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 December 4, 2026, 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 16.30.2 NMAC- Organization and Administration, 16.30.3 NMAC- Registration and Renewal, Duplicate Certificates, Seal Specifications and Document Identification, 16.30.4 NMAC- Code of Conduct and 16.30.5 NMAC- Enforcement. The board will hold a regular board meeting following the public hearing.

Purpose. The purpose of the proposed change to 16.30.2.10 NMAC is to correct grammar, The purpose of the proposed change to 16.30.2.13 NMAC is to add the section for clarification of Board responsibility regarding public records and correct minor errors of spelling and grammar. The purpose of the proposed changes to 16.30.3.8 NMAC is to serve to correct minor errors of spelling and grammar and to adjust time frame for exams and clarify fee requirements. 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. The purpose of the proposed changes to 16.30.3.10 NMAC is to adjust time frame for exams and clarify fee requirements and to combine requirements for registration based on current board process. The purpose of the proposed changes to 16.30.3.11 NMAC is to remove fee amounts. The purpose of the proposed changes to 16.30.3.12 NMAC is to correct minor errors in spelling and grammar and remove fee amounts. The purpose of the proposed changes to 16.30.3.14, 16.30.3.15 and 16.30.3.16 NMAC is to remove fee amounts. The purpose of proposed changes to 16.30.3.18 and 16.30.3.19 NMAC is to correct minor errors spelling and grammar. The purpose of the proposed changes to 16.30.4.10 is to add wording to clarify requirements of full disclosure. The purpose of proposed changes to 16.30.5.7 and 16.30.5.12 NMAC is to update to the current agency name. The purpose of proposed changes to 16.30.5.8 NMAC is to add clarification to timing of report given. 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 Naomi Baldonado New Mexico Board of Examiners for Architects, P. O. Box 509, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504, or by electronic mail at naomi.baldonado@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 November 3, 2026 to December 3, 2026 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 Naomi Baldonado by contacting her at (505) 476-4832 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 Naomi Baldonado at (505) 476-4832 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:

16.30.2.10 NMAC – Duties of Officers

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

16.30.2.13 NMAC– Board Responsibilities
As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.2.13 NMAC is to add a section on public records requests and to serve to correct minor errors in spelling and grammar and to label sections.

16.30.3.8 NMAC– General Qualifications
As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.3.8.11 NMAC serve to change exam time and to clarify application time. it also serves to clarify fees and add on a returned payment fee.

16.30.3.9 NMAC- Registration Through Education, Training, and Examination
As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.3.9 NMAC is to clarify jurisprudence exam time and application time and 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 correct minor errors in spelling and grammar.

16.30.3.10 NMAC– Registration Through Reciprocity
As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.2.10 NMAC serve to clarify jurisprudence exam time and application time, to combine requirements in one statement and realign lettering.

16.30.3.11 NMAC– Registration Renewal
As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.3.11 NMAC serve to remove fee amounts and add reference.

16.30.3.12 NMAC– Continuing Education
As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.3.12 NMAC serve to remove dollar amounts and to correct and clarify information and references to rule.

16.30.3.14 NMAC– Renewal of an Expired Certificate
As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.3.14 NMAC serve to remove dollar amounts and add reference.

16.30.3.15 NMAC– Architect Emeritus
As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.3.15 NMAC serve to remove dollar amounts and add reference.

16.30.3.16 NMAC– Duplicate Wall Certificates
As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.3.16 NMAC serve to remove dollar amounts and add reference.

16.30.3.18 NMAC– Individual Seal and Document Identification
As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.3.18 NMAC serve to correct minor errors in spelling and grammar.

16.30.3.19 NMAC– Change of Address
As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.3.19NMAC serve to correct minor errors in spelling and grammar.

16.30.4.10 NMAC- Full Disclosure
As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.4.10 NMAC serve to clarify disclosure of any person.

16.30.5.7 NMAC- Definitions
As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.5.7 NMAC serve to correct current state agency name and reference initials.

16.30.5.8 NMAC Complaints
As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.5.8 serve to correct minor errors in grammar.

16.30.5.12 NMAC Parental Responsibility Act
As a general summary, the proposed changes to 16.30.5.7 NMAC serve to correct current state agency reference initials.