

**LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD
9643 Brookline Avenue, Suite 123
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809**

RULING ON PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER

RULING NO. 2023-1

1.

On or about December 27, 2022, Richard D. Copeland, Jr., P.E. ("Petitioner") filed with the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board (the "Board") a petition for declaratory order and ruling pursuant to LAC Title 46:LXI§727.

2.

Petitioner seeks a declaratory order as to whether the Board may list a professional engineer in a discipline of engineering other than the discipline in which the professional engineer has passed a National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) principles and practice of engineering examination.

3.

La. R.S. 37:693(A)(2) states as follows:

Professional engineers shall be issued licenses by the board as a professional engineer. The board shall list a professional engineer in one or more of the disciplines of engineering approved by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying to signify the area in which the professional engineer has demonstrated competence pursuant to education, experience, and examination. The professional engineer may use a seal that designates the discipline of engineering in which the board has listed the professional engineer or a seal that identifies the licensee as a professional engineer.

4.

LAC Title 46:LXI§1901 states as follows:

Professional engineers will be issued licenses by the board as a professional engineer, and the board shall list a professional engineer in one or more of the disciplines of engineering approved by NCEES based on such individual having passed the examination in the principles and practice of engineering in such discipline(s).

5.

LAC Title 46:LXI§1311 states as follows:

The board provides the opportunity for professional engineers who were previously licensed in Louisiana to take the examination in the principles and practice of engineering in the discipline(s) of engineering in which they seek to be

examinations are offered at times and places designated by the board or NCEES. Each individual will be charged a fee for this service.

ORDER

After due consideration of the petition for declaratory order and ruling filed by Petitioner and after discussion by the Board during its meeting on January 23, 2023:

IT IS THE RULING of the Board that:

6.

The Board can only list a professional engineer in a discipline of engineering which is approved by NCEES based on the individual having passed an NCEES examination in the principles and practice of engineering in such discipline.

7.

If an individual who is already licensed as professional engineer and listed by the Board in one discipline of engineering desires to be listed in an additional discipline, such individual can do so by taking and passing the NCEES examination in the principles and practice of engineering in the additional discipline of engineering in which he/she seeks to be listed (without affecting his/her current licensure status with the Board).

THUS DONE at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 23rd day of January, 2023.

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By: Christopher K. Richard
CHRISTOPHER K. RICHARD, P.E., Chairman