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Senator Daniel “Danny” Martiny
Chairman, Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs
P.O. Box 94183
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Re: Summary Report re: proposed amendments to LAC 46:I.Chapter 17. Professional Architectural Corporations, Architectural-Engineering Corporations, and Limited Liability Companies

Dear Senator Martiny:

Pursuant to R.S. 49:968(D)(1)(b), the Board of Architectural Examiners (“Board”) hereby announces its intention to proceed with rule-making by finalizing the Notice of Intent promulgated on p. 2061 of the *Louisiana Register* published on November 20, 2016.

In accordance with its existing rules, the Board presently regulates professional architectural corporations, architectural-engineering corporations, and limited liability companies only. During the 2012 legislative session, the legislature enacted Act 514 of 2012 (now La. R.S. 37:158). This Act authorizes the Board to regulate all domestic and foreign firms practicing or offering to practice architecture in the state of Louisiana. Under the proposed rules, a professional architectural corporation and an architectural-engineering corporation may continue to practice architecture as authorized by the Professional Architectural Corporations Law, La. R.S. 12:1086 et. seq., and the Architectural-Engineering Corporations Law, La. R.S. 12:1171 et seq., just as they have practiced in the past. *See* proposed Rules §§ 1701 and 1703. In addition, such firms, limited liability companies, and other architectural firms may seek to obtain certificates of authority, practice architecture, and be regulated under the requirements of proposed Rule § 1705. The intent of the proposed Rules is for the Board to regulate all architectural firms offering to practice or practicing architecture in Louisiana and establish a level playing field for all such firms.

The proposed rules provide for fee increases for in-state and out-of-state professional architectural corporations, architectural-engineering corporations, and limited liability companies, and for the fees to be paid by other in-state and out-of-state architectural firms who have not previously been regulated. *See* proposed rules §§ 1701(C), (H), and (I); 1703(C), (H), and (I), and 1705(F), (S), and (T).

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In addition to publishing the proposed rules in the *Louisiana Register*, the Board discussed and provided a summary of the proposed rules in its Winter 2016 Newsletter which was electronically sent to all architects licensed by the Board on or about December 19, 2016. The Board has received no comments to the proposed rules.


The Board has not conducted a hearing pursuant to R.S. 49:953(A)(2).

Since the report provided for in R.S. 49:968(B) was submitted to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs and the House Committee on Commerce, the Board has made no changes to the proposed rules.

Subject to legislative oversight by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs and the House Committee on Commerce, the Board intends to submit a Rule to the Office of the State Register for publication. Please contact Kathy Hillegas at (225) 925-4802 if the Board may be of any assistance to you concerning this rule.

With kind regards, we remain

Sincerely,

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