§ 8304. State board for interior design. 1. A state board for interior design shall be appointed by the board of regents on recommendation of the commissioner for the purpose of assisting the board of regents and the department on matters of certification and professional conduct in accordance with section sixty-five hundred eight of this title. The board shall be composed of nine members, four of whom shall be interior designers certified in this state, two of whom shall be licensed architects who practice primarily interior design in this state, one who shall be a professional engineer in this state with an expertise in interior design, one who shall be a full-time interior design educator in this state and one who shall be the public representative. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the members of the first board who are interior designers need not be certified prior to their appointment to the board.

2. Two interior designers and a licensed architect who practices primarily interior design shall serve initial five year terms. Two interior designers and a professional engineer with an expertise in interior design shall serve initial four year terms. One licensed architect who practices primarily interior design, the interior design educator, and the public representative shall serve initial two year terms. Following the establishment of the initial membership of the board, all succeeding appointments shall be for five year terms. Any vacancy on the board shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of such member's terms in accordance with the provisions of this section.