, as defined by the NCIDQ, who is approved and registered by the board and the Secretary of State.

*(Act 2010-706, p. 1715, §2(b).)*

**Section 34-15C-4** *Alabama Board for Registered Interior Designers*

(a) There is created the Alabama Board for Registered Interior Designers, to be comprised of seven members appointed by the Governor in the manner set forth in this section. The members of the Alabama State Board of Registration for Interior Design serving on August 1, 2010, pursuant to former Section 34-15B-4, shall immediately serve as board members of the Alabama Board for Registered Interior Designers created by this chapter. For continuity purposes, a board member serving on August 1, 2010, shall continue to serve under this chapter for the remainder of his or her term, and according to the appointment schedule, for which he or she was appointed by the Governor pursuant to former Section 34-15B-4.

(b) All appointments occurring after August 1, 2010, shall be for terms of four years, except an appointment to fill a vacancy, which shall be for the unexpired term only. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms of office. All members shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed by the Governor.

(c) The composition of the board shall be as follows:

(1) Five members of the board shall be registered interior designers, shall be engaged in the full-time practice of interior design, and shall be appointed from districts provided in subsection (e).

(2) One member shall be a professional educator, who teaches in a college or university level interior design program, and who is a registered interior designer or was previously registered or certified by the former Alabama State Board of Registration for Interior Design. If no educator with these qualifications is willing and able to serve on the board, this position shall be filled by an educator who has the necessary credentials to be registered and who agrees to apply for a certificate of registration within the first year of his or her service on the board.

(3) One member shall be a consumer who is not a design professional. The consumer member may not be employed in the fields of construction, architecture, engineering, interior design, interior decorating, or any related field.

(d) Of the seven members listed in subsection (c), at least one shall be a member of a minority race, and the total membership of the board shall reflect the racial, gender, urban/rural, and economic diversity of the state.

(e) The five registered interior design members of the board, appointed by district, shall be appointed as follows:

(1) Five districts shall be created: Northern, Central, Western, Eastern, and Southern. One practicing registered interior designer shall be appointed from each district.

a. The Northern District shall be comprised of Lauderdale, Colbert, Lawrence, Limestone, Morgan, Cullman, Marshall, Madison, Jackson, DeKalb, Cherokee, Etowah, Calhoun, and Cleburne Counties.

b. The Central District shall be comprised of Blount, Jefferson, St. Clair, and Talladega Counties.

c. The Western District shall be comprised of Marion, Winston, Lamar, Fayette, Franklin, Walker, Pickens, Tuscaloosa, Sumter, Greene, Hale, Bibb, Perry, Dallas, Marengo, Choctaw, Lowndes, Shelby, and Wilcox Counties.

d. The Eastern District shall be comprised of Randolph, Clay, Chilton, Coosa, Tallapoosa, Chambers, Autauga, Elmore, Lee, Macon, Montgomery, Bullock, Pike, Coffee, Dale, Henry, Barbour, Russell, and Crenshaw Counties.

e. The Southern District shall be comprised of Butler, Covington, Conecuh, Escambia, Houston, Monroe, Clarke, Washington, Mobile, Geneva, and Baldwin Counties.

(2) When appropriate, the chair of the board shall notify in writing each registered interior designer, by district of residence, of the time and place for a district nomination meeting. The purpose of the district nomination meeting shall be to select members to serve on a statewide nominating committee. The district nomination meeting, held for the purpose of selecting new members to serve on the statewide nominating committee, shall be held every four years, or as required, for the purpose of filling vacancies on the statewide nominating committee.

(3) At the district nomination meeting, the members of each district shall select a chair for their respective district for that meeting, shall proceed according to Robert's Rules of Order, as most recently revised, and shall select one person to serve on the statewide nominating committee. Minutes of the meeting shall be recorded, signed by the chair of the meeting, and a copy of the signed minutes shall be provided to the chair of the board and the chair of the statewide nominating committee. The person shall be selected by a plurality of the vote and shall be a registered interior designer who resides in the district.

(f)(1) The statewide nominating committee shall be composed of one person from each of the five districts listed in subsection (e). Each person selected for the statewide nominating committee shall immediately notify the chair of the board and the chair of the statewide nominating committee of his or her selection.

(2) A new statewide nominating committee shall be elected every four years for the purpose of filling any vacancies or expired terms which may occur on the board. The statewide nominating committee shall be convened, by call of the chair of the statewide nominating committee or notice from a majority of the members thereof, as soon as practical whenever a vacancy occurs on the board or at any time within 60 days preceding the expiration of the term of a board member. All appointments to the board shall be made in the manner provided in this section.

(3) If a vacancy occurs on the statewide nominating committee, the chair of the statewide nominating committee shall notify the chair of the board, who shall call a district nominating committee meeting to fill the vacancy. Only practicing registered interior designers may vote in a district nomination meeting or serve upon the statewide nominating committee.

(4) The statewide nominating committee shall be convened, by call of the chair of the statewide nominating committee or notice from a majority of the members thereof, as soon as practical whenever a vacancy occurs on the board or at any time within 60 days preceding the expiration of the term of a board member. All appointments to the board shall be made in the manner provided in this section.

(5) Each board member nominated by the statewide nominating committee shall reside in the district from which he or she is appointed.

(6) The statewide nominating committee shall select and submit the names of at least two registered interior designers to the Governor no later than 60 days of the expiration of the term of a board member, or no later than 60 days of any vacancy on the board.

(g) The Governor may remove any member of the board for misconduct, incapacity, incompetence, or neglect of duty after the member so charged has been served with a written notice of the same and has been given an opportunity to be heard by the

Governor. Absence from any three consecutive meetings of the board, without cause acceptable to the Governor, shall be deemed cause for removal of any member.

(h) Each member of the board shall receive the same per diem, travel, and expense allowance as is paid by law to state employees for the time spent in the performance of duties and in necessary travel.

(i) The board shall hold two or more meetings per year for the purpose of performing its duties pursuant to this chapter. A simple majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. A simple majority vote of the members present shall be sufficient to transact the business of the board. A new chair shall be elected 60 days before the end of the term of the previous chair. If no new chair is elected before the end of the term of the previous chair, the previous chair shall continue to serve until a successor is elected. Vacancies in such chair position shall be filled by act of the board.

(j) The chair may appoint a full-time or part-time executive director or administrative assistant to the board, with the consent of the majority of the members of the board. The executive director or administrative assistant shall serve at the pleasure of the board. The salary of the executive director or administrative assistant shall be set by the board. The executive director or administrative assistant shall serve as the executive officer to the board, but shall not be a member of the board. The board, by majority vote of its members, may employ additional persons, who shall serve at the pleasure of the board, to assist the board and the executive director or administrative assistant in the keeping of the records and in the performance of its duties, subject to available funding.

*(Act 2010-706, p. 1715, §2(b).)*

#### **Section 34-15C-5 Powers and duties of board**

The board shall perform the following duties, subject to the other provisions of this chapter:

(1) Administer fully this chapter and any rules promulgated by the board pursuant to this chapter.

(2) Prescribe, make, adopt, and amend such rules pursuant to the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act as the board deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(3) For the purpose of enforcing this chapter, conduct investigations and hearings concerning charges against registered interior designers, at any time or place within the state, administer oaths and affirmations, examine witnesses, and receive evidence in the course of any such hearings.

(4) Issue, in conjunction with the Secretary of State, any documentation necessary to prove that a registered interior designer is practicing in accordance with and abiding by the requirements of this chapter, for which an annual fee, in an amount determined by the board, shall be assessed and collected.

(5) Institute legal proceedings pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 34-15C-12.

(6) Grant, deny, revoke, suspend, or reinstate certificates of registration.

(7) Keep a record of its proceedings and make an annual report thereon to the Governor and the Legislature.

(8) Establish standards and requirements of continuing education for registered interior designers.

(9) Maintain an official roster of registered interior designers including, but not limited to, information required by the board for enforcement of this chapter.

(10) When necessary, require the attendance of witnesses and the production of all necessary papers, books, records, documentary evidence, and materials in any hearing, investigation, or other proceeding before the board, by means of discovery as provided in the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure.

(11) Employ attorneys, accountants, and other persons as may be necessary to assist the board in carrying out this chapter when there is a need for such services and when funds are available for such services.

(12) Adopt rules providing for a registered interior designer to be classified as inactive and to avoid the payment of annual fees, so long as the inactive registered interior designer does not use the titles, stamps, or seals restricted by subsection (a) or subsection (b) of Section 34-15C-9 during inactive status.

(13) Establish, by administrative rule, procedures for the assessment of fees for the administration of this chapter.

*(Act 2010-706, p. 1715, §2(b).)*

#### **Section 34-15C-6 Qualification for certificate of registration**

(a) Applications for registration shall be submitted on forms prescribed and furnished by the board. The board shall promptly notify any applicant of the requirements and the schedule of fees established by the board for registration.

(b) The board shall register an applicant to become a registered interior designer, and to use the title of registered interior designer in the State of Alabama, only if the applicant satisfies all of the following requirements:

(1) The applicant is determined by the board to be of good ethical character.

(2) The applicant either:

a. Has satisfied all requirements, including all education and experience requirements, for eligibility to take the NCIDQ examination; or

b. Holds a degree from a National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB) accredited school and has met NCIDQ eligibility requirements to take the NCIDQ examination, or is a registered architect who satisfies NCIDQ eligibility requirements to take the NCIDQ examination. Such applicants may take the NCIDQ examination.

(3) The applicant has successfully passed the NCIDQ examination.

(4) The applicant is at least 21 years of age.

(c) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (b), any person registered with the Alabama State Board of Registration for Interior Design on August 1, 2010, shall be registered by the Alabama Board for Registered Interior Designers, as created by this chapter, on August 1, 2010, without penalty, for the time remaining on the certificate of registration of the registered interior designer and any renewals of that certificate.

(d) Certificates of registration shall expire on September 30 of each year, and shall become invalid on October 1 of each year, unless renewed.

(e) Renewal of a certificate of registration may be accomplished at any time prior to and during the month of September by:

(1) The payment of an annual fee, as prescribed by the board, through such procedures as may be developed by the board.

(2) Submission of proof, on forms approved by the board, of compliance with all continuing education requirements established by the board.

(f) A certificate of registration held by a registered interior designer serving in the Armed Forces of the United States shall not expire until September 30 following his or her discharge or final separation from the Armed Forces of the United States.

(g) A registered interior designer shall maintain and post his or her certificate of registration in the primary business office where he or she practices.

*(Act 2010-706, p. 1715, §2(b).)*

#### **Section 34-15C-7 Waiver of registration requirements; reciprocity**

The board may waive the requirements for registration and grant registration to any applicant who submits proof of current registration as an interior designer in another state, the District of

Columbia, or a territory of the United States that requires standards for registration which are substantially equivalent to those required in this state and gives similar reciprocity to registered interior designers of this state.

*(Act 2010-706, p. 1715, §2(b).)*

#### **Section 34-15C-8 Seal**

(a) A registered interior designer shall obtain a seal bearing the name of the registered interior designer, a design authorized by the board, the legend Registered Interior Designer, the words State of Alabama, and the registration number of the registered interior designer.

(b) Plans, specifications, and other documents prepared and issued by a registered interior designer shall be stamped with the seal of the registered interior designer only if the certificate of registration is valid.

*(Act 2010-706, p. 1715, §2(b).)*

#### **Section 34-15C-9 Prohibited activities**

(a) Any person who is not a registered interior designer who uses the title registered interior designer on any sign, card, listing, advertising, business name, stationery, or in any other manner knowingly implies or indicates that he or she is a registered interior designer shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

(b) Any person who is not a registered interior designer who stamps or seals any document with a stamp or seal containing the term registered interior designer shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

(c) Any registered interior designer who stamps or allows to be stamped any document that is not prepared under his or her supervision and control shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

*(Act 2010-706, p. 1715, §2(b).)*

#### **Section 34-15C-10 Applicability and exceptions**

(a) Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to prohibit any person from making plans and specifications for or administering the erection, enlargement, or alteration of any building upon any farm for the use of any farmer, any single family residence of any size, or of any other type building which has a total area of less than 2,500 square feet,

provided the building is not a school, church, auditorium, or other building intended for the assembly occupancy of people.

(b) Registration under this chapter may not be required by this state or by any city, town, county, or other governmental entity or official for the submission, review, approval, or issuance of permits for plans and specifications for or to administer the erection, enlargement, or alteration of any building upon any farm for the use of any farmer, any single family residence of any size, or of any other type building which has a total area of less than 2,500 square feet, provided the building is not a school, church, auditorium, or other building intended for the assembly occupancy of people, nor for any activity other than the submission to building officials of construction documents for commercial interior projects in certain spaces up to 5,000 contiguous square feet, within a building which has a total area of 2,500 square feet or more.

(c) Except as expressly provided in subsection (a) or subsection (b) of Section 34-15C-9, nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to prohibit any person who is not a registered interior designer from conducting any activity not prohibited by any other state law.

(d) The board shall have no jurisdiction over any person who is not a registered interior designer.

(e) The board may not conduct any disciplinary proceeding against any person who is not a registered interior designer.

(f) The board may not conduct any disciplinary proceeding or initiate any other action based upon the use of the term design, designer, interior design, or interior designer by any person, business, or firm at any time before or after August 1, 2010.

*(Act 2010-706, p. 1715, §2(b).)*

### **Section 34-15C-11 Violations**

The board may revoke, suspend, or refuse to issue a certificate of registration, issue a private or public reprimand regarding a registered interior designer, assess and collect administrative fines against a registered interior designer not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000), or proceed with any combination of the foregoing, for any of the following conduct:

(1) Fraud, deceit, dishonesty, or misrepresentation, whether knowing or unknowing, in the pursuit of his or her practice or in obtaining any certificate of registration.

(2) Gross negligence, misconduct, or incompetence in the pursuit of his or her practice.

(3) Conviction of a felony, until civil rights are restored.

(4) Incompetency as adjudged by a court having jurisdiction.

(5) Violating or directly or indirectly aiding or abetting in a violation of Section 34-15C-9.

(6) Practicing in this state in violation of any standards of professional conduct as may be established by rule of the board.

(7) Failure to pay any fee or fine assessed by the board.

(8) Failure to comply with any order of the board.

*(Act 2010-706, p. 1715, §2(b).)*

**Section 34-15C-12 Disciplinary action**

(a) Any time that the board has reason to believe that a registered interior designer is subject to discipline, notice of the charges placed against the registered interior designer and the time and place of the hearing of such charges by the board shall be served on the accused, pursuant to the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure, not less than 45 days before the date fixed for the hearing. The notice shall inform the registered interior designer that he or she is entitled to respond to the charges within 30 days, be represented by counsel of his or her choosing at the hearing, have witnesses testify in his or her behalf at the hearing, confront and cross-examine witnesses at the hearing, and testify in his or her behalf at the hearing. The board may provide further for any procedure not herein enumerated that is consistent with the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act.

(b) In all cases of disciplinary action taken by the board, the accused may appeal the disciplinary action to the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama, or to the circuit court for the county of residence of the accused. Either party has the right to appeal from the final decree of the circuit court as provided by law.

(c) If the board determines that any person is violating the title restrictions contained in Section 34-15C-9, or that any registered interior designer is violating any other provision of this chapter, the board, in its own name, may seek an injunction in the circuit court for the county of residence of the accused, and the court may enjoin such person from violating this chapter, regardless of whether the proceedings have been or may be instituted before the board or whether criminal proceedings have been or may be instituted.

*(Act 2010-706, p. 1715, §2(b).)*

**Section 34-15C-13 Conflicts of interest**

(a) The registered interior designer shall attempt to avoid all conflicts of interest with a client or employer. If a conflict of interest is unavoidable, the registered interior designer shall immediately inform the client or employer of any business association, interest, or circumstance which may influence the professional judgment, decisions, practices, or quality of services provided by the registered interior designer.

(b) The registered interior designer may not solicit or accept any gratuity, material favor, or benefit of any substantial nature from any party, agent, servant, or employee who is not a client or employer in connection with any project for which the registered interior designer is performing, or has contracted to perform, interior design services. This solicitation or acceptance includes, but is not limited to, any act, article, money, or other item which is of such value in proportion to the interior design services that its acceptance creates a clandestine obligation on the part of the registered interior designer or otherwise compromises the ability of the registered interior designer to exercise independent judgment.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a registered interior designer may receive a fee or commission for the sale or the supervision of installation of personal property or fixtures, but may not receive both a fee and a commission without the express consent of the client.

*(Act 2010-706, p. 1715, §2(b).)*

**Section 34-15C-14 Alabama Board for Registered Interior Designers Fund**

All fees received by the board shall be deposited into a fund in the State Treasury known as the Alabama Board for Registered Interior Designers Fund, which is hereby established. The fund shall be utilized, in the discretion of the board, to regulate the practice of registered interior designers and to pay any necessary expenses of the board, including the cost of employees, legal expenses, administrative expenses, and other expenses associated with enforcing and administering this chapter. All fees collected prior to August 1, 2010, and collected pursuant to former Chapter 15A or former Chapter 15B of this title are ratified, validated, and transferred to the fund.

*(Act 2010-706, p. 1715, §2(b).)*

**Section 34-15C-15 Authorization to practice**

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a registered interior designer may submit sealed, stamped drawings to building officials for a commercial interior project in any space of less than 5,000 contiguous square feet within a building of any size provided that all of the following requirements are satisfied:

(1) The space may not be intended for use as a school, church, auditorium, or other space intended for the assembly occupancy of people.

(2) Unless the drawings utilize, reference, and incorporate documents prepared by architects, engineers, or other related professionals, the drawings may not include the design or modification of architectural and engineering interior construction relating to building systems, such as building structural support, fire rated assemblies, stairwells, means of egress components, elevators, elevator shafts, plumbing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, fire protection, and mechanical and electrical systems, except for the scope of interior services as defined by the NCIDQ or for the coordination of the aesthetic requirements of fixtures.

(b) Any official of this state or of any city, town, or county charged with the enforcement of laws, ordinances, or regulations relating to the construction or alteration of buildings may accept or approve and issue permits based upon any of the following:

(1) Plans or specifications prepared by any person registered pursuant to this chapter, provided the plans or specifications are consistent with this chapter.

(2) Plans and specifications for the erection, enlargement, or alteration of any building upon any farm for the use of any farmer, of any single family residence of any size, or of any other type building which has a total area of less than 2,500 square feet, provided the building is not a school, church, auditorium, or other building intended for the assembly occupancy of people.

(3) Plans and specifications which such official is not prohibited from accepting pursuant to any other state law on August 1, 2010.

*(Act 2010-706, p. 1715, §2(b).)*

**Section 34-15C-16 Participation in certain business entity relationships**

It shall be lawful for any person registered pursuant to this chapter to participate as owners with architects or professional engineers, or both, in partnerships, corporations, professional corporations, professional associations, and other business entity relationships. Such participation may include, where applicable, and without limitation,

service as an officer, director, shareholder, voting or nonvoting, and any other participation allowed under the laws of the State of Alabama.  
(Act 2010-706, p. 1715, §2(b).)

**Section 34-15C-17 Administrative procedure**

It is the intent of the Legislature that the board shall be subject to the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act.  
(Act 2010-706, p. 1715, §2(b).)

**Section 34-15C-18 Sunset provision**

The board shall be subject to the Alabama Sunset Law, as provided in Chapter 20, Title 41, as an enumerated agency as provided in Section 41-20-3, and shall have a termination date of October 1, 2013, and every four years thereafter, unless continued pursuant to the Alabama Sunset Law.  
(Act 2010-706, p. 1715, §2(b).)

**Section 34-15C-19 Relation to prior board**

The existence and functioning of the Alabama State Board of Registration for Interior Design, formerly created and functioning pursuant to Sections 34-15B-1 to 34-15B-18, inclusive, is continued pursuant to this newly created Chapter 15C. All rights, duties, property, real or personal, and all other effects existing in the name of the Alabama State Board of Registration for Interior Design, or in any other name by which the board has been known, shall continue in the name of the Alabama Board for Registered Interior Designers. Any reference to the Alabama State Board of Registration for Interior Design, or any other name by which the board has been known, in any existing law, contract, or other instrument shall constitute a reference to the Alabama Board for Registered Interior Designers as created in this chapter. All actions of the Alabama State Board of Registration for Interior Design lawfully done prior to August 1, 2010, by the board or by the executive director or administrative assistant, are approved, ratified, and confirmed. The board as constituted on August 1, 2010, shall constitute the board under this new Chapter 15C.  
(Act 2010-706, p. 1715, §1.)

**Professional Services by Vendor**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Data Processing</b>				
<b>Department of Finance</b>				
Personnel Services - Professional	\$ 566.50	\$ 612.50	\$ 242.63	\$ -
Services	344.90	-	-	-
FRMS Services	203.26	106.97	52.49	1.38
Interfund Contract Programs	540.00	720.00	540.00	720.00
Comptroller Services	397.15	325.18	290.14	340.39
Data Processing - Professional	-	456.25	-	-
SBS Billing	-	-	-	81.68
<b>Office of Information Technology</b>				
Personnel Services - Professional	-	-	879.36	974.04
<b>Affiliated Marketing</b>				
Services	2,500.00	-	-	-
Graphic Arts Service - Professional	800.00	-	-	-
Personnel Services - Professional	750.00	-	1,300.00	1,308.00
<b>Total Data Processing</b>	<b>6,101.81</b>		<b>3,304.62</b>	<b>3,425.49</b>
<b>Legal Services</b>				
<b>Attorney General's Office</b>	-	-	2,241.98	1,395.00
<b>Administrative Services</b>				
<b>Armstrong Relocation</b>				
Moving Services	-	-	400.00	-
<b>Legislative Services Agency</b>				
Inter-departmental Services	-	-	-	300.00
Advertising	-	-	-	1,680.00
<b>Total Administrative Services</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>1,980.00</b>
<b>Total Professional Services</b>	<b>\$6,101.81</b>	<b>\$2,220.90</b>	<b>\$5,946.60</b>	<b>\$6,800.49</b>

*Examination Results by Alabama Public Educational Institutions*

Specific Alabama College Passing Rates

Auburn University				
	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>IDFX</b>				
Exams Administered	15	18	38	23
Pass	15	12	17	19
Fail	0	6	21	4
Passing Rate	100%	67%	45%	83%
<b>IDPX</b>				
Exams Administered	22	14	15	24
Pass	16	7	9	18
Fail	6	7	6	6
Passing Rate	73%	50%	60%	75%
<b>PRAC</b>				
Exams Administered	16	12	14	17
Pass	13	9	9	13
Fail	3	3	5	4
Passing Rate	81%	75%	64%	76%
<b>Totals</b>				
Exams Administered	53	44	67	64
Pass	44	28	35	50
Fail	9	16	32	14
Passing Rate	83%	64%	52%	78%
<b>University of Alabama</b>				
	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>IDFX</b>				
Exams Administered	20	16	16	20
Pass	11	11	8	7
Fail	9	5	7	13
Passing Rate	55%	69%	56%	35%
<b>IDPX</b>				
Exams Administered	13	15	15	19
Pass	4	7	9	8
Fail	9	8	6	11
Passing Rate	31%	47%	60%	42%
<b>PRAC</b>				
Exams Administered	6	14	16	13
Pass	2	3	6	6
Fail	4	11	10	7
Passing Rate	33%	21%	38%	46%
<b>Totals</b>				
Exams Administered	39	45	47	52
Pass	17	21	24	21
Fail	22	24	23	31
Passing Rate	44%	47%	51%	40%

Samford University				
	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>IDFX</b>				
Exams Administered	3	4	4	1
Pass	2	2	3	0
Fail	1	2	1	1
Passing Rate	67%	50%	75%	0%
<b>IDPX</b>				
Exams Administered	2	2	7	3
Pass	1	1	5	2
Fail	1	1	2	1
Passing Rate	50%	50%	71%	67%
<b>PRAC</b>				
Exams Administered	1	2	7	5
Pass	1	1	3	3
Fail	0	1	4	2
Passing Rate	100%	50%	43%	60%
<b>Totals</b>				
Exams Administered	6	8	18	9
Pass	4	4	11	5
Fail	2	4	7	4
Passing Rate	67%	50%	61%	56%

Calhoun Community College				
	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>IDFX</b>				
Exams Administered	1	0	0	0
Pass	1	0	0	0
Fail	0	0	0	0
Passing Rate	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>IDPX</b>				
Exams Administered	0	1	1	1
Pass	0	0	0	0
Fail	0	1	1	1
Passing Rate	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>PRAC</b>				
Exams Administered	0	0	0	0
Pass	0	0	0	0
Fail	0	0	0	0
Passing Rate	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Totals</b>				
Exams Administered	1	1	1	1
Pass	1	0	0	0
Fail	0	1	1	1
Passing Rate	100%	0%	0%	0%

Jefferson State Community College				
	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>IDFX</b>				
Exams Administered	1	1	0	0
Pass	0	0	0	0
Fail	1	1	0	0
Passing Rate	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>IDPX</b>				
Exams Administered	1	1	0	0
Pass	0	0	0	0
Fail	1	1	0	0
Passing Rate	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>PRAC</b>				
Exams Administered	1	1	0	0
Pass	0	0	0	0
Fail	1	1	0	0
Passing Rate	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Totals</b>				
Exams Administered	3	3	0	0
Pass	0	0	0	0
Fail	3	3	0	0
Passing Rate	0%	0%	0%	0%

Southern Union State Community College				
	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>IDFX</b>				
Exams Administered	0	0	1	0
Pass	0	0	1	0
Fail	0	0	0	0
Passing Rate	0%	0%	100%	0%
<b>IDPX</b>				
Exams Administered	0	0	1	1
Pass	0	0	0	1
Fail	0	0	1	0
Passing Rate	0%	0%	0%	100%
<b>PRAC</b>				
Exams Administered	0	0	1	1
Pass	0	0	0	0
Fail	0	0	1	1
Passing Rate	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Totals</b>				
Exams Administered	0	0	3	2
Pass	0	0	1	1
Fail	0	0	2	1
Passing Rate	0%	0%	33%	50%

Tuskegee University				
	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>IDFX</b>				
Exams Administered	1	0	0	0
Pass	1	0	0	0
Fail	0	0	0	0
Passing Rate	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>IDPX</b>				
Exams Administered	1	0	0	0
Pass	1	0	0	0
Fail	0	0	0	0
Passing Rate	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>PRAC</b>				
Exams Administered	1	1	0	0
Pass	0	1	0	0
Fail	1	0	0	0
Passing Rate	0%	100%	0%	0%
<b>Totals</b>				
Exams Administered	3	1	0	0
Pass	2	1	0	0
Fail	1	0	0	0
Passing Rate	67%	100%	0%	0%

University of Alabama in Huntsville				
	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>IDFX</b>				
Exams Administered	1	0	0	0
Pass	1	0	0	0
Fail	0	0	0	0
Passing Rate	100%	0%	0%	0%
<b>IDPX</b>				
Exams Administered	0	1	1	1
Pass	0	0	0	0
Fail	0	1	1	1
Passing Rate	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>PRAC</b>				
Exams Administered	0	0	0	0
Pass	0	0	0	0
Fail	0	0	0	0
Passing Rate	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Totals</b>				
Exams Administered	1	1	1	1
Pass	1	0	0	0
Fail	0	1	1	1
Passing Rate	100%	0%	0%	0%

University of Montevallo				
	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>IDFX</b>				
Exams Administered	1	1	0	2
Pass	0	0	0	1
Fail	1	1	0	1
Passing Rate	0%	0%	0%	50%
<b>IDPX</b>				
Exams Administered	0	0	1	0
Pass	0	0	0	0
Fail	0	0	1	0
Passing Rate	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>PRAC</b>				
Exams Administered	0	0	0	0
Pass	0	0	0	0
Fail	0	0	0	0
Passing Rate	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Totals</b>				
Exams Administered	1	1	1	2
Pass	0	0	0	1
Fail	1	1	1	1
Passing Rate	0%	0%	0%	50%

University of North Alabama				
	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>IDFX</b>				
Exams Administered	1	2	2	2
Pass	0	1	0	1
Fail	1	1	2	1
Passing Rate	0%	50%	0%	50%
<b>IDPX</b>				
Exams Administered	0	0	2	0
Pass	0	0	1	0
Fail	0	0	1	0
Passing Rate	0%	0%	50%	0%
<b>PRAC</b>				
Exams Administered	0	0	0	1
Pass	0	0	0	0
Fail	0	0	0	1
Passing Rate	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Totals</b>				
Exams Administered	1	2	4	3
Pass	0	1	1	1
Fail	1	1	3	2
Passing Rate	0%	50%	25%	33%

Virginia College at Birmingham				
	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>IDFX</b>				
Exams Administered	0	0	1	1
Pass	0	0	1	1
Fail	0	0	0	0
Passing Rate	0%	0%	100%	100%
<b>IDPX</b>				
Exams Administered	1	0	1	2
Pass	1	0	1	1
Fail	0	0	0	1
Passing Rate	100%	0%	100%	50%
<b>PRAC</b>				
Exams Administered	1	0	2	2
Pass	1	0	1	0
Fail	0	0	1	2
Passing Rate	100%	0%	50%	0%
<b>Totals</b>				
Exams Administered	2	0	4	5
Pass	2	0	3	2
Fail	0	0	1	3
Passing Rate	100%	0%	75%	40%

## Board Members



### SUNSET REVIEW AUDIT 2020 ITEM #2

Per requested information, below is a list of the current members of our Board.

- **Richard Cable, Chairperson**  
Northern District Representative  
Huntsville, Alabama  
Term expires: 09/30/2021
- **Carla Hall, Treasurer**  
Eastern District Representative  
Montgomery, Alabama  
Term expires: 09/30/2020
- **Laura Harchelroad**  
Western District Representative  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Term expires: 09/30/2021
- **Maria Glaser**  
Central District Representative  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Term Expires: 09/30/2023
- **Bonnie Pate**  
Southern District Representative  
Fairhope, Alabama  
Term Expires: 09/30/2023
- **Phillip Brown**  
Consumer Member of the Board  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Term expires: 09/30/2021
- **Jeannie Krumdieck, M.S.**  
Educator Member of the Board  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Term expires: 09/30/2020

  
Signature

February 4, 2020

Date

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