

# STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS & INTERIOR DESIGNERS

## Enabling Laws

A.C.A. § 17-15-102  
A.C.A. § 17-35-101  
A.C.A. § 71-2902

## 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.

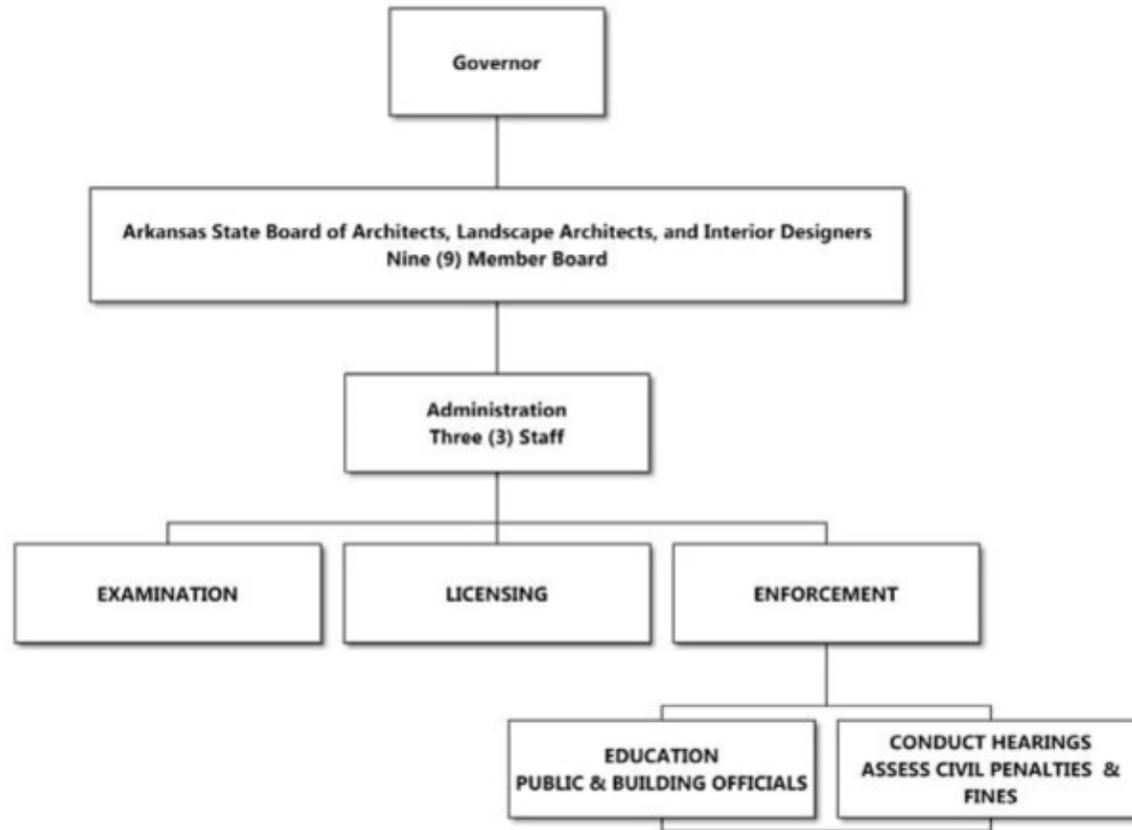
- Arkansas architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers will possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities enabling them to meet the expectations of clients and consumers.
- Arkansas architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers will be competent in all areas 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.  
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, NCIDQ, 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, 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 the 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. Agency operations are funded through fees charged by ASBALAID, which include registration renewal fees, fines, and penalties.

The Board respectfully requests that Base Level funding be preserved thru the 2015-2017 Biennium.

## **Audit Findings**

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT  
AUDIT OF :  
ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

Findings	Recommendations
None	None

## **State Contracts Over \$50,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2014**

None

## Employment Summary

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

## Publications

### A.C.A. 25-1-201 et seq.

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# of Copies	Reason(s) for Continued Publication and Distribution	Unbound Black & White Copies Produced During the Last Two Years	Cost of Unbound Copies Produced During the Last Two Years
		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.	0	0.00
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.	0	0.00

## Agency Position Usage Report

FY2012 - 2013						FY2013 - 2014						FY2014 - 2015					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total				Filled	Unfilled	Total				Filled	Unfilled	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 include continuation of the previously authorized 2015 1% Cost of Living Adjustment and Career Service Payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching also includes a \$10 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$420 per month. Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for Merit Pay Increases. The Base Level request for Regular Salaries includes board member stipend payments.

The Agency is requesting Base Level of \$401,982 for each year of the 2015-2017 Biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for 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		
		2013-2014 Actual	2014-2015 Budget	2014-2015 Authorized	2015-2016			2016-2017		
					Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	155,632	175,538	176,722	177,830	177,830	177,830	177,830	177,830	177,830
<b>#Positions</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	49,749	55,977	52,663	56,939	56,939	56,939	56,939	56,939	56,939
Operating Expenses	5020002	136,415	154,423	154,423	154,423	154,423	154,423	154,423	154,423	154,423
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	9,150	12,700	12,700	12,700	12,700	12,700	12,700	12,700	12,700
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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
<b>Total</b>		<b>350,946</b>	<b>398,638</b>	<b>396,508</b>	<b>401,892</b>	<b>401,892</b>	<b>401,892</b>	<b>401,892</b>	<b>401,892</b>	<b>401,892</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>										
Fund Balance	4000005	2,138,914	2,190,459		2,194,326	2,194,326	2,194,326	2,194,939	2,194,939	2,194,939
Cash Fund	4000045	402,491	402,505		402,505	402,505	402,505	402,505	402,505	402,505
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>2,541,405</b>	<b>2,592,964</b>		<b>2,596,831</b>	<b>2,596,831</b>	<b>2,596,831</b>	<b>2,597,444</b>	<b>2,597,444</b>	<b>2,597,444</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(2,190,459)	(2,194,326)		(2,194,939)	(2,194,939)	(2,194,939)	(2,195,552)	(2,195,552)	(2,195,552)
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>350,946</b>	<b>398,638</b>		<b>401,892</b>	<b>401,892</b>	<b>401,892</b>	<b>401,892</b>	<b>401,892</b>	<b>401,892</b>

FY15 budget amount in Personal Service Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to the matching rate adjustments during the 2013 - 2015 Biennium.