LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD
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IN THE MATTER OF:	)	**CASE NO. 2026-4**
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Sean M. Burkes, P.E., PLS	)	Received
	)	AUG 13 2026
RESPONDENT	)	
	)	By LAPELS Enforcement
	)	

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 Sean M. Burkes, P.E., PLS [hereinafter "Respondent"] hereby agree to the following:

At all times material hereto, Respondent was licensed in the State of Louisiana as a professional engineer (PE-27642) and land surveyor (PLS-4785). J. V. Burkes & Associates, Inc. [hereinafter "JVBA"] was licensed in the State of Louisiana as a professional engineering firm (EF-1269) and land surveying firm (VF-233); however, its license was in an expired status from March 31, 2025, through October 20, 2025. At all times material hereto, Respondent was an employee, representative, the President and the supervising professional of JVBA.

An investigation was opened based upon Sean M. Burkes self-reporting that suggested JVBA may have committed violations of the Board's laws and/or rules. The investigation disclosed that between March 31, 2025, and October 20, 2025, **(a)** JVBA admittedly offered to provide engineering and land surveying services in Louisiana and provided engineering and land surveying services on at least 294 projects in Louisiana with expired licenses, and **(b)** Respondent provided engineering and land surveying services for JVBA in Louisiana in connection with said projects.

La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16) prohibit licensees from practicing and/or offering to practice of engineering and land surveying with an expired license. 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(H) permits the Board to take disciplinary action against persons who violate La. R.S. 37:698(A)(12), 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), (12) and (16) and La. R.S. 37:698(H) 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 and land surveyor, **(b)** JVBA was licensed in Louisiana as a professional engineering firm and land surveying firm; however, those licenses expired on March 31, 2025, once both licenses were reinstated in through October 20, 2025, **(c)** at all times material hereto Respondent was an employee, representative, the President and the supervising professional of JVBA and **(d)** between March 31, 2025, and October 20, 2025 JVBA admittedly practiced and offered to practice engineering and land surveying in Louisiana with expired licenses, and Respondent aided and assisted JVBA in connection therewith.

By letter dated July 1, 2026, the Board gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against Respondent on the grounds that Respondent may have violated La. R.S. 37:698(A)(12), relative to aiding or assisting another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board.

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 One Thousand and No/100 ($1,000.00) Dollars, **(b)** pay administrative costs of Two Hundred Twenty-Three and 49/100 ($223.49) 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 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), all 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 it 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 One Thousand and No/100 ($1,000.00) 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 Two Hundred Twenty-Three and 49/100 ($223.49) 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. 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), all identifying Respondent by name; and

6. 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: 9/14/2026 BY: Donna D. Sentell
DONNA D. SENTELL, Executive Director

DATE: 8-12-26
SEAN M. BURKES, P.E., PLS Respondent

Witnesses to the signature of
Sean M. Burkes, P.E., PLS

Print Name: Kimberly R Rodriguez

Print Name: Carolynn Knauer