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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:

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 teleconferencing*)
William Hyatt, Board Investigator (*via Zoom video teleconferencing*)

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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1 **Committee Reports**

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

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

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

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

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25 **Finance Committee**

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27 Ms. Sentell presented the report for the Finance Committee.

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

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

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

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41 **Closing Business**


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

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

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

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

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

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62 Christopher K. Richard, P.E.
Chairman


Edgar P. Benoit, P.E.
Secretary