

**LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD
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IN THE MATTER OF:)	CASE NO. 2020-36
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ROBERT V. NANGIA, P.E.)	Received
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RESPONDENT)	
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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 Robert V. Nangia, P.E. [hereinafter “Respondent”] hereby agree to the following:

At all times material hereto, Respondent was a licensed in the State of Louisiana as a professional engineer, number PE-34537.

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 October 2015 the New York State Board for Professional Engineering and Land Surveying [hereinafter “New York Board”] took disciplinary action against Respondent for allowing an engineering company to offer and/or practice engineering in Oklahoma without a certificate of authorization. In an Original Vote and Order dated October 27, 2015 in connection with Case No. 28221, the New York Board suspended Respondent’s license for one year (but stayed the suspension), placed him on probation for one year, and ordered him to pay a fine of \$1,500.

The investigation also disclosed that in April 2016 the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land Surveyors [hereinafter “Wisconsin Board”] took disciplinary action against Respondent for (a) violating federal or state laws, local ordinances or administrative rules relating to the practice of professional engineering, (b) failing to timely notify the Wisconsin Board when he was disciplined in Oklahoma and (c) failing to respond in a timely manner to a request for information from the Wisconsin Board. In a Final Decision and Order dated April 26, 2016 in

connection with Case No. 14 ENG 011, the Wisconsin Board reprimanded Respondent and ordered him to pay costs in the amount of \$680.

On or about September 29, 2017, Respondent submitted to the Board his 2017 Louisiana professional engineer license renewal online, confirming thereon that **(a)** he had not been subject to disciplinary action by the licensing authority in another jurisdiction since his previous license renewal in September 2015, **(b)** all information provided in his online renewal 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 the Board's licensure law.

Furthermore, the investigation disclosed that in January 2018 the Hawaii Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects [hereinafter "Hawaii Board"] took disciplinary action against Respondent for failing to timely notify the Hawaii Board when he was disciplined in several other states. In a Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order dated January 18, 2018 in connection with Case No. ENG 2016-17-L, the Hawaii Board ordered Respondent to pay an administrative fine of \$1,000.

On or about September 27, 2019, Respondent submitted to the Board his 2019 Louisiana professional engineer license renewal online, confirming thereon that **(a)** he had not been subject to disciplinary action by the licensing authority in another jurisdiction since his previous license renewal in 2017, **(b)** all information provided in his online renewal 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 the Board's licensure law.

La. R.S. 37:698(A)(1) prohibits licensees from committing fraud, deceit, or 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(H) permits the Board to take disciplinary action against persons who violate La. R.S. 37:698(A)(1), 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)(1) 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; **(b)** in October 2015 and April 2016 Respondent was subject to disciplinary action by the licensing authorities in other jurisdictions; **(c)** on or about September 29, 2017 Respondent falsely stated on his 2017 professional engineer license renewal online that he had not been subject to disciplinary action by the licensing authority in another jurisdiction since his previous license renewal in September 2015; **(d)** in January 2018 Respondent was subject to disciplinary action by the licensing authority in another jurisdiction; and **(e)** on or about September 27, 2019 Respondent falsely stated on 2019 professional engineer license renewal online that he had not been subject to disciplinary action by the licensing authority of another jurisdiction since his previous license renewal in 2017.

By letter dated August 25, 2021, 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)(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.

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 One Hundred Forty-Nine and 87/100 (\$1,149.87) 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), 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 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 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 One Thousand One Hundred Forty-Nine and 87/100 (\$1,149.87) 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), 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: 11 October 2021

BY: 
DONNA D. SENTELL, Executive Director

DATE: 9/30/21


ROBERT V. NANGIA, P.E., Respondent

Witnesses to the signature of
Robert V. Nangia, P.E.


Print Name: Himika Nangia


Print Name: CHANDER .P. NANGIA