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# LICENSING NEWS

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

If this issue of *Licensing News* feels different, you're not imagining it. Everything is different now, and with no clear idea what's in store for the future, near term or long term, we are sticking to the basics of what this newsletter needs to do. Essentially, that boils down to the necessities of publishing the Board's disciplinary actions and, to the extent possible, giving registrants, candidates, and other stakeholders tools to stay in compliance.

By far, the evidence suggests that the topic of most concern to our registrants is continuing education. With that concern in mind, in the article on page two you will find everything you need to know about continuing education and how we are (and aren't) able to help during these unprecedented times. The good news is that you're probably in better shape than you might know.

So read on for a just-the-basics issue of this newsletter, which we hope you'll find helpful in understanding your requirements

and in complying with them. As we head into an uncertain future, our goal remains to ensure that registrants comply with state laws and rules, and we encourage you to communicate your questions and concerns regarding your ability to do so. We can and will work together to overcome any barriers or impediments to your compliance during these difficult times.

Be safe, and be well.



**Debra Dockery, FAIA**  
*Chair*



**Julie Hildebrand**  
*Executive Director*

## Important Update For Examination Candidates

To stay up to date on your registration examination providers and their ability to seat you for a test administration, please call your national council or check their Web sites often. At the time of this writing, the national councils were seating candidates to test, but availability might be limited. The situation remains fluid, so please stay updated, and remember to keep your e-mail current with your council so as to receive the latest information.

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# ***Continuing Education***

## **Everything you need to know about Continuing Education amid the outbreak**

In this short and sweet issue of the newsletter, we're sticking to the most useful facts and information you need during the pandemic and its fallout, delivered in the most succinct way. With that, here are the things you need to know about your continuing education (CE) requirements during a time when in-person continuing education isn't much of an option.

First, like any agency, we cannot simply erase or ignore the law, absent permission or instruction to do so. That means your CE requirements do remain in effect. The good news is that compliance is likely easier to reach than you expect.

That's because, for starters, your CE isn't due to be completed until December 31. That's right—since the year 2012, every registrant's CE is due December 31 of each year, not by your birth month. (Unless you're a December baby, that is—there was no change for you, in that case.) With half the calendar year remaining, we are confident that you have enough time to earn your 12 hours of HSW content. There's a reason for our confidence in this matter.

We're confident about your ability to get those hours by December 31, even with little or no in-person CE, because your CE doesn't have to be in-person. It hasn't needed to be in-person for many years, in fact, and this is not the first time we've written about it ([see page 3 of the linked PDF](#)). You can earn "classroom" or "structured" hours just as

easily online as you can in-person, and they count just the same. If your online instructor provides a course completion certificate for the course, it's classroom/structured. Eight of your required 12 need to be structured/classroom hours, and online CE providers have a great deal of content available to meet that need. [For the first time, in direct response to this very issue, TBAE has posted a list of online CE providers with a history of quality HSW content.](#) It's a great place to start looking for HSW CE courses, for you and for anyone you share it with.

A bonus: Many of those courses are low-cost, and several of them are no-cost. And a reminder: Up to four of your required 12 hours of HSW content can be self-study. Learning activities like reading professional journals, reading the Texas Accessibility Standards, even reading this very newsletter can count for self-study credit. Those four hours are a handy, easy, and often completely free-of-charge tool to keep in your back pocket. No completion certificate is needed for self-study. Just make a copy of the first page of what you read, sign it, date it, and note how long you read it. Then keep it in a manila folder in case we contact you for an audit.

As a final reminder, one hour of each year's dozen must be about sustainable or energy-efficient design, and another hour must be about accessible design. With the final reminder, we'll give you a final tip: Both of those hours may be earned online, and both of them also may be earned via self-study. There's no need to earn these hours in-person, nor in a structured or classroom setting.

On behalf of all those who live, work, and play in the built environment of Texas, our entire TBAE staff hopes that this information proves helpful and that you're staying safe.

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# Disciplinary Action

The following cases were decided during TBAE Board meetings in November, 2019 and February, 2020. Each case is based on the applicable rule in effect at the time of the violation, and was considered by Enforcement staff and the Board in light of its unique facts.

In order to ensure compliance with continuing education (CE) responsibilities,

TBAE staff selects a random sample of its registrants to be audited. All continuing education enforcement cases stem from the random audit program. The cases reflect the most common violations: (1) failing to complete adequate continuing education hours during a program year, (2) failing to maintain continuing education records and verification of participation in CE activities for a period of five years, (3) falsely certifying, at the time of renewal, compliance with continuing education responsibilities, and/or (4) failing to respond to a request for information within 30 days. Each continuing education infraction is subject to a standard administrative penalty.

## Registrant / Non-registrant Cases

### Acheson, Kirk Randal

**\$1,000**  
Flint, TX

Respondent is registered as an architect in the state of Texas. By failing to submit plans and specifications on a project for accessibility review no later than 20 days after issuance, Respondent violated Tex. Occ. Code §1051.752(2) and Board Rule 1.170(a).

### Adhamy, Dan

**\$10,000**  
Dallas, TX

Respondent is not and never has been registered to practice architecture in the state of Texas. By providing design services and supervising and controlling the preparation of architectural plans and specifications for a non-exempt commercial project, Respondent violated Tex. Occ. Code §1051.701.

### Aloway, Steven Joe

*Architect*

**\$1,000**  
Montgomery, Texas

Respondent is registered as an architect in the state of Texas. By issuing a set construction documents but failing to seal or indicate on a plan sheet that it was not for regulatory approval, permitting or construction, Respondent violated Board Rule 1.101 and/or 1.103(a).

### Behring, Stephanie Nicole

**\$1,500**  
Dallas, TX

Respondent is registered as an architect in the state of Texas. By failing to submit plans and specifications on a project for accessibility review no later than 20 days after issuance, Respondent violated Tex. Occ. Code §1051.752(2) and Board Rule 1.170(a). By failing to respond to two Board inquiries within 30 days of receipt, Respondent violated 22 Tex. Admin. Code §1.171.

### Grable, John J.

**\$1,000**  
San Antonio, TX

Respondent is registered as an architect in the state of Texas. By issuing a plan sheet but failing to affix his seal or indicate on the plan sheet that it was not for regulatory approval, permitting or construction, Respondent violated Board Rule 1.101 and/or 1.103(a).

### Purser, Donald G.

*Architect*

**\$1,000**  
Katy, Texas

Respondent is registered as an architect in the state of Texas. By failing to submit plans and specifications on a project for accessibility review no later than 20 days after issuance, Respondent violated Tex. Occ. Code §1051.752(2) and Board Rule 1.170(a).

### Runyon, Robert Dunham

**\$5,000**  
McKinney, TX

Respondent has not been registered as an architect in the state of Texas since January of 2019, at which time his registration became cancelled and non-renewable by law as a result of not renewing timely. By issuing plans bearing an architect's seal at a time when his certificate of registration was cancelled and non-renewable, Respondent violated Tex. Occ. Code §§1051.351(a), 1051.606, 1051.701, 1051.702(b) and 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§1.82(b), 1.104(c), and 1.148(c). By utilizing the title "Architect" to describe services offered by him and his firm on his LinkedIn Web page, Respondent violated Board Rule 1.123.

### Ward, Gerald

**\$1,000**  
Colleyville, TX

Respondent is registered as an architect in the state of Texas. By failing to submit plans and specifications on a project for accessibility review no later than 20 days after issuance, Respondent violated Tex. Occ. Code §1051.752(2) and Board Rule 1.170(a).

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## Continuing Education Cases

### **Adair, Laura Jean**

*Architect*

**\$700**

Grapevine, TX

Failure to maintain a detailed record of continuing education activities for 5 years.

### **Alanis, Tracy Puga**

*RID*

**\$500**

Austin, TX

Failure to timely complete CE requirements.

### **Barcinski, Derek Scott**

*Architect*

**\$500**

Austin, TX

Failure to timely complete CE requirements.

### **Batoon, Hyderick Deleon**

*Architect*

**\$700**

Dallas, TX

Falsely reporting completion of CE requirements in order to renew registration.

### **Burton, Mary Thornhill**

*Architect*

**\$700**

San Antonio, TX

Failure to maintain a detailed record of continuing education activities for 5 years.

### **Cadwallader, Paul D.**

*RID*

**\$700**

Dallas, TX

Failure to maintain a detailed record of continuing education activities for 5 years.

### **Crow, Harry Hobson, III**

*Architect*

**\$700**

Dallas, TX

Falsely reporting completion of CE requirements in order to renew registration.

### **Cuellar, Gabriel Andres**

*Architect*

**\$500**

Minneapolis, MN

Failure to timely complete CE requirements.

### **Glass, Tamie Michele**

*RID*

**\$700**

Austin, TX

Falsely reporting completion of CE requirements in order to renew registration.

### **Kaden, Chris Carroll**

*Landscape Architect*

**\$1,700**

Gainesville, TX

Failure to timely complete CE requirements.

Falsely reporting completion of CE requirements in order to renew registration.

Failure to respond to two board inquiries.

### **Keller, Michael Roy**

*Architect*

**\$700**

Austin, TX

Failure to maintain a detailed record of continuing education activities for 5 years.

### **Lopez, Richard Daniel**

*Architect*

**\$700**

Dallas, TX

Falsely reporting completion of CE requirements in order to renew registration.

### **Mahurin, Robert L.**

*RID*

**\$700**

Dallas, TX

Failure to maintain a detailed record of continuing education activities for 5 years.

### **May, Blaze Kenneth**

*Landscape Architect*

**\$1,200**

Vega, TX

Failure to timely complete CE requirements.

Falsely reporting completion of CE requirements in order to renew registration.

### **McComas, Jeffrey Robert**

*Architect*

**\$700**

Orlando, FL

Failure to maintain a detailed record of continuing education activities for 5 years.

### **McGowen, Peggy**

*RID*

**\$700**

Houston, TX

Failure to maintain a detailed record of continuing education activities for 5 years.

### **Siegel, Ruth**

*Architect*

**\$700**

Pflugerville, TX

Failure to maintain a detailed record of continuing education activities for 5 years.

### **Taylor, Robert Matthew**

*Landscape Architect*

**\$500**

Jonesboro, AR

Failure to timely complete CE requirements.

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## Change of Address

Please make sure that we have your current mailing and email address so we may send your renewal notice to you in a timely fashion. You may update your own record by logging in to your online account on our Web site, [www.tbae.texas.gov](http://www.tbae.texas.gov). You can also mail or fax 512.305.8900 the address change along with your signature. We will send renewal reminders to registrants at the e-mail address on file with TBAE, so be sure to keep your valid and unique email address updated.

## Upcoming Board Meetings

- Tuesday, August 25, 2020
- Thursday, November 19, 2020

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Julie Hildebrand

## BOARD MEMBERS

**Debra Dockery**, FAIA

*Chair, Architect Member; Term ends 1/31/23*

**Bob Wetmore**, AIA

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**Joyce Smith**

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**Chuck Anastos**, AIA – Architect Member; Term ends 1/31/19

**Chad Davis**, RLA – Landscape Architect Member; Term ends 1/31/19

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## Attestation of Self-Directed Credit Hours Earned

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I certify that I read the \_\_\_\_\_ [Season/Year as found at top of page one] issue of TBAE's *Licensing News* for \_\_\_\_\_ hours (up to two) on \_\_\_\_\_ [date].

These continuing education hours will count for self-directed Health/Safety/Welfare study for the calendar year in which they were earned. I understand that up to four continuing education hours of the required 12 per calendar year may be earned via self-study.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Please keep this Certificate for your records, and submit it if you receive an audit letter from TBAE, along with all additional certificates for the specified calendar year.*



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