

**LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD
9643 BROOKLINE AVENUE, SUITE 121
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IN THE MATTER OF:)	CASE NO. 2022-18
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JERRY J. KELSO, P.E.)	Received
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RESPONDENT)	By LAPELS Enforcement
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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 Jerry J. Kelso, 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-33729. At all times material hereto, Respondent was an employee and representative of Crafton, Tull & Associates, Inc. [hereinafter the “firm”] which is licensed in Louisiana as a professional engineering firm, number EF-3355. However, its license of the firm was in an expired status between March 31, 2014 and June 1, 2021.

An investigation was opened based upon the Board’s receipt of the firm’s application to reinstate its Louisiana professional engineering firm license wherein it was indicated that the firm had practiced and/or offered to practice engineering in Louisiana during the time its license was in an expired status. The investigation disclosed that between May 2016 and June 2021 Respondent aided and assisted the firm in the practice and/or offer to practice engineering in Louisiana with an expired firm license on three (3) projects.

La. R.S. 37:698(A)(12) prohibits licensees from aiding and assisting another person in violating the Board’s laws and rules. La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16) prohibit the practice and/or offer to practice engineering in Louisiana with an expired license. 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. 37:698(A)(12), La. R.S. 37:698(A)(9) and (16), 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 an employee and representative of the firm; **(b)** the firm's Louisiana professional engineering firm license was in an expired state between March 31, 2014 and June 1, 2021; **(c)** between May 2017 and June 2021 Respondent aided and assisted the firm in the practice and/or offer to practice engineering in Louisiana on three (3) projects with an expired engineering firm license.

By letter dated May 9, 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 practice of engineering in Louisiana with an expired firm license.

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 Fifty-Three and 66/100 (\$453.66) 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 right 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 in his own behalf, Respondent hereby waives these rights, including his right to an informal conference, the filing of charges, and a formal hearing before the Board, 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 waives his rights 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 Fifty-Three and 66/100 (\$453.66) 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.

Submitted to the Board for Approval By:

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD

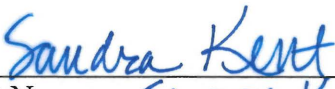
DATE: 7/25/2022


BY: 
DONNA D. SENTELL, Executive Director

DATE: 6/13/22

Agreed to By:
BY: 
JERRY J. KELSO, P.E., Respondent

Witnesses to the signature of
Jerry J. Kelso, P.E.


Print Name: SANDRA KENT


Print Name: MATTHEW BRECKENRIDGE