

**LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD
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IN THE MATTER OF:)	CASE NO. 2008-110
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CHANDER P. NANGIA, P.E.)	
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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 Secretary, pursuant to authorization by the Board, and Chander P. Nangia, 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-15462.

An investigation was opened based upon the Board's receipt of information and documents from the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors [hereinafter the "North Carolina Board"] which disclosed that it had taken disciplinary action against Respondent for submitting false information on his North Carolina license renewal form by not disclosing the surrender of his license in another jurisdiction. In a Decision and Order dated September 11, 2008 in connection with Case No. V08-020, the North Carolina Board accepted Respondent's voluntary permanent surrender of his North Carolina license as per the recommendation of the North Carolina Board's Settlement Conference Committee.

La. R.S. 37:698(A)(7) authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against a licensee of the Board who has been disciplined by the licensing authority of another state, territory or district of the United States for a matter recognized as a ground for disciplinary action in Louisiana at the time the action was taken. La. R.S. 37:698(A)(1) prohibits fraud, deceit, material misstatement, or perjury or the giving of any false or forged evidence in applying for a renewal license. La. R.S. 37:698(H) permits the Board to take disciplinary action against persons who violate La. R.S. 37:698(A)(7), *to wit* 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 (7) and 37:698(H) were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that Respondent was disciplined by the licensing authority of another state for a matter recognized as grounds for disciplinary action in Louisiana at the time the action was taken.

By letter dated March 5, 2009, the Board gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against Respondent on the grounds that he may have violated La. R.S. 37:698(A)(7), *to wit* La. R.S. 37:698(A)(1), relative to having been disciplined by the licensing authority of another state for matters recognized as grounds for disciplinary action in Louisiana at the time the action was taken.

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 administrative costs of five hundred forty-six and 11/100 (\$546.11) dollars (b) successfully complete the Texas Tech University Murdough Center for Engineering Professionalism's course entitled *Continuing Professional Competency Course in Engineering Ethics* (PDH-5), for which no CPD credit will be provided by the Board, 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 pleads no contest to a violation of the referenced statutes and/or rules regarding being disciplined by the licensing authority of another state for matters recognized as grounds for disciplinary action in Louisiana at the time the action was taken. 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, and 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.

Therefore, in consideration of the foregoing and by his signing this Consent Order, Respondent does hereby waive his right to a hearing before the Board, to the presenting of evidence and witnesses in his behalf, to Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this case, and to judicial review of this Consent Order.

Respondent hereby represents (a) that he fully understands the meaning and intent of this Consent Order, including but not limited to its final and binding effect, (b) that 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) that 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 administrative costs of five hundred forty-six and 11/100 (\$546.11) 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 successfully complete the Texas Tech University Murdough Center for Engineering Professionalism's course entitled *Continuing Professional Competency Course in Engineering Ethics* (PDH-5) (for which no CPD credit will be provided by the Board) and provide satisfactory evidence thereof to the Board within six (6) months of the effective date 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 from further participation, consideration or resolution of any further proceedings herein.

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD

DATED 3/8/2010

BY: Donna D. Sentell
DONNA D. SENTELL, Executive Secretary

DATED 1/7/2010

Chander P. Nangia 1/7/2010
CHANDER P. NANGIA, P.E., Respondent

Witnesses to the signature of Chander P. Nangia, P.E.

Marie P. Draycott
Print Name: MARIE P. DRAYCOTT

Irene Herrera
Print Name: Irene Herrera



Catherine A. Baggett
1/7/2010