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MAY 23 2024

By LSBAE

IN THE MATTER OF:) CASE NO. 2023-09
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JOHN M. PARNON)
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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 John M. Parnon [hereinafter "Respondent"], hereby agree to the following:

At all times material hereto, Respondent was licensed in the State of Louisiana as an architect, number 4092.

An investigation was opened based upon the Board's receipt of information which suggested that Respondent had made material misstatements in applying for three renewal certificates. The investigation disclosed that in October of 2020 Respondent had been arrested in Wisconsin and charged with a hit-and-run which had resulted in a fatality, to which Respondent pled no contest in 2023. On his Louisiana architect license renewal applications in December 2020 (for FY2021), December 2021 (for FY2022), and February 2023 (for FY2023), Respondent answered "No" each time to the question, "*Since your last renewal, have you been investigated, charged, arrested, convicted, found guilty or pleaded nolo contendere to any criminal offense...*".

La. R.S. 37:153(A)(7) and La. R.S. 37:154(A) prohibit an architect from making any material misstatement in applying for a renewal certificate. La. R.S. 37:153(A)(6) authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against persons who violate La. R.S. 37:153(A)(7) and La. R.S. 37:154(A), upon a finding of guilt following notice and hearing



and a majority vote of its entire membership authorized to participate in the proceeding. La. R.S. 37:153(A)(6), La. R.S. 37:153(A)(7), and La. R.S. 37:154(A) were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that (a) in October 2020 Respondent was arrested in Wisconsin and charged with a hit-and-run which had resulted in a fatality, to which Respondent pled no contest in 2023, and (b) on his Louisiana architect license renewal applications in December 2020 (for FY2021), December 2021 (for FY2022), and February 2023 (for FY2023), Respondent answered "No" each time to the question, "*Since your last renewal, have you been investigated, charged, arrested, convicted, found guilty or pleaded nolo contendere to any criminal offense...*".

By letter dated October 10, 2023, the Committee gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against him on the grounds that he may have violated La. R.S. 37:153(A)(6), La. R.S. 37:153(A)(7), and La. R.S. 37:154(A) relative to making material misstatements in applying for renewal certificates.

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 his own free will consents to the issuance of a Consent Order by the Board, wherein Respondent agrees to (a) voluntarily and permanently surrender his Louisiana architect license and his certificate of registration to practice architecture in Louisiana, (b) immediately and forever cease and desist from practicing and/or offering to practice architecture in Louisiana, (c) return his Louisiana certificate of architectural licensure along with any and all architectural seals or stamps to the Board, (d) publication of this Consent Order on the Board's website and a summary of this matter in the Board's official newsletter, *Louisiana Architect*, to read, "*John M. Parnon (hereinafter 'Respondent'), an architect (Louisiana license #4092), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for making material misstatements when applying for three renewal certificates in*



violation of La. R.S. 37:153(A)(6), La. R.S. 37:153(A)(7), and La. R.S. 37:154(A). In October of 2020, Respondent was arrested in Wisconsin and charged with a hit-and-run which had resulted in a fatality, to which Respondent pled no contest in 2023. On his Louisiana architect license renewal applications in December 2020 (for FY2021), December 2021 (for FY2022), and February 2022 (for FY2023), Respondent answered 'No' each time to the question, 'Since your last renewal, have you been investigated, charged, arrested, convicted, found guilty or pleaded nolo contendere to any criminal offense...'. Respondent has entered into a Consent Order with the Board wherein he admitted to the referenced violations of the above laws and agreed to voluntarily and permanently surrender his Louisiana architect license and his certificate of registration to practice architecture in Louisiana, to immediately and forever cease and desist from practicing and/or offering to practice architecture in Louisiana, to return his Louisiana certificate of architectural licensure along with any and all architectural seals or stamps to the Board; to the publication of this Consent Order on the Board's website; to the printing of a summary of this matter in the official newsletter of the Board, Louisiana Architect, identifying Respondent by name, and to the reporting of this matter to the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards ('NCARB') Disciplinary Database, identifying Respondent by name.", and (e) to the reporting of this matter to the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards ("NCARB") Disciplinary Database, 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 that this Consent Order constitutes a disciplinary action by the Board against him and his Louisiana license to practice architecture. Respondent also 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 on his own behalf; he 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 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 him 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's Louisiana architect license, number 4092, and his certificate of registration to practice architecture in Louisiana are hereby voluntarily and permanently surrendered; and
2. Respondent shall immediately and forever cease and desist from practicing and/or offering to practice architecture in Louisiana; and
3. Respondent shall return his Louisiana certificate of architectural licensure along with any and all architectural seals or stamps to 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*

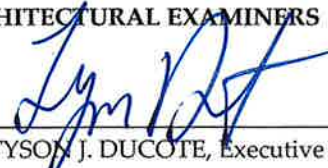


Architect, and reported to the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards ("NCARB") Disciplinary Database, all identifying Respondent by name; and

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, staff, attorneys, or representatives from further participation, consideration, or resolution of any further proceedings herein.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS**


DATE: 5.31.2024

BY: 
TYSON J. DUCOTE, Executive Director

DATE: 5/19/2024

BY: 
JOHN M. PARNON

Witnesses to the signature of John M. Parnon:


Printed Name: Jennifer Parnon

Printed Name: _____

