

**LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING  
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD  
9643 BROOKLINE AVENUE, SUITE 121  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1443  
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**IN THE MATTER OF:** )  
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**BRIAN M. ARMENTA, P.E.** )  
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**RESPONDENT** )  
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**CASE NO. 2022-6**

**Received**  
**MAY 26 2022**

**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 Brian M. Armenta, P.E. [hereinafter “Respondent”] hereby agree to the following:

At all times material hereto, Respondent (a) was licensed in the State of Louisiana as a professional engineer, number PE- 34615, and (b) was Secretary, a representative, and an employee of Proficient Engineering, Inc. [hereinafter “Proficient”]. At all times material hereto, Proficient was not licensed as a Louisiana professional engineering firm, and therefore, not authorized to practice and/or offer to practice engineering in Louisiana. Proficient subsequently became licensed in Louisiana as a professional engineering firm, number EF- 7206, effective November 22, 2021.

An investigation was opened based upon the Board’s receipt of Proficient’s application for licensure as a professional engineering firm in Louisiana wherein it indicated that it had practiced and/or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana. The investigation disclosed that between June 2017 and November 2021 Respondent had aided and assisted Proficient in practicing and offering to practice engineering on ten (10) projects in Louisiana.

La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1), (7) and (9), *to wit* LAC Title 46:LX1§2301(B), collectively prohibit the practice of and/or offer to practice engineering without proper licensure. La. R.S. 37:698(A)(12) prohibits licensees from aiding and assisting any person in violating the laws and 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. 37:681, La. R.S. 37:698(A)(12), La. R.S. 37:698(H), La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1), (7) and (9), and LAC Title 46:LXI§2301(B) were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that (a) at all times material hereto Respondent was secretary, a representative, and an employee of Proficient, (b) at all times material hereto Proficient was not licensed in Louisiana as a professional engineering firm, and, therefore, was not authorized to provide and/or offer to provide engineering services in Louisiana, and (c) that between June 2017 and November 2021 Respondent aided and assisted Proficient in practicing and/or offer to practice engineering on ten projects in Louisiana.

By letter dated May 16, 2022, 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 and assisting his firm in the unlicensed practice of engineering in Louisiana.

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 Five Hundred and No/100 (\$500.00) Dollars, (b) pay administrative costs of Four Hundred Ninety-Two and 397/100 (\$492.39) Dollars, (c) successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Laws and Rules Quiz with a score of 90% or higher, (d) successfully complete the Board's online Louisiana Professionalism and Ethics Quiz with a score of 90% or higher, 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 rights 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 on his own behalf. Respondent hereby waives these rights 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 Five Hundred and No/100 (\$500.00) 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 Four Hundred Ninety-Two and 39/100 (\$492.39) 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.

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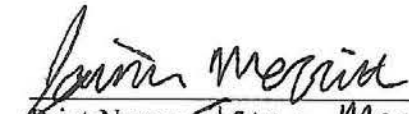
DATE: 7/25/2022

BY:   
DONNA D. SENTELL, Executive Director

DATE: 5/24/2022

BY:   
BRIAN M. ARMENTA, P.E., Respondent

Witnesses to the signature of  
Brian M. Armenta, P.E.

  
Print Name: Jaime Merritt

  
Print Name: Katy Whitson