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**Public Hearing Minutes of 06/01/2026**

**Division Staff** Justin Touchstone, Executive Officer  
**Present:** Ryan Bernard, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief  
Janice Beller, Legal Counsel  
Amanda Lee, Board Support Specialist

The hearing was called to order at 10:45 AM MT by Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief (LRAC) Bernard.

This was a public hearing to provide an opportunity for members of the public to review and comment on the intended changes to IDAPA 24.01.01 being considered by this regulatory board.

**Public Comment:** Teran Mitchell, Architect, stated his opposition to entering rulemaking and submitted several questions. Those questions are listed below.

- When did the Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) first become aware of the interior designer legislation?
- When did the Board of Architects and Landscape Architects (ALA) first become aware of the interior designer legislation?
- Has DOPL met with any members of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Idaho Chapter before or during the 2026 Legislative Session to discuss the proposal of House Bill 790?
- Are the members of the ALA Board aware of the reasoning behind the opposition to the original House Bill 790?
- Does the passage of this bill increase the regulatory burden on the state at the cost of the Idaho taxpayer?
- What states are being used as frameworks for the regulation and scope of practice for the voluntary certification of interior designers?
- Will the ALA Board have the authority to review complaints, including violation of ethics and scope of practice?
- Does DOPL have a commitment that they will not pass any language or rulemaking without joint feedback and coordination with the AIA Idaho chapter or any interested committees in developing this regulatory framework?

LRAC Bernard stated that he will provide answers via direct correspondence.

Liz Hatter, Veritas Advisors, LLC, asked what the proposed fee for the interior design certificate would be. LRAC Bernard indicated the fee would match the landscape architect's current fees. Ms. Hatter asked whether interior designers would have a separate seal to distinguish the profession from others, as is the practice in several other states.

Matt Barusch, Director of Government Affairs for the Council for Interior Design Qualifications (CIDQ), offered his assistance to the Board as they navigate the rulemaking process. Mr. Barusch also extended an invitation to the Board to attend the CIDQ annual meeting in November.

Jared Schmidt, AIA Idaho Chapter President, voiced opposition to entering rulemaking on behalf of the AIA Idaho Chapter.

Andrew Bick, Architect, voiced opposition to entering rulemaking. Mr. Bick asked what the fees for landscape architects are compared to the fees for architects. LRAC Bernard stated that the landscape architect application fee is \$75 and the annual licensing fee is \$175. The application fee for architects is \$25, and the annual licensing fee is \$50.

Chad Blincoe, Co-Chair for the AIA Idaho Advocacy Committee, encouraged the Board to establish a clear definition and emphasis on the code of ethics and practice policy including educational and insurance requirements, governance structure, and the distinction between the scope of responsibility of an interior designer versus that of an architect. Mr. Blincoe requested that the Board reach out to the AIA Idaho Advocacy Committee and other interested associations to keep them involved throughout the negotiated rulemaking process.

Kristin Anderson, Anderson Architecture P.A., asked when the next opportunity for comments and discussion will be. LRAC Bernard reviewed the rulemaking process and informed the members of the public that future hearing dates have not been scheduled yet, but comments can be made at any upcoming Board Meetings.

Ms. Hatter asked when a draft of the proposed rule changes will be published on the DOPL website. Executive Officer Touchstone shared that the Board will first need to review and draft the rule changes. Once the Board has voted to approve the draft rule changes, and if they vote to move the drafted rules to “proposed” status, they will be published on the DOPL website.

Ms. Anderson inquired as to which AIA representative DOPL will be contacting. Mr. Mitchel stated that Jared Schmidt, AIA Idaho Chapter President, would be the best point of contact.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comments, the hearing was adjourned at 11:07 AM.