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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING  
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD  
9643 BROOKLINE AVENUE, SUITE 121  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1433  
May 23, 2022

At 9:00 a.m. on May 23, 2022, Christopher K. Richard, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Board's office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the following members present:

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| Christopher K. Richard, P.E. | Chairman      |
| Chad C. Vosburg, P.E.        | Vice Chairman |
| Edgar P. Benoit, P.E.        | Secretary     |
| Wilfred J. Fontenot, P.L.S.  | Treasurer     |

Connie P. Betts, P.E.  
Reginald L. Jeter, P.E.  
Linda H. Bergeron, P.E.  
Byron D. Racca, P.E.  
James H. Chustz, Jr., P.L.S.  
Janice P. Williams, P.E.  
Vijaya Gopu, Ph.D., P.E.

Also present:

Donna D. Sentell, Executive Director  
Cheron Seaman, Deputy Executive Director  
Bill Tripoli, IT Director  
D. Scott Landry, Board Attorney  
Joe Harman, P.E., Technical Advisor  
David Patterson, P.L.S., Technical Advisor  
Chris Aaron, Board Investigator  
LaTasha Andrews, Board Investigator (*via Zoom video conferencing*)  
William Hyatt, Board Investigator (*via Zoom video conferencing*)

The invocation was led by Ms. Bergeron and the pledge was led by Ms. Betts.

Public comment time was recognized by Chairman Richard.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Benoit, seconded by Ms. Bergeron, to accept the May 23, 2022 proposed Call and Agenda for the meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Ms. Bergeron, seconded by Mr. Chustz, to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2022 Board meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Jeter, seconded by Ms. Betts, to schedule the next Board meeting for July 25, 2022.

#### **Compliance and Enforcement**

The Board reviewed the request from **Anthony R. Venson** for reinstatement of his revoked professional engineer license. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Ms. Betts, seconded by Mr. Racca, to deny the request from Mr. Venson.

**Case # 2020-50** – Mr. Aaron reported on an unlicensed firm (that subsequently became licensed as a professional engineering firm) which **(a)** offered to practice engineering without proper licensure and **(b)** committed fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of any false or forged evidence, in applying for a license with the Board. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Fine of \$4,250
2. Costs of \$2,441.26
3. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
4. Report to NCEES with name

1 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint  
2 Review Committee, consisting of Ms. Betts, Mr. Jeter and Ms. Bergeron, to approve the  
3 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Infrastructure Consulting &**  
4 **Engineering, PLLC.**

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6 **Case # 2021-57** – Mr. Aaron reported on a professional engineer who **(a)** committed  
7 fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of any false or forged  
8 evidence, in applying for a license with the Board and **(b)** aided or assisted another  
9 person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The respondent has signed  
10 and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review  
11 Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 12 1. Fine of \$1,750
- 13 2. Costs of \$1,501.88
- 14 3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
- 15 4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
- 16 5. Immediate suspension of license if failure to comply with any portion of the  
17 consent order, with suspension continuing until compliance
- 18 6. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name.
- 19 7. Report to NCEES with name

20 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint  
21 Review Committee, consisting of Ms. Betts, Mr. Jeter and Ms. Bergeron, to approve the  
22 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Wayne F. Lorenz, P.E.**

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24 **Case # 2021-60** – Mr. Aaron reported on a professional engineering firm which  
25 practiced and offered to practice engineering with an expired license. The respondent  
26 has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review  
27 Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

- 28 1. Fine of \$1,500
- 29 2. Costs of \$342.46
- 30 3. Past unpaid renewal fees of \$120
- 31 4. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
- 32 5. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz by each supervising professional
- 33 6. Immediate suspension of license if failure to comply with any portion of the  
34 consent order, with suspension continuing until compliance
- 35 7. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 36 8. Report to NCEES with name

37 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint  
38 Review Committee, consisting of Ms. Betts, Mr. Jeter and Ms. Bergeron, to approve the  
39 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **A&A Engineering, Civil and**  
40 **Structural Engineers, Ltd. LLC.**

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42 **Case # 2021-74** – Mr. Aaron reported on a professional engineer who aided or  
43 assisted another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The  
44 respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the  
45 Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following  
46 sanctions:

- 47 1. Fine of \$500
- 48 2. Costs of \$342.46
- 49 3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
- 50 4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
- 51 5. Immediate suspension of license if failure to comply with any portion of the  
52 consent order, with suspension continuing until compliance
- 53 6. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
- 54 7. Report to NCEES with name

55 After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint  
56 Review Committee, consisting of Ms. Betts, Mr. Jeter and Ms. Bergeron, to approve the  
57 signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Omar A. Abu-Yasein, P.E.**

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59 The Board recessed at 10:00 a.m. and resumed at 10:20 a.m.  
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**Committee Reports**

**Resolution of Cooperation to Facilitate Interstate Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Ad Hoc Committee**

Mr. Benoit presented the report for the Resolution of Cooperation to Facilitate Interstate Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Ad Hoc Committee.

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Benoit, seconded by Ms. Betts, to adopt the following mission statement for the Board: *“The Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board’s mission is to safeguard life, health, and property and to promote the public welfare in the practice or offering to practice engineering or land surveying in the state of Louisiana.”*

After further discussion concerning the number of applications received each year, the Board approved the motion made by Mr. Benoit, seconded by Ms. Betts, with Mr. Fontenot, Mr. Jeter, Ms. Bergeron, Mr. Racca, Mr. Chustz, Ms. Williams, Dr. Gopu, Mr. Benoit and Ms. Betts for and Mr. Vosburg against, to have the Board staff produce an annual report (for the previous year) detailing the number of applicants approved, delayed and disapproved, as well as the laws/rules that support the Board’s decision in each case. The Board will review the laws/ rules cited in the report to ensure these decisions were based on the Board’s mission statement.

**Finance Committee**

Ms. Sentell presented the report for the Finance Committee.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Vosburg, seconded by Mr. Racca, to accept the year-to-date finance report for FY 21-22 as presented.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Vosburg, seconded by Ms. Betts, to accept the amended FY 21-22 budget as presented.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Jeter, seconded by Ms. Bergeron, to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with **Tri-Core Technologies, L.L.C.** to provide information technology support services for the Board. The term of the contract will be for one year **beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023**, in the annual amount not to exceed **\$39,060**.

**Closing Business**


The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Benoit, seconded by Mr. Vosburg, to approve all committee recommendations and actions.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Ms. Bergeron, seconded by Mr. Benoit, to acknowledge and confirm all licenses and certificates issued and renewed since the last Board meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Dr. Gopu, seconded by Mr. Racca, to approve all Board expenses.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Chustz, seconded by Ms. Bergeron, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:21p.m. on May 23, 2022.

  
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Christopher K. Richard, P.E.  
Chairman

  
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Edgar P. Benoit, P.E.  
Secretary