

**LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD
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IN THE MATTER OF:

BRETT M. BRABHAM, P.E.

RESPONDENT

) **CASE NO.: 2009-60**
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CONSENT ORDER

The Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board [hereinafter the "Board"], by and through its Executive Secretary, pursuant to authorization by the Board, and Brett M. Brabham, P.E. [hereinafter "Respondent"], hereby agree to the following:

At all times material hereto, Respondent was licensed in the State of Louisiana as a professional engineer, number PE - 28839; however, his license was in an expired status from October 1, 2008 through March 3, 2009.

An investigation was opened based upon the Board's receipt of an Application to Renew Expired Professional License, in which Respondent admitted that he practiced and/or offered to practice engineering in the State of Louisiana during which time his Louisiana professional engineer license was expired.

La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16) prohibit licensees from practicing and/or offering to practice engineering in the State of Louisiana with an expired license. La. R.S. 37:698(H) permits the Board to take disciplinary action against persons who violate La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16), upon a finding of guilt following the preferral of charges, notice and hearing and a majority vote of its entire membership authorized to participate in the proceeding. La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16) and 37:698(H) were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that Respondent's license to practice and/or offer to practice engineering in Louisiana was expired from October 1, 2008 through March 3, 2009 and that during this time period Respondent practiced and/or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana.

By letter dated August 25, 2009, the Board gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against Respondent on the grounds that he may have violated La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16), relative to practicing and/or offering to practice engineering in the State of Louisiana with an expired license.

Wishing to dispense with the need for further disciplinary action and to conclude the instant proceeding without further delay and expense, for the purpose of this proceeding only, Respondent and the Board do hereby enter into this Consent Order, in which Respondent of his own free will consents to the issuance of a Consent Order by the Board, wherein Respondent agrees to (a) pay a fine of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars, (b) pay administrative costs of two hundred twenty-seven and 18/100 (\$227.18) dollars, (c) successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Examination and (e) the publication of this Consent Order on the Board's website and a summary of this matter in the Board's official journal, the Louisiana Engineer and Surveyor Journal, and the reporting of this matter to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), identifying Respondent by name.

Respondent admits to violations of the referenced statutes and/or rules regarding the practicing of and/or offering to practice engineering in the State of Louisiana with an expired license. Respondent acknowledges awareness of said laws and/or rules and states that he will comply with all applicable laws and rules henceforth. Respondent has been advised of his right to be represented by counsel before the Board and/or to appear at any hearing personally or by counsel and present witnesses and evidence in his own behalf, and he hereby waives this right and his right to appeal; and he states affirmatively that he has been afforded all administrative remedies due him under the law.

Therefore, in consideration of the foregoing and by signing this Consent Order, Respondent does hereby waive his right to a hearing before the Board, to the presenting of evidence and witnesses in his behalf, to Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this case, and to judicial review of this Consent Order.

Respondent hereby represents (a) that he fully understands the meaning and intent of this Consent Order, including but not limited to its final and binding effect, (b) that he has voluntarily entered into this Consent Order and that no other promise or agreement of any kind has been made to or with him by any person whatsoever to cause the execution of this instrument and (c) that the sanctions set forth in this Consent Order do not prevent the Board from taking further disciplinary or enforcement action against Respondent on matters not specifically addressed in this Consent Order.

WHEREFORE, the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board and Respondent agree that:

1. Respondent shall pay a fine of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars,, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Board, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and

2. Respondent shall pay administrative costs of two hundred twenty-seven and 18/100 (\$227.18) dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Board, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and

3. Respondent shall successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Examination with a score of 90% or higher and return it to the Board within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Consent Order; and

4. This Consent Order shall be published on the Board's website and a summary of this matter printed in the official journal of the Board, the Louisiana Engineer and Surveyor Journal, and reported to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), identifying Respondent by name; and

5. This Consent Order shall not become effective unless and until it is accepted and signed by and on behalf of the Board. Should the Board not accept and sign this Consent Order, it is agreed that presentation of this matter to the Board shall not prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation, consideration or resolution of any further proceedings herein.

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD

DATED 9/22/2009

BY: Donna D. Sentell
DONNA D. SENTELL, Executive Secretary

DATED 9/1/09

Brett M. Brabham
BRETT M. BRABHAM, P.E., Respondent

Witnesses to the signature of
Brett M. Brabham, P.E.

Eugene Tom Brabham
Shirley P. Hargis