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AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD
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IN THE MATTER OF:
BERRY L. VENNEY, JR, P.E.
RESPONDENT

CASE NO. 2025-19

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CONSENT ORDER

The Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board [hereinafter the "Board"], by and through its Executive Director, pursuant to authorization by the Board, and Berry L. Veney, Jr., 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-32684; however, his license was in an expired status from April 1, 2023 through January 8, 2025.

An investigation was opened based upon the Board's receipt of information and/or documents which suggested that Respondent may have committed violations of the Board's laws and/or rules. The investigation disclosed that in December 2024 the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors [hereinafter "Ohio Board"] took disciplinary action against Respondent for (a) aiding and abetting the illegal practice of engineering by a firm, (b) affixing his professional engineer seal and signature to engineering work product prepared by another person without having had personal professional knowledge and direct supervisory control and responsibility of the preparation of the work product, (c) sealing work outside of his area of competence and (d) offering to provide engineering services through a firm which did not possess a certificate of authority from the Ohio Board. In a Final Order dated December 3, 2024 in connection with Case No. 25-040, the Ohio Board revoked Respondent's Ohio professional engineer registration.

The investigation also disclosed that on or about January 6, 2025 Respondent submitted to the Board an application to reactivate his expired Louisiana professional engineer license, confirming thereon that (a) he had never had a license, permit or certificate to practice engineering revoked or suspended or otherwise been the subject of a disciplinary or enforcement

action by the licensing authority of another jurisdiction, (b) all information provided in the application was true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief and (c) an omission or untrue response may constitute fraud, deceit, material misstatement, perjury or the giving of false or forged evidence under La. R.S. 37:698 and 37:700.

La. R.S. 37:698(A)(1) prohibits licensees from committing any fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of any false or forged evidence, in applying for a renewal license with the Board. La. R.S. 37:698(A)(2) prohibits licensees from committing any gross incompetence in the practice of engineering. La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§2503(C) and (D), 2505(C) and 2701(A)(3), prohibit licensees from sealing, signing or issuing engineering documents not prepared by the licensee or under their responsible charge. La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§2505(A) and (B), require licensees to perform services only in the area of their competence and when qualified by education or experience in the specific technical fields of engineering involved. La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§2505(C), prohibit licensees from sealing or signing documents dealing with subject matters in which they lack competence. La. R.S. 37:698(A)(7) authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against licensees who have been disciplined by the licensing authority of another state, territory or district of the United States for a matter recognized as a ground for disciplinary action in Louisiana at the time the action was taken. La. R.S. 37:698(A)(12) prohibits licensees from aiding or assisting another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. La. R.S. 37:698(A)(18) prohibits licensees from practicing or offering to practice engineering when not qualified. La. R.S. 37:698(H) permits the Board to take disciplinary action against persons who violate La. R.S. 37:698(A)(1) and (7), upon a finding of guilt following the preferral of charges, notice and hearing, and a majority vote of the Board's entire membership authorized to participate in the proceeding. La. R.S. 37:698(A)(1), (2), (6), (7), (12) and (18), La. R.S. 37:698(H) and LAC Title 46:LXI§2503(C) and (D), 2505(A), (B) and (C) and 2701(A)(3) were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that (a) at all times material hereto Respondent was licensed in Louisiana as a professional engineer; however, his license was in an expired status from April 1, 2023 through January 8, 2025, (b) in December 2024 Respondent had a license to practice engineering revoked and was the subject of disciplinary action by the licensing authority of another

jurisdiction for matters recognized as grounds for disciplinary action in Louisiana at the time the action was taken and (c) in January 2025 Respondent falsely stated on an application to reactivate his expired Louisiana professional engineer license that he had never had a license to practice engineering revoked or otherwise been the subject of a disciplinary or enforcement action by the licensing authority of another jurisdiction.

By letter dated August 4, 2025, the Board gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against Respondent on the grounds that Respondent may have violated (a) La. R.S. 37:698(A)(1), relative to fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of any false or forged evidence, in applying for a renewal license with the Board, and (b) La. R.S. 37:698(A)(7), relative to having been disciplined by the licensing authority of another state, territory or district of the United States for matters recognized as grounds for disciplinary action in Louisiana at the time the action was taken.

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 Five Thousand and No/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars, (b) pay administrative costs of One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-One and 44/100 (\$1,521.44) Dollars, (c) successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz, (d) successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz, (e) the immediate suspension of his Louisiana professional engineer license if he fails to comply with any portion of this Consent Order, with said suspension continuing until he so complies, and (f) 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 that his conduct as set forth above constitutes violations of the above referenced laws and/or rules as stated herein. 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 an informal conference, 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, 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.

Respondent further acknowledges awareness of the fact that the signed original of this Consent Order will remain in the custody of the Board as a public record and will be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

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

Respondent hereby represents that (a) he fully understands the meaning and intent of this Consent Order, including but not limited to its final and binding effect, (b) 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) 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 Five Thousand and No/100 (\$5,000.00) 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 One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-One and 44/100 (\$1,521.44) 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 Quiz 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. Respondent shall successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz 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

5. Respondent's Louisiana professional engineer license, number PE-32684, shall be immediately suspended if he fails to comply with any portion of this Consent Order, with said suspension continuing until he so complies; and

6. This Consent Order shall be published on the Board's website and a summary of this matter shall be 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

7. 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, staff, attorneys or representatives from further participation, consideration, or resolution of any further proceedings herein.

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD

DATE: 9/29/2025

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

DATE: 17 Sept 2025

Berry L. Veney, Jr.
BERRY L. VENEY, JR., P.E., Respondent

Witnesses to the signature of
Berry L. Veney, Jr., P.E.

Paris Richmond
Print Name: Paris Richmond

Loreli Floresca
Print Name: Loreli Floresca