

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public Notice. The New Mexico Board of Examiners for Architects (NMBEA) gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing and regular meeting of the Board on August 25, 2023 at 10:00 am in person at the Toney Anaya Building, Third Floor, Board Conference Room, 2550 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed amendment to 16.30.1 NMAC- General Provisions, 16.30.2 NMAC- Organization and Administration, 16.30.3 NMAC- Registration and Renewal, Duplicate Certificates, Seal Specifications and Document Identification, and 16.30.6 NMAC- Minimum Standards for the Practice of Architecture in New Mexico. The board will hold a regular board meeting following the public hearing.

Purpose. The purpose of the proposed change to 16.30.1.7 is to define the term “architect-of-record” and to correct minor errors of spelling and grammar. The purpose of the proposed changes to 16.30.2.10 NMAC and 16.30.2.11 serve to correct minor errors of spelling and grammar. The purpose of the proposed changes to 16.30.3.9 NMAC is to adjust registration standards to correspond with the standards of NCARB as described in the latest editions of the NCARB Certification Guidelines and the NCARB Education Guidelines, and to adjust the timeframe of A.R.E. score validity to correspond with the NCARB score validity policy in effect at the time of the application. The purpose of the proposed changes to 16.30.3.10 is to correct minor errors in spelling and grammar. The purpose of the proposed changes to 16.30.3.12 is to clarify language about when continuing education hours can be carried forward and which candidates are exempt from reporting continuing education hours, and to correct minor errors in spelling and grammar. The purpose of the proposed changes to 16.30.6.8 are to correct minor errors in spelling and grammar. The changes will be made by repealing and replacing the rules and updating to current formatting requirements as required by the Commission of Public Records.

The statutory authorization. Section 61-15-4 NMSA 1978 grants the board authority to make rules not inconsistent with law in order to promote the public welfare and protect the citizens of New Mexico.

No technical information serves as a basis for this proposed rule change.

Public comment. Interested parties may provide comment on the proposed amendments of this state rule at the public hearing or may submit written comments to Erin Durbin-Sherer, New Mexico Board of Examiners for Architects, P. O. Box 509, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504, or by electronic mail at erin.durbin-sherer@bea.nm.gov, or fax to (505) 476-4829. All written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. (MDT) on the day before the date of the public hearing. The public comment period is from July 18, 2023 to August 24, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (MDT).

Copies of the proposed rules. Copies of proposed rules may be accessed through the New Board of Examiners for Architect’s website at <https://www.bea.state.nm.us>, or may be obtained from Erin Durbin-Sherer by contacting her at (505) 476-4831 during regular business hours.

Individuals with disabilities who require the above information in an alternative format, or who need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in the public hearing are asked to contact Erin Durbin-Sherer at (505) 476-4831 as soon as possible before the date set for the public hearing. The NMBEA requires at least ten (10) calendar days advance notice to provide any special accommodations requested.

Summary of Proposed Changes. The Board summarizes its proposed changes to its administrative rules as follows:

16.30.1.7 NMAC – General Provisions

As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.1.7 NMAC insert a definition of the term “architect-of-record” to clarify the meaning as it is used in subsequent parts of the rules, adjust the numbering to reflect the addition of the new definition, and correct minor errors in spelling and grammar.

16.30.2.10 NMAC– Duties of Officers

As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.2.10 NMAC serve to correct minor errors in spelling and

grammar.

16.30.2.11 NMAC– Committees

As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.2.11 NMAC serve to correct minor errors in spelling and grammar.

16.30.3.9 NMAC- Registration Through Education, Training, and Examination

As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.3.9 NMAC are to adjust registration standards to correspond with the standards of NCARB as described in the latest editions of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (“NCARB”) Certification Guidelines and the NCARB Education Guidelines, and to adjust the timeframe of architectural registration examination (“A.R.E.”) score validity to correspond with the NCARB score validity policy in effect at the time of the application.

16.30.3.10 NMAC– Registration Through Reciprocity

As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.3.10 NMAC serve to correct minor errors in spelling and grammar.

16.30.3.12 NMAC– Continuing Education

As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.3.12 NMAC serve to clarify that continuing education hours may not be carried forward to future registration periods, that architects applying for initial registration through examination are not required to report continuing education hours, and to correct minor errors in spelling and grammar.

16.30.6.8 NMAC- Design and Construction Documents

As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.6.8 NMAC serve to correct minor errors in spelling and grammar.