

STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS & INTERIOR DESIGNERS

Enabling Laws

Act 184 of 2012
Act 270 of 1941 as amended
A.C.A. § 17-15-102
Act 847 of 1993 as amended
A.C.A. § 17-35-101
A.C.A. § 71-2902
Act 1367 of 2009

History and Organization

The original Arkansas Architectural Act and the Arkansas State Board of Architects were established by Act 270 in 1941. Through the passage of Act 1367 of 2009, Effective July 1, 2009, the Arkansas State Board of Architects, Landscape Architects and Interior Designers (ASBALAID) became a multi-profession regulatory agency responsible for overseeing the examination, registration, education, and professional regulation of architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers.

The Activities of ASBALAID benefit the public in two critical ways.

First, regulation protects the public at large. The primary responsibility of any architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer is to design environments that are safe, durable, functional, satisfy reasonable environmental standards, and contribute esthetically to the surrounding community. To accomplish this, the design professional must satisfy the applicable requirements of law and demonstrate the correct application of skills and knowledge. It must be emphasized that the results of faulty design may be injurious not only to the person who engages the design professional but also to the third parties who inhabit or use the environment.

Second, regulation protects consumers from fraudulent services rendered by design professionals. The necessity for ensuring that those that hire architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers are protected from incompetent or dishonest individuals is self-evident.

ASBALAID is composed of nine (9) members, appointed by the governor of Arkansas and confirmed by the Senate for terms of five (5) years or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. Five (5) members are architects of recognized standing who have been engaged in the independent practice of architecture for at least (10) years prior to appointment. Two (2) members are not actively engaged in or retired from the professions of architecture, interior design, or landscape architecture represent consumers and are appointed from the state at large.

The remaining two (2) positions are filled by one (1) landscape architect and one (1) registered interior designer, both of recognized standing. There is no restriction on the number of terms an individual may serve.

The agency is staffed by three (3) individuals. They are an executive director, board administrator/office manager and administrative assistant. The administrative staff provides the support necessary for the agency to function properly.

Mission

The mission of the ASBALAID is to protect public health, safety, and welfare through the regulation of architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers in the state of Arkansas by the following:

- Ensuring that those representing themselves as architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers meet standards of competency by way of education, experience, and examination;
- Establishing standards of practice for those licensed to practice;
- Requiring that any person practicing or offering to practice as an architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer is licensed;
- Protecting consumers and users of design services;
- Enforcing the laws, codes, and standards governing license holders in a fair, expeditious, and uniform manner; and
- Empowering consumers by providing information and educational materials to help them make informed decisions.

Vision

ASBALAID will play a major role ensuring that architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers provide the highest quality professional services.

- Arkansas architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers will possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities enabling them to meet the expectations of clients and consumers.
- Arkansas architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers will be competent in all areas of practice and will adhere to high standards of technical competency and professional conduct.
- Exam candidates will have access to the necessary education and training opportunities.

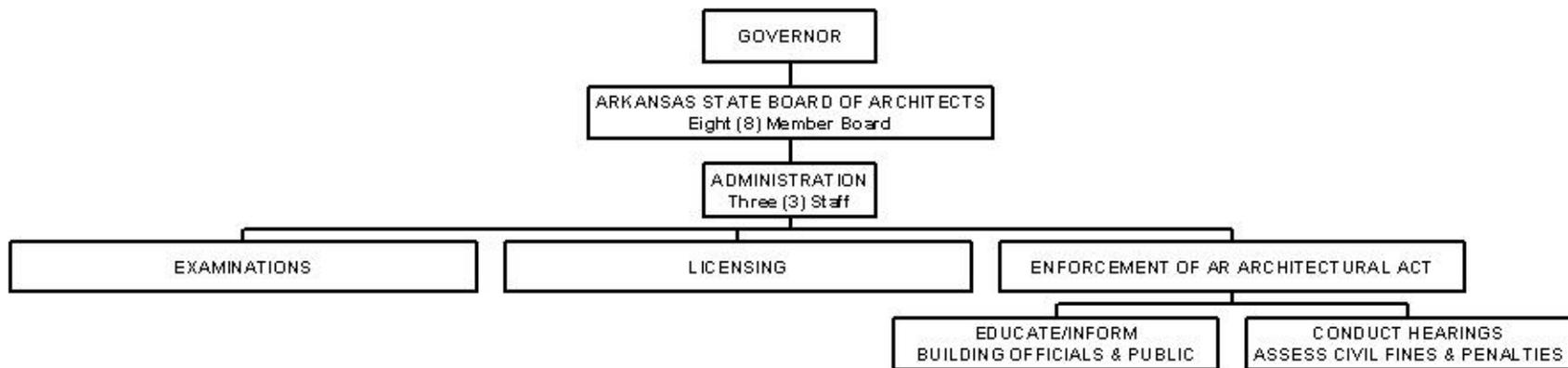
- Consumers will have access to an adequate supply of architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers and will have the information they need to make informed choices.

Values

ASBALAID will strive for the highest possible quality throughout all of its programs, making it an outstandingly effective and efficient multi-profession regulatory agency.

To that end, ASBALAID will:

- Be participatory through continuing involvement with NCARB, CLARB, NDICQ, and other organizations;
- Be professional by treating all persons who interact with ASBALAID as valued customers;
- Focus on prevention by providing information and education to consumers, candidates, clients, licensees, and others;
- Be progressive by utilizing the most advanced means for providing services; and
- Be proactive by exercising leadership among consumer protection and professional practice groups.



Agency Commentary

Each day, millions of Arkansans work and live within environments designed by licensed architects, landscape architects, and registered

interior designers. The decisions made by these professionals about scale, massing, special organization, image, materials, and methods of construction impact not only the health, safety, and welfare of the present users, but of future generations as well.

To safeguard public health, safety, and welfare, reduce the possibility of injury or building failure, encourage quality design, and provide access for the disabled, those who design complex environments must meet minimum standards of competency. It is equally necessary that those who cannot meet minimum standards by way of education, experience, and examination be prevented from misrepresenting themselves to the citizens of the state of Arkansas.

ASBALAID is a cash-funded state agency, historically receiving no general revenue funds. In July 2010, the Board moved all of its cash funds from various banks to the State Treasury. Agency operations are funded through fees charged by ASBALAID, which include registration, renewal fees, fines, and penalties.

In response to amplified expenditures as a result of the FY10 agency merger and reorganization, ASBALAID respectfully requests the following:

Reallocation from Professional Fees to Conference & Travel Expense for the 2013-2015 biennium:

Conference & Travel Expenditures (09) - \$4,100 will facilitate the following:

- Staff travel and training expenses resulting from the agency merger and reorganization. The agency restructuring amplified the travel requirements and associated costs for agency staff. This additional funding will assure agency staff will be able to attend both regional and national meetings related to regulation duties.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
AUDIT OF :
ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

Findings	Recommendations
None	None

State Contracts Over \$25,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2012

None

Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	1	0	1	33 %
Black Employees	0	2	2	67 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0 %
Total Minorities			2	67 %
Total Employees			3	100 %

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-204

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# of Copies	Reason(s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
Arkansas Architectural Act	A.C.A. 17-15-305 (e)	N	N	1,800	The Act was amended in 1999 and the new language passed by the Legislature requires that each registrant be sent a copy of the Act.
Arkansas State Board of Architect Rules and Regulations	A.C.A. 17-15-305 (e)	N	N	1,800	January 13, 2000 and reviewed by the Legislature on February 3, 2000. The Act requires that each registrant be sent a copy of the Rule and Regulations.

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2010 - 2011					FY2011 - 2012					FY2012 - 2013							
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	
3	3	0	3	0	0.00 %	3	3	0	3	0	0.00 %	3	3	0	3	0	0.00 %

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 83V - Bd of Architects, Landscape Architects & Interior Designers

Funding Sources: NAI - Cash in Treasury - ASBALAID

The State Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers provides for the education of building officials and the public regarding the provisions of the Arkansas Architectural Act and the rules and regulations of the Board. The operations of the Board are funded from Cash Funds generated from the receipt of fees charged by the Agency.

Base Level Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching includes Career Service payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching also includes a \$20 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$410 per month. Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Merit Pay Increases. The Base Level request for Regular Salaries includes board member stipend payments.

The Agency requests a reallocation of \$4,100 from Professional Fees to Conference and Travel Expenses in each year of the biennium. Due to the agency merger and reorganization, additional appropriation in Travel Expense is needed for increases in conference and seminar fees, airfare and lodging fees, and ground transportation fees.

The Executive Request provides for the Agency Request. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

Appropriation Summary

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Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
	2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Budget	2012-2013 Authorized	2013-2014			2014-2015		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries 5010000	175,529	173,391	179,998	173,391	173,391	173,391	173,391	173,391	173,391
#Positions	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Personal Services Matching 5010003	50,769	51,112	49,569	51,932	51,932	51,932	51,932	51,932	51,932
Operating Expenses 5020002	176,947	154,423	154,423	154,423	154,423	154,423	154,423	154,423	154,423
Conference & Travel Expenses 5050009	7,470	8,600	8,600	8,600	12,700	12,700	8,600	12,700	12,700
Professional Fees 5060010	0	4,100	4,100	4,100	0	0	4,100	0	0
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exams 5900046	0	0	7,348	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	410,715	391,626	404,038	392,446	392,446	392,446	392,446	392,446	392,446
Funding Sources									
Fund Balance 4000005	1,956,586	2,020,406		2,098,780	2,098,780	2,098,780	2,176,334	2,176,334	2,176,334
Cash Fund 4000045	474,535	470,000		470,000	470,000	470,000	470,000	470,000	470,000
Total Funding	2,431,121	2,490,406		2,568,780	2,568,780	2,568,780	2,646,334	2,646,334	2,646,334
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(2,020,406)	(2,098,780)		(2,176,334)	(2,176,334)	(2,176,334)	(2,253,888)	(2,253,888)	(2,253,888)
Grand Total	410,715	391,626		392,446	392,446	392,446	392,446	392,446	392,446

FY13 Budget amount in Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to matching rate adjustments during the 2011-2013 biennium.

Change Level by Appropriation

Appropriation: 83V - Bd of Architects, Landscape Architects & Interior Designers
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Agency Request

Change Level		2013-2014	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2014-2015	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	392,446	3	392,446	100.0	392,446	3	392,446	100.0
C04	Reallocation	0	0	392,446	100.0	0	0	392,446	100.0

Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2013-2014	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2014-2015	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	392,446	3	392,446	100.0	392,446	3	392,446	100.0
C04	Reallocation	0	0	392,446	100.0	0	0	392,446	100.0

Justification

C04	ASBALAID respectfully requests a reallocation from Professional Fees to Conference & Travel Expense for the 2013-2015 biennium which will facilitate staff travel and training expenses resulting from the agency merger and reorganization. The agency restructuring amplified the travel requirements and associated costs for agency staff. This additional appropriation will assure agency staff will be able to attend both regional and national meetings related to regulation duties.
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