

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS  
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IN THE MATTER OF: ) CASE NO. 2018-09  
LYNNETTE WHITE-GORDON )  
RESPONDENT )  
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CONSENT ORDER

The Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners [hereinafter the "Board"], by and through its Executive Director, pursuant to authorization by the Board, and Lynnette White-Gordon [hereinafter "Respondent"], hereby agree to the following:

At all times material hereto, Respondent was not licensed in the State of Louisiana as an architect and, therefore, was not authorized to practice and/or offer to practice architecture in the State of Louisiana or use the title "architect," or any term derived therefrom, or display or use any title, sign, advertisement, or any other device to indicate that she practiced or offered to practice architecture, or rendered architectural services, in Louisiana.

An investigation was opened based upon the Board's receipt of information and documents which suggested that Respondent may have engaged in the unlicensed practice of and/or offered to practice architecture and/or or used the title "architect," or any term derived therefrom, or displayed or used any title, sign, advertisement, or any other device to indicate that she practiced or offered to practice architecture, or rendered architectural services, in Louisiana.

The investigation disclosed that (a) since November 2016 Respondent has represented on her *Facebook* page that she is employed as an "Architect at Spectrum Designs, LLC"; (b) since at least July 2015, Respondent has used the title "I. Architect" on letters issued by her in conjunction with her work at Spectrum Design, LLC; (c) during the March 27, 2018, regular meeting of the New Orleans City Planning Commission, she introduced herself as "the architect for Subway," and (d) in a contract dated July 24, 2017, she was listed as "I. Arch 1".

La. R.S. 37:145(A) provides that no person shall practice architecture in this state or use the title "architect," or any term derived therefrom, or display or use any title, sign, advertisement, or other device to indicate that such person practices or offers to practice architecture, or renders architectural services, or is an architect, unless such person shall have secured from the board a certificate of registration and license. La. R.S. 37:154(A) prohibits any person from practicing, or offering to practice, architecture in

Louisiana without being certified. La. R.S. 37:154(A) *to wit* LAC Title 46: I§1527 prohibits using the terms “architect,” “architectural,” “architecture” or anything confusingly similar to indicate that such person practices or offers to practice architecture without proper licensure. La. R.S. 37:154(A) authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against persons who violate La. R.S. 37:154(A) and LAC Title 46: I§1527, upon finding of guilt following notice and hearing and a majority vote of its entire membership authorized to participate in the proceeding. La. R.S. 37:154(A) and LAC Title 46: I§1527 were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that (a) Respondent has never been licensed to practice architecture in Louisiana, and (b) since at least July 19, 2015, until the present, Respondent practiced and offered to practice architecture and used the terms “architect,” “architectural,” and “architecture” to describe her services in Louisiana, all without proper licensure.

By letter dated September 10, 2018, the Board gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against Respondent on the grounds that she may have violated La. R.S. 37:145, La. R.S. 37:154(A), and LAC Title 46: I §1527, relative to the practicing of and/or offering to practice architecture and using the terms “architect,” “architectural,” “architecture,” or anything confusingly similar to indicate that she practiced or offered to practice architecture in Louisiana without proper licensure.

Wishing to dispense with the need for further disciplinary action and to conclude the instant proceeding without further delay and expense, and for the purpose of this proceeding only, Respondent and the Board do hereby enter into this Consent Order in which Respondent of her 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 five hundred and no/100 (\$1,500.00) dollars, (b) pay administrative costs of five hundred one and 53/100 (\$501.53) dollars, and (c) immediately cease and desist the practicing of and/or offering to practice architecture and using the terms “architect,” “architectural,” “architecture” or anything confusingly similar in referring to herself, in describing or promoting her business or activities in Louisiana until such time as she is duly licensed by the Board, and (d) the publication of a summary of this matter on the Board’s website and a summary of this matter in the Board’s official newsletter, *Louisiana Architect*, and the reporting of this matter to the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), all identifying Respondent by name.

Respondent admits that her conduct as set forth above constitutes violations of the above-referenced laws and/or rule as stated herein although nothing herein shall constitute as an ethical violation. Respondent acknowledges awareness of said laws and/or rule and states that she will comply with all applicable laws and rules henceforth. Respondent has been advised of her 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 on her own behalf, she hereby waives this right and her right to appeal, and she states affirmatively that she has been afforded all administrative remedies due her 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 her right to a hearing before the Board, to the presenting of evidence and witnesses on her 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) she fully understands the meaning and intent of this Consent Order, including but not limited to its final and binding effect, (b) she has voluntarily entered into this Consent Order and that no other promise or agreement of any kind has been made to or with her 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 State Board of Architectural Examiners and Respondent agree that:

1. Respondent shall pay a fine of one thousand five hundred and no/100 (\$1,500.00) dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Treasurer, State of Louisiana, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and
2. Respondent shall pay administrative costs of five hundred one and 53/100 (\$501.53) dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and
3. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from practicing and/or offering to practice architecture and from using the terms "architect", "architectural", "architecture" or anything confusingly similar in referring to herself, or in describing or promoting her business or activities in Louisiana until such time as she is duly licensed by the Board; and
4. This Consent Order shall be published on the Board's website and a summary of this matter shall be printed in the official newsletter of the Board, *Louisiana Architect*, and reported to the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), all identifying Respondent by name; and

5. This Consent Order shall not have any effect on Respondent's ability to apply for licensure from this Board and further shall not enjoin Respondent from becoming duly licensed by the Board if she is able to meet all of the requirements.

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 STATE BOARD OF  
ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS

DATE: 12/7/18

BY: K.E. Hillegas  
KATHERINE E. HILLEGAS, Executive Director

DATE: 9/26/18

Lynnette White Gordon  
LYNNETTE WHITE-GORDON, Respondent

Witnesses to the signature of  
Lynnette White-Gordon

Bruce Duncan

Print Name: Bruce Duncan

Robin Gordon Sr.

Print Name: Robin Gordon Sr.

Approved by:

J. L. Schults

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