

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD
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IN THE MATTER OF:	)	CASE NO. 2026-8
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WILLIAM K. MORRIS, P.E.	)	Received
	)	
RESPONDENT	)	JUL 23 2026
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	)	By LAPELS

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 William K. Morris, 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-24566; however, his license was in an inactive status from April 1, 2024 to March 30, 2026 and has been in an expired status since April 1, 2026. At all times material hereto, Morris & Associates, Engineers, Inc. [hereinafter “MAEI”] was licensed in the State of Louisiana as a professional engineering firm, number EF-5689; however, its license has been in an expired status since May 30, 2025. Respondent has been the only designated supervising professional of MAEI since January 16, 2015.

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 (a) after selling his ownership interest in MAEI in December 2022, Respondent has failed to work for MAEI for a 12-month average of at least thirty (30) hours per week or one hundred thirty (130) hours per month and (b) Respondent failed to notify the Board of the change in MAEI’s supervising professionals when he no longer met the qualifications to be MAEI’s supervising professional.

La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§2305, require each supervising professional of a professional engineering firm to (a) hold a professional engineer license in an active status and either (i) be primarily employed with the firm and working for the firm for a 12-month average of at least thirty (30) hours per week or one hundred thirty (130) hours per month or (ii) be employed with the firm and have at least a twenty-five (25%) percent ownership

interest in the firm and **(b)** notify the Board of any change in the firm's supervising professionals. La. R.S. 37:698(H) permits the Board to take disciplinary action against persons who violate La. R.S. 37:698(A)(6), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§2305, 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)(6), La. R.S. 37:698(H) and LAC Title 46:LXI§2305 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 inactive status from April 1, 2024 to March 30, 2026 and has been in an expired status since April 1, 2026, **(b)** at all times material hereto MAEI was licensed in Louisiana as a professional engineering firm; however, its license has been in an expired status since May 30, 2025, **(c)** Respondent has been the only designated supervising professional of MAEI since January 16, 2015 and **(d)** since December 2022 Respondent has not met the qualifications to be a supervising professional of MAEI and failed to notify the Board of any change in the firm's supervising professionals.

By letter dated June 24, 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)(6), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LXI§2305, relative to supervising professionals of licensed firms maintaining the qualifications to be a supervising professional and notifying the Board of any change in the firm's supervising professionals.

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 One Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Eight and 50/100 (\$1,498.50) Dollars and **(c)** 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 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 One Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Eight and 50/100 (\$1,498.50) 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. 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

4. 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: 7/17/26

[Signature]
WILLIAM K. MORRIS, P.E., Respondent

Witnesses to the signature of
William K. Morris, P.E.

Joycelyn Morris
Print Name: Joycelyn Morris

Henry Sanchez
Print Name: Henry Sanchez

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