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Dear Region 3 Colleagues,

I am writing to formally declare my candidacy for the position of Regional Director for NCARB Region 3. This decision reflects my deep commitment to advancing the profession of architecture, supporting licensure candidates, and fostering collaboration among our member boards to address the challenges and opportunities facing our field.

Over the course of my career, I have been fortunate to work across diverse sectors of architectural practice, from healthcare to education to urban design. I have also held volunteer leadership positions within AIA, NCARB, various non-profits, and public committees. My experiences have given me a well-rounded perspective on the role of NCARB and its member boards in shaping the future of architecture, promoting ethical practice, and ensuring that our licensure standards remain equitable, rigorous, and adaptable to the evolving needs of the profession.

Serving as on various NCARB committees through the years has allowed me to engage deeply with the architectural community at both regional and national levels. Through these roles, I have built collaborative relationships and contributed to initiatives that modernize our governance, advance licensure accessibility, and promote diversity in our profession.

Region 3 has a long history of strong leadership and impactful contributions to the NCARB community. It would be an honor to continue this legacy as Regional Director, working collaboratively with all of you to further our shared mission of protecting public health, safety, and welfare through excellence in architectural regulation.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I welcome the opportunity to discuss your priorities and ideas for how we can strengthen our region and our collective work. Together, we can build a profession that is innovative, inclusive, and resilient for years to come.

Miguel A. Rodriguez, NCARB, FAIA **Regional Director** 

Catherine C. Morrison, NCARB, AIA, LEED AP. BD+C

Greg L. Durrell, NCARB, AIA, NOMA, CSI Vice-Chair

> Anthony Lawrence, NCARB, AIA, ULI/REAP Fellow Secretary/Treasurer

> > Tyson Ducote MBE Representative

Cathe M. Evans **Executive Director** 

Sincerely,

Cathy C. Morrison, AIA, NCARB, NOMA, LEED AP BD+C

NCARB Region 3, Chair

North Carolina Board of Architecture & Registered Interior Designers, President Neighboring Concepts, CEO

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## Catherine Cervantes Morrison, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, NCARB, NOMA



#### Education

## University of North Carolina | Charlotte, NC

Master of Architecture, May 2006

Master of Arts in Geography - Community Planning, December 2007

University of Maryland | College Park, MD

Bachelor of Science in Architecture, May 2004

#### Registrations

AL, FL, GA, LA, NC, TN, SC, VA

#### **Practice**

Neighboring Concepts | Charlotte, NC | August 2021 - present

Gresham Smith | Charlotte, NC | July 2017 - July 2021

Gantt Huberman Architects | Bergmann Associates | Charlotte, NC | May 2007 – July 2017

Bergmann Associates acquired Gantt Huberman Architects in December 2012

### Professional Service

#### National Council of Architecture Registration Boards

Region 3 - Secretary (FY 2021) | Secretary/Treasurer (FY 2022, 2023) | Chair (FY 2024, 2025)

Regional Leadership Committee (FY 2024, 2025)

Regional Realignment Work Group (FY 2024)

Governance Work Group (FY 2023)

Credentials Committee - Chair (FY 2022, 2023)

Experience Committee (FY 2021)

Strategic Focus Group (FY 2018)

#### North Carolina Board of Architecture, Board Member (2018-present)

Secretary (2019-2020) | Vice President (2020-2022) | President (2022 - present)

Interior Design Task Force (2020-2021)

Special Rules Review Committee (2019)

Applications Committee (2019)

Professional Standards Committee (2018-2022)

# American Institute of Architecture, Charlotte Section Board of Directors

Associate Director (2009-2010) | Secretary (2011) | Treasurer (2012)

President Elect (2013) | President (2014-2015) | Past-President (2015-2016)

American Institute of Architecture, North Carolina Chapter Board of Directors

Section Representative (2013-2015)

## Community Service

#### City of Charlotte

Business Advisory Committee (2023-present)

#### **Loaves and Fishes**

Board of Directors (2017-present)

#### Do Greater Charlotte

Board of Directors (2021-2022)

Vice Chair (2022)

### **Charlotte Chamber of Commerce**

Board of Directors (2012-2015)

Emerging Business Leaders (2013)

Green Awards Jury (2013-2014; 2016-2017)

Nominations Committee (2015)

#### Awards

AIA NC | Detrick Service Medal (2023)

NCARB | President's Medal (2023)

AIA Charlotte | Citizen Architect Award (2021)

Charlotte Chamber of Commerce | Emerging Business Leaders Alumni Award (2017)

Charlotte Business Journal | 40 under 40 (2014)

Second Harvest Food Bank | Community Partnership Award (2014)



January 29, 2025

# RE: Candidate for Chair for Region 3

Greetings Member Board Members and Member Board Executives,

It is a great joy and honor to announce my candidacy for Chair of our great region. This has been a surreal journey. I continue to be fueled with the impgrenable desire and passion to serve and hope to have your support again.

I always live by the mantra that Leaders Lead. Over the past four years of being on the board, my aim was to offer targeted support and focused expertise in our missions and programs related to our region and NCARB. As your vice-chair, we successfully held two Educators and Practitioners Conferences, most recently in Charlotte; in addition to, continuation of our Leadership Conference tradition.

Not only were these events engaging and enriching, but they also provided the opportunity for diversity of perspectives and thought. It is this dynamic that I hope to continue to foster.

So...why me? Simply, there is no greater moment to have leadership that is not afraid to approach difficult conversations and challenge antiquated mindsets. I truly believe that I have the demeanor, the patience, as well as tact, to approach any item that comes our way.

Invariably, I believe we have a self-motivated, diverse board and region of thought leaders that continue to shine across NCARB to make our profession fair and equitable. I have no reservation about offering my full support to our current leadership in whatever roles they pursue.

Invariably, I enter this moment with clarity of focus and the understanding that there is still more work to do. I remain committed. I remain charged. I remain ready to serve.

Therefore, on today, I humbly ask for your support and vote in my candidacy for Chair of Region 3. I look forward to your support and thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to connect with me if needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg L. Durrell, NCARB, AIA, NOMA, CSI

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p. 601.622.2786

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# GREG L. DURRELL I NCARB, AIA, CSI, NOMA

PRESIDENT / PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT

2019

#### **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Architecture, Mississippi State University, 2004

#### **PRACTICE**

Durrell Design Group, PLLC | Jackson, Mississippi President (2012 - Present), 9-person firm with focus on Pre-K -12 and higher education educational facilities and government projects

#### REGISTRATION

Mississippi (#4803), Tennessee (#105779), Louisiana (#8901), Alabama (#8164), Arkansas (#912027), NCARB Certificate (2013), IDP Certificate (2006)



## **MEMBER BOARD SERVICE**

Mississippi State Board of Architecture	Member	2015 – 2021
(Governor Appointed, 2015-2021)	President	2018
	Secretary/Treasurer	2017

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

American Institute of Architects	Member	2013 - Present
AIA Mississippi Chapter	Board of Directors	2016 - 2018
AIA Mississippi Chapter	Legislative Committee	2017

# National Council of Architectural Registration Board (NCARB)

NCARB National Meetings		2017 – President
SCNCARB Region 3	Vice-Chair	2021 - Present
SCNCARB Region 3 Meetings	Delegate	2017 – 2021
SCNARCB Educators Conferen	nce	2018
Education Committee		2018
Experience Committee		2021

# NAAB Visiting Team Appointment Construction Specifications Institute

Board of Directors	2016 -	Present	I	Vice President	2018
2nd Vice President	2017		I	President-Elect	2019 – 2020
President	2020		I	Chair - Product Show	2019
Chair - Programs Comr	nittee	2017	ı	Chair – House	2017 – 2018
CCI Culf States Beginn	al Maatir	20			2017

CSI Gulf States Regional Meeting		2017
National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA)		2019 - Present
MS NOMA Chapter	President (Charter Member)	2022 - Present
Mississippi Minority Business Alliance	Member	2016 - Present
International Code Council	Member	2014 – 2015

# **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

Top Entrepreneur Class 2023	Mississippi Business Journal	2023
Award of Distinction	Alpha Phi Alpha	2022
Top 40 Under 40	Building Design + Construction	2018
Mississippi Top CEOs	Mississippi Business Journal	2018
Mississippi Top 50 Under 40	Mississippi Business Journal	2018
Entrepreneur of the Year	Savvy Life Magazine	2018
10K Small Business Alumnus	Goldman Sachs	2017
Economic Trailblazer Award	City of Vicksburg	2019

## **MISCEL**

LLANEOUS AFFILIATIONS		
Hinds Community College Founda	ation Board	2018 - Present
Certificate of Recognition – Congratulatory Award		2015
(U.S. Congressman Benn	ie G. Thompson)	
Motivational Speaker, Over 50 pre	esentations	2015 – Present
Spirit of Excellence Initiative	Founder	2016 – Present
Mentoring Program Initiative	Founder	2017 – Present
Multiple Spotlight Articles, local an	nd national publications	



January 30, 2025

Ms. Cathe M. Monte Carlo-Evans Executive Director Southern Conference NCARB Region 3 PO Box 17332 Raleigh, NC 27619

Ref.: Call for nominations/responses for the Southern Conference of NCARB R3 Board of Directors Officers 2025-2026.

### Dear Cathe:

This is in response to the official call for nominations for anyone seeking office in the Southern Conference recently sent by e-mail indicating the list of positions available for candidacies.

As you probably know I was Treasurer and Secretary and very involved with Region 3 since 1996, close to 29 years. All the other jurisdictions in the 50 year history of the Southern Conference of NCARB had the opportunity in one or more occasions for one of their members to be our Regional Vice Chair, except Puerto Rico and the USVI. As member of the Puerto Rico Board I have given a lot of thought to this possibility and I firmly believe is time now for me, representing Puerto Rico, to move forward and pursue the Regional Vice Chair position to do my very best with help of God, your help, and all of my colleagues from our Region to be a successful and great as Vice Chair.

So, I will like you to know my formal announcement that I will run to seek the Regional Vice Chair position of the Southern Conference of NCARB for 2025-2026 this coming Spring in Philadelphia, PA. If this is a reality this coming Spring, it will be a very important and historical event not only for Puerto Rico but for our Region as well.

Regards and my best wishes for a prosperous and successful New Year in all you endeavors.

Sincerely,

Pedro L. Alfaro, Jr. - RA, B. Arch. B.S. Arch., M. Arch., CAAPPR, SAP

AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

January 20, 2025



Dear Board Members, voting delegates, and friends:

Recently, our Executive Director informed us about the positions that are available for elections on the Board of Directors of our Region 3.

Responding to this announcement, I would like to communicate to all my NCARB colleagues and friends of the Southern Conference that would like from all my colleagues their help, endorsement, and support for the candidacy for Vice Chair of Region 3.

As you probably know, I was Treasurer and Secretary some years ago and very involved with Region 3 since 1996, about 29 years. All the other jurisdictions members in the more than 50year history of the Southern Conference of NCARB had the opportunity in one or more occasions for one of their members to be our Regional Vice Chair, except Puerto Rico. As member of the Puerto Rico Board for more than 24 years, I have given a lot of thought to this possibility and I firmly believe is time now for me, representing Puerto Rico, to move forward and pursue the Regional Vice Chair position to represent all of you doing my very best with help of God, your help, and all of my colleagues from our Region 3 to be the next Vice Chair.

Attached is a full disclosure of my qualifications in the areas of academic preparation and degrees, work experience, professional career, and experience serving NCARB and SC/NCARB R3.

Therefore, I will like all of you to know my formal announcement of my intention to seek with your support the position Regional Vice Chair of the Southern Conference of NCARB for 2025-2026 this coming Spring in Philadelphia, PA during the 2025 Regional Summit. If this is a reality this coming Spring, it will be a very important and historical event not only for Puerto Rico but for our Region as well.

During the Summit, I will be available to answer any questions or provide any information you might need to know about my candidacy.

Regards and my best wishes for a prosperous and successful New Year.

Sincerely,

Pedro L. Alfaro, Jr. - RA, B. Arch. B.S. Arch., M. Arch., CAAPPR, SAP

# Pedro Luis Alfaro Del Toro Professional curriculum vitae



NAME AND

ADDRESS: Pedro Luis Alfaro-Del Toro, B.A., B.S. Arch., M. Arch., SAP, RA, CAAPPR

154 Calle Ganges, Urb. El Paraíso San Juan. PR 00926-2916

(787) 370-5275

arqalfarojr@gmail.com

**PERSONAL** 

**DATA:** Place of Birth: San Juan, Puerto Rico (USA).

Citizenship: The United States of America (USA).

PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVES:

To provide professional architectural, educational, and/or management services or work as employee, consultant, or on board of directors for educational, private or government sectors, damage assessments and damage costs estimates after a natural disector, and orbitection or covered witness in State on Fodoral Court

disaster, and arbitration or expert witness in State or Federal Court.

ACADEMIC DATA:

University of Detroit (Jesuit University)

School of Architecture Detroit, Michigan

## MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE (M. ARCH.)

**Major:** Architecture. **Minors:** Urban Planning.

Public Administration & Policy, Voters' Behavior, & Urban Politics.

**Thesis:** El Convento Beach: A Resort Development - Fajardo, Puerto Rico.

Category: <u>Large Building Complexes</u>.

Honors and

Awards: \* Alpha-Rho-Chi Medal Award

National Fraternity of Architects.

\* Henry Adams Award

The American Institute of Architects (for excellence in the study of Architecture at The University of Detroit).

\* Graduation Ranking

#2 in a class of 30.

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\* Who is Who Among Students in American Colleges and

<u>Universities</u> National Award

\* Alpha-Sigma-Nu

National Jesuit Honor Society



# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE (B. S. ARCH.)

(Jesuit University)

Major: Architecture.

Minors: Public Administration, Urban Politics, Voting Behavior and

Environmental Studies.



# **University of Puerto Rico**

College of Humanities Río Piedras Campus

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS (B. A.)**

**Major:** General Major Degree **Minor:** Arts and Architecture



# Universidad Ana G. Méndez (Universidad Metropolitana-UMet)

Cupey Campus Liberal Arts Courses

Honors and

Awards: Phi-Theta-Kappa

Honor Society



Academia San Jorge (Roman Catholic Elementary and High School Jesuit System)

Santurce Ward, San Juan, Puerto Rico

May 1966 - Academic Elementary and High School Diplomas.

INTERNACIONAL: International Star Award for Quality

Gold Category, Paris, France for office commitment to quality

of services rendered.

**LANGUAGES:** Spanish, English, French\*, and some basic German (Deutch).

Fluent Spanish and English oral and written.

(\*) Alliance Française Puerto Rico - Certificat de Langue Française - Premier Degré

### Arch. Pedro L. Alfaro, Jr.

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# COMPUTER & CAD COURSES:

-Liceo de Arte y Tecnología.

AutoCAD for Windows course.

-American Video Training Institute.

AutoCAD for Windows course.

-Inter American University of PR.

AutoCAD for Windows-NT course.

-AutoCAD®, MS Word®, MS PowerPoint® and MS Excel®

-Fair Housing Act Accessibility Course.

#### **WRITTINGS:**

# The Kern Block: facts and its future dilemma.

The University of Detroit Library-Reference

# The City of Troy, Michigan

A comprehensive urban planning study and development for the City of Troy.

#### Urban Design Project Study For A Model City of 6,000

Detroit, Michigan

A detailed study on how a city for 6,000 families can be designed and developed for an urban renewal area.

#### Energy.

A comprehensive research study on all the energy sources available, its potentials and future applications.

# PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE:

## Pedro Luis Alfaro, Jr.-Architect and Associates

## Alfaro-Del Toro Architecture

Architects, Planners, Interior Architecture, Space Planners & Designers 154 Calle Ganges San Juan, PR 00926-2916 Tel. (787) 370-5275

January 1989 to present. **Position:** Principal

## Brief history of private practice and consulting work:

The consulting architectural practice started in the year 1983. Since then, multiple projects were designed mainly in commercial, institutional, and residential from design to its execution. This practice was limited while working primarily with another firm as an architect.

Later, in January 1989, established a successful private practice as *Pedro Luis Alfaro, Jr. - Architect & Associates/Alfaro-Del Toro-Architecture*, to provide personal professional services to the private and government sectors on a full-time basis. Numerous projects of many categories were done since then including green/sustainable design.

The office has the latest technological equipment and licensed programs for computerized drafting in AutoCAD® and offered **all** the services in the field, including the professional consulting engineering services in the civil, mechanical, structural, electrical, costs estimating, landscaping and acoustical fields. The office also provided space planning and interiors' work including ADA compliance and green/sustainable projects and sonnen® photovoltaic system.

The office is mainly involved in designing commercial (office buildings, remodeling, banking institutions, retail shops, shopping centers and general commercial work), institutional, high end residential, industrial developments, resort hotels, forensic architecture, and court expert witness, and ADA ACT-Title III compliance evaluations for the US Federal District Court in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Presently in partnership with (Michael M. Johnson-Public Adjuster and Engr. Enrique del Pino, PE) for damage assessments against insurance companies as private adjusters for over 1,500 units.

### O'Kelly, Méndez, & Brunner (OMB)

Engineers and Architects

**Position:** Senior Associate Architect

Horacio Díaz, FAIA and Associates

Architects

Position: Senior Associate Architect

<u>Víctor M. Labiosa and Associates</u>

(Víctor Biaggi & Associates) Engineers, Architects, & Planners

Position: Senior Associate Architect

**Toro-Ferrer and Associates** 

(Osvaldo Toro+ & Miguel Ferrer Rincón+) Architects, Engineers, Planners, & Interior Designers

**Position:** Intern Architect for four semesters.



### University of Puerto Rico - School of Architecture

Professor for Undergraduate and Graduate School Programs.

Taught a Hotel Design Course in conjunction with Professor Robert M. Ford from Mississippi State University.



# **Commonwealth of Puerto Rico**

# Administración de Reglamentos y Permisos-A.R.P.E.

(Permits and Regulations Administration-Government Agency)

Position: Technical staff-project evaluations.



#### Commonwealth of Puerto Rico - Department of Housing

Office of the Secretary

Secretaría Auxiliar de Planificación y Programación

**Position:** Architect, Planner, and Special Assistant.

REGISTRATION: Registered Architect - Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, License #9958 (Expires

**08.11.2028)** Department of State - Board of Examiners of Architects and Landscape Architects of P.R.

NCARB File #78401, Washington, DC

## PROFESIONAL ACTIVITIES

# OGANIZATIONS: Colegio de Arquitectos y Arquitectos Paisajistas de Puerto Rico.

(Puerto Rico Society of Architects and Landscape Architects)

- Active Member #9958 since 1988
- Elected Member of the Governing Board 1992 to 1994 as Director of Professional Practice.
- Member of C.R.E.C. Commission (Revisory Commission of Continuing Education) as
- P. R. Board of Examiners representative.





# **University of Puerto Rico - Faculty Member**

School of Architecture - Under Graduate & Graduate School

Río Piedras Campus, San Juan, PR Professor.

### NON POFESIONAL ACTIVITIES OGANIZATIONS:







- Biblical Circle at Cristo Redentor Parrish
- Ignatian Group San Ignacio de Loyola Parrish
- Jesuit University Alumni

ANTIQUI SOCIETATIS IESUS ALUMNI - The University of Detroit Alumni Association, Detroit, Michigan

- Knights of Columbus

Past Grand Knight - The University of Detroit Council 3661, Detroit, Michigan



# National Council of Architectural Registration Boards-N.C.A.R.B.

- Board of Directors-N.C.A.R.B. Southern Conference: Puerto Rico Former Director.
- Committee Member since 1998 to present.
- State I.D.P. (Internship Development Program) Past Program Coordinator.
- Board Member of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.
- P.R. Director of N.C.A.R.B./Southern Conference:

N.C.A.R.B./Southern Conference: Treasurer at Board of Directors.

N.C.A.R.B./Southern Conference: Secretary at Board of Directors.

- Regional Meeting Coordinator and host in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- International Relations Committee (Reciprocity Agreements Canada, Czech Republic, and China)
- Practice Analysis Task Force
- Impediments to Reciprocity Task Force
- Professional Conduct Committee
- Committee on Continuing Education
- ARE 4.0 Exam Items Development Committee.
- ARE 4.0 Exam Test Forms Assembly Task Force.
- ARE 5.0 Exam Test Specifications Task Force.
- ARE 5.0 Exam Test Mapping Task Force.
- ARE 4.0 Exam Forms Assembly Task Force
- Strategic Focus Group 2017
- Examination Committee 2022
- Examination Committee 2023.



#### National Architectural Accreditation Board-N.A.A.B.

- Member of National Architectural Accreditation Board Review Team.



## Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico - School of Architecture

Board of Consultants and Advisors.



## Commonwealth of Puerto Rico - Department of State

Board of Examiners of Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects of Puerto Rico.

- Examination Proctor
- Licensing Board Spanish Exam Preparation Committee Member.

#### Arch. Pedro L. Alfaro, Jr.

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# Commonwealth of Puerto Rico - Department of State



- Board of Examiners of Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors of Puerto Rico.
- Board of Examiners of Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors, & Landscape Architects of P. R.
- Appointed by the Governor Hon. Pedro J. Rosselló-González and confirmed by the Senate of Puerto Rico.
- Member of both Boards of Examiners.
- Board Vice President.
- Board of Examiners of Architects & Landscape Architects of P.R. President.
- Appointed by the Governor Hon. Pedro J. Rosselló-González and confirmed by the Senate of Puerto Rico.
- Board of Examiners of Architects & Landscape Architects of P.R. President through November 16, 2014.
- Appointed by the Governor Hon. Jaime Fortuño-Burset and confirmed by the Senate of Puerto Rico.
- Appointed by the Governor Hon. Wanda Vázquez and confirmed by the Senate of Puerto Rico.



# <u>Department of Economic Development and Commerce - DDEC</u> Roosevelt Roads Naval Station Local Redevelopment Authority-LRA

Board of Directors (Autoridad para el Re-Desarrollo de Terrenos y Facilidades de la Estación Naval Roosevelt Roads).

- Former a Member and Vice President of the Board representing the House of Representatives.
- Auditing and Finance Committee member.

# CONTINUING EDUCATION:

# Full Board Compliance at P. R. Department of State as of 1/2025.

All required Board of Examiners credits up-to-date as of January 2025.

# **SAP CERTIFICATION:**



## **SAP Safety Assessment Program Certification**

Safety Assessment Program (SAP) Nov. 2017 - Oct. 31, 2027

Safety assessments of buildings and infrastructure after a disaster or emergency (hurricanes, earthquakes, flooding, and fires) issued by the State of California - **Certificate ID** #83307.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

I, **Pedro Luis Alfaro Del Toro**, <u>CERTIFY</u> that all the statements made herein are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge, belief and understanding, and are made in good faith.

Pedro Luis Alfaro, Jr.

Registered Architect Exp. Date: 8/11/2028





February 19, 2025

Cathe Evans
Executive Director
Southern Conference of NCARB/Region 3
P.O. Box 17332
Raleigh, NC 27619

Re.: Secretary/Treasurer Revised Position

Dear Cathe,

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the Secretary/Treasurer position. I ask for your support as the Secretary/Treasurer for the Southern Conference of NCARB/Region 3.

As the current Chair of the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners, I have witnessed firsthand the strength of NCARB's Regional structure and the benefits of working with our colleagues across the Region and NCARB to advance initiatives for improving the practice of architecture and protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Since childhood, I have wanted to be an architect, seeking to improve the communities I knew and loved. I have taken that same passion forward to this regulatory space and have been delighted and gratified to see the work of providing alternative pathways for licensure, focusing on competency and commitment to serve. I never thought of serving in this capacity, but in 2019, I saw an opportunity to become a TBAE Board member presented itself. After much counsel from friends, colleagues, and mentors, I submitted my application and was selected for a seat and began my initial term in 2020.

I am learning a different side of our profession and the professionals like yourselves who volunteer your time, talents, and expertise to solve some of the most challenging and difficult issues before us as the regulatory climate shifts and technology advances. I desire to continue this journey by increasingly serving at the next level, hopefully providing my unique voice and perspective to the dialogue and issues we face now and in the future.

I was named Chair of TBAE in 2023 and have hit the ground running with Texas' representation in Region 3 and across all 55 jurisdictions. I enjoy the collaborative camaraderie of working with others and am thrilled to offer my thoughts to those I will serve with if elected. Advancing our profession and transforming communities is what I believe in serving in this new capacity, which will assist me in delivering on that goal of being a citizen architect.

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration and vote.

Sincerely,

Darren L/James, FAIA, NOMA, NCARB

President

**KAI Enterprises** 

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MEMBERSHIP

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Puerto Rico South Carolina

> Tennessee Texas

Virgin Islands

Member Board and Member Board Executives:

Hey everyone!

I am honored to submit my candidacy letter for Region 3 Vice President.

I have been working for the South Carolina Board of Architectural Examiners for more than 11 years and am greatly honored to be responsible for protecting the public while educating and positively governing for my fellow architects.

Miguel A. Rodriguez, NCARB, FAIA **Regional Director** 

Here is a little background about who and what I am...

Catherine C. Morrison, NCARB, AIA, NOMA, LEED AP BD+C

Greg L. Durrell, NCARB, AIA, NOMA, CSI Vice-Chair

> Anthony Lawrence, NCARB, AIA, ULI/REAP Fellow Secretary/Treasurer

> > Tyson Ducote MBE Representative

Jenny Owen **Executive Director**  While attending the design-focused and rigor-centric Mississippi State School of Architecture, I had the opportunity to complete a one-year internship with RTKL -International in Washington, SC. While there, I composed design drawings, did field work and built study models for the Smithsonian Castle Renovation, Interstate Commerce Commission Building Renovation and the US Capitol Visitor's Center. Being a contributing team member of such high-profile projects prepared me for the multi-billion-dollar planning and design work completed during my tenure at Wilbur Smith Associates in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. It was that kind of career-building, exhaustive, yet fulfilling work that formulated the leadership skills and competencies that I embody today.

I have always been passionate about serving. Giving time for the benefit of others is something that I enjoy because of personal growth opportunities and the wisdom that can be shared as time passes. As a volunteer member of the Spero Financial Credit Union Board of Directors, I have been able to truly understand the financial industry, economics, interest rates, data analytics, Fintech and its impact on a 60,000 memberowned financial institution. My decision-making with this board has truly changed the lives of many for the better.

Serving as the current Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer has more than fulfilled my desire to work for NCARB and our members! This role has provided more definitive insight into how we are structured and function - preparing me for the next step. Moreover, the research and decisions that I have had to make to ensure our regional dollars are properly allocated and/or adjusted has resulted in positive fiscal outcomes.

So, it is with sincere humility that I ask for your vote and support in my candidacy as Region 3 Vice President. It would be immensely gratifying to continue my volunteerism and to help support the advancement of our great organization.

Please let me know if you have any questions and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Post Office Box 1394 Ridgeland, MS 39158 601-259-0881 exec@scncarb.org www.scncarb.org

Anthony Lawrence, NCARB, AIA, ULI/REAP Fellow

Secretary/Treasurer



#### **EDUCATION**

Mississippi State University | Starkville, MS Bachelor of Architecture, 1997

#### **PRACTICE**

MOTA Design, Columbia, SC | 2019 – Present, Managing Principal

**Brownstone**, Columbia, SC | 2011 – 2019, Vice President / COO / Design Division Director

GMK Associates, Columbia, SC | 2008 – 2011, Project Architect

Wilbur Smith Associates, Columbia, SC (Dubai Office) | 2004 – 2008, Design Team Lead / Planner

EnViro AgScience, Columbia, SC | 2002 – 2004, Project Manager of Construction Services

Boudreaux Group, Columbia, SC | 1997 – 2002, Intern Architect

**RTKL – International,** Washington, DC | 1994 – 1995, Student Intern (Highlight: US Capitol Visitor's Center Design Team member)

#### PROFESSIOINAL AFFILIATIONS

#### **Greater Columbia Section AIA**

**American Institute of Architects** 

SC General Contractor | No. G12336B

**Urban Land Institute** 

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards | MS, SC, NC

#### **SERVICE**

SC Board of Architectural Examiners | 2010 – Present, Vice Chairman

City of Columbia Facilities Corporation | Chairman

Spero Financial | Former Board of Directors

City of Columbia Small Business Advisory Committee | Member

City of Columbia/Richland County Business Friendly Task Force | Member

**Community Design Center of Columbia** 

Ridge View High School PTSO | Chairman

## **AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS**

## Richland School District Two Distinguished Citizen

Arthur Rose Museum Notable African American Architects in South Carolina - Claflin University

Columbia Business Monthly Distinguished Entrepreneur



February 5, 2025

RE: Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer for Region 3

919-349-9492 Rqubainaia@gmail.com

Dear Fellow Member Board Members,

I am excited to declare my candidacy for the position of Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer.

For the past five years, I have had the honor of serving on the NC Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers (NCBA RID). During this time, I have gained invaluable experience, and it would be a privilege to extend that service as your Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer. I look forward to collaborating with each of your boards to advance our shared mission of keeping our profession inclusive, resilient, and forward-thinking for years to come.

My experience on the NCBA RID has provided me with a comprehensive understanding of NCARB's role and the critical function of regional boards in shaping the future of architecture.

I've worked to promote diverse pathways to licensure, ensuring that our standards remain equitable, rigorous, and adaptable to the evolving needs of our profession.

Throughout my career, I've had the privilege of working across diverse sectors of architectural practice, from Higher Education to Science and Technology fields. In addition, I've held leadership positions within AIA, non-profits, and public education committees, which have further reinforced my ability to drive collaboration and foster meaningful impact within diverse communities.

I have also worked closely with other executive boards to develop annual budgets, monitor rising costs, and ensure that resources are allocated effectively. As a responsible steward of Region 3's funds, I am committed to aligning future expenditures with our fiscal responsibilities and long-term strategic goals.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I would be honored to earn your trust and support in my election as Region 3 Secretary/Treasurer.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Roula H Qubain

Roula H. Qubain, NCARB, AIA

Cc: Executive Director,

Southern Conference of NCARB/Region 3

# Roula H. Qubain, NCARB, AIA



## **EDUCATION**

NC State University, College of Design, Raleigh, North Carolina Master of Architecture (4.0 GPA) and Minor in Urban Design. 1992

University of Jordan, Department of Architecture, Amman, Jordan Bachelor of Architecture, Professional Degree. 1986

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## **PRACTICE**

2018 - 2025	Flad Architects - Senior Project Architect
2014 - 2017	Moseley Architects - Higher Education Market Leader / Senior Associate
2008 - 2014	AECOM - Regional Market Director / Project Architect
2003 - 2008	H2Q Architecture - Principal / Sole Proprietor

#### REGISTRATION

State of North Carolina, Registered Architect LEED Accredited Professional

National Council of Architectural Boards (NCARB), Certificate holder

#### **BOARD SERVICE**

### NC Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers (NCBA RID);

2020	Appointed Member
2023 - 2024	Secretary
2024 - 2025	Vice-President
2020 - 2025	Professional Standard Committee Member

#### National Council of Architectural Registration Board (NCARB);

2021 - 2023	Certification Alternative Review	Team (	CART) Member
2024 - 2025	Portfolio Assessment Team (PAT	) Meml	ber

## NC State University, College of Design, Raleigh;

2018 - 2022	Leaders Council member
2010 - 2018	DesignLife Board Member

### Tammy Lynn Center for Developmental Disabilities, Raleigh;

2008 - 2011 Board Member

# Executive Women International (EWI), Raleigh-Durham;

2002 - 2003	President
1991 - 2001	Board Member

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

2007	Presidential Award, AIA Volunteer Award, for the project at Tammy Lynn Center;
2001	Outstanding Representative Award, Executive Women International (EWI);
1992	Academic Achievement Award, NC State University School of Design;
1991	Elected to the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

#### PROFESSIONAL OUTREACH

- 2016 Team leader for 'UDACUS' urban design assistance for Red Springs, NC.
- 2012 Local jury chair, for ULI Hines Competition at NC State University College of Design and UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2009 Facilitator / team leader in the Triangle Regional Reality Check, a collaboration of Urban Land Institute Triangle and Triangle Tomorrow, to create a vision for growth in the Triangle Region for the next 25 years.
- 2009 Member of a Residential Infill Study Group, an independent group of professionals that reviewed the current infill situation in Raleigh, identified strategies to address broader infill issues, and produced recommendations to the City leaders.
- 1997 Professional team member in the NC Urban Design Assistance Team (UDAT) for the Downtown Revitalization of Jamestown, North Carolina.



February 3, 2025

Cathe Evans
Executive Director
Southern Conference of NCARB/Region 3
P.O. Box 17332
Raleigh, NC 27619

Dear Cathe,

I am excited to fully support Lance Brenton for the Member Board Executive Director position at the Southern Conference of NCARB/Region 3. I have known Lance since his days as General Counsel for the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners and am now in the position of Executive Director.

When we met in 2020, Lance was extremely helpful in onboarding and explaining the nuances and array of regulatory rules, our governance, enforcement, education, and, most importantly, our connectivity to our Region and the larger body of NCARB. It is easy to look myopically at your own issues within your immediate boundary and jurisdiction. Lance explained the relationships and references to others who may have concurrent similar problems or those that may have preceded some we faced in Texas.

During our search for a new Executive Director shortly after I became Chair in October 2023, he shone brightly above all the other candidates and brought innovative ideas on how to move the organization forward within the frame of State agency guidelines. Lance was hired in mid-February of 2024 and immediately began implementing his plans with the full awareness and unanimous support of the TBAE board. Lance was not the only new addition to TBAE agency staff. In addition to his predecessor, the agency saw another four or five staff retire or transition to a new place of employment. Lances, professionalism, dedication, preparedness, and steadfastness allowed him to retain his key team, find replacements for the retired individuals, and reorganize to best serve our constituents; of Architects, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers, without missing a beat.

Our Board has been extremely pleased with his leadership, communication style, and commitment to the agency and his team. The Southern Conference of NCARB/Region 3 would be well served with Lance in the Director position. I have personally witnessed and experienced his style of working with other MBEs advancing, negotiating, collaborating, and deliberating the best course of action for the greatest needs of all.

I wholeheartedly endorse Lance Brenton for the MBE Board Director position.

Sincerely,

Darren Lames, FAIA, NOMA, NCARB

President

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# Lance Brenton

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# **Experience**

## **Texas Board of Architectural Examiners**

Austin, TX

Executive Director; previously General Counsel from May 2015 to February 2024

I am responsible for the administration of the agency. In this role, I provide strategic leadership and vision for the board, ensuring alignment with organizational goals and objectives; develop and implement agency policies and procedures to ensure efficiency and effectiveness; collaborate with board members, government officials, and community stakeholders to advocate for and promote the interests of the organization; oversee budget development and financial management; manage the agency's leadership team; coordinate and execute board meetings, preparing agendas, reports, and presentations; and represent the organization at public events, conferences, and meetings to enhance visibility and build partnerships. I am currently serving as a volunteer on NCARB's Professional Conduct Committee and CLARB's MBE Committee.

As general counsel, I was responsible for the agency's legal affairs. In this role, I represented the agency and provided counsel to the Board and agency staff in investigations and disciplinary matters; I was responsible for all aspects of the agency's rulemaking process; I reviewed and negotiated the agency's contracts; I supervised the agency's public information and records retention programs; and I provided other legal advice as needed, on topics such as employment law, ADA compliance, administrative law, open meetings law, and other government law. During my tenure, I helped to direct the improvement of agency programs, including continuing education monitoring and investigative procedure; tracked and summarized relevant legislation; and gained a deep understanding of our regulated professions.

# Texas State Board of Pharmacy Staff Attorney, May 2014 to May 2015

Austin, TX

I was responsible for the management of disciplinary cases from the opening of an investigation through conclusion. Disciplinary case work included consultation with investigators on the legal and evidentiary sufficiency of their cases, drafting of allegations and proposed agreed orders, presentation at informal settlement conferences, negotiations with opposing counsel, and the litigation of cases before SOAH. Additionally, I completed research and writing tasks and responded to open records requests.

# Texas Board of Nursing Assistant General Counsel, January 2010 to May 2014

Austin, TX

My primary responsibility was the management of a disciplinary case docket of approximately 125 cases per year, the majority of which were set for hearing at SOAH. I acted as sole counsel for multi-day hearings on complex matters, including standards of nursing care, diversion of controlled substances, and the science behind drug testing. Additionally, I joined our executive director in managing a national committee to draft an interstate compact for the licensure of advanced practice registered nurses. This included lead drafting responsibility and cooperation with various stakeholder groups.

#### Education

The University of Texas School of Law J.D., May 2009

Austin, TX

The University of Montana B.S. Business Finance with High Honors, May 2006

Missoula, MT