

assumed the CE sponsor organization had provided the necessary documents. Respondent subsequently provided information and documents which indicated that he had obtained 10 HSW CE hours in CY2023.

La. R.S. 37:145(B), *to wit* LAC Title 46: I §1315(D)(1), (2) and (3), requires architect licensees to obtain a minimum of twelve (12) CEH in HSW subjects each calendar year. La. R.S. 37:153(A)(7) prohibits licensees from making any material misstatement in applying for any renewal certificate. La. R.S. 37:153 authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against persons who violate La. R.S. 37:145(B), *to wit* LAC Title 46: I §1315(D)(1), (2) and (3), and La. R.S. 37:153(A)(7), 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. 37:145(B), La. R.S. 37:153(A)(7), and LAC Title 46: I §1315(D)(1), (2), and (3) were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that **(a)** on or about December 14, 2023, Respondent submitted to the Board his Louisiana late architect license renewal application for CY2024, which certified that he had completed the Board's CE requirements for CY2023, completion of which was a condition for the renewal of Respondent's Louisiana architect license for CY2024; and **(b)** Respondent misstated that he had earned twelve (12) CE hours for CY2023 when he had only earned ten (10) CE hours for CY2023.

By letter dated December 6, 2024, the Committee gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against him on the grounds that he may have violated **(a)** La. R.S. 37:145(B), *to wit* LAC Title 46: I §1315(D)(1), (2) and (3), relative to the Board's CE requirements, and **(b)** La. R.S. 37:153(A)(7), relative to his making a material misstatement in applying for a renewal certificate with the Board.

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)** pay a fine of seven-hundred fifty and no/100 (\$750.00) dollars, **(b)** pay administrative costs of three-hundred sixty-five and 69/100 dollars (\$365.69); **(c)** earn all delinquent HSW CEHs for CY2023 and forward proof of such to the Board in the event he applies for renewal of his Louisiana license to 'Active' status as an additional condition of any such renewal; **(d)** the auditing of his CE records for the next five (5) consecutive renewal cycles if he ever again renews his Louisiana architect license in



“Active” status; **(e)** 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, “*Geoffrey S. Ax, an architect (license #8916, currently in an expired status), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for (a) failing to comply with the Board’s continuing education [hereinafter “CE”] requirements in violation of La. R.S. 37:145(B), to wit LAC Title 46: I §1315(D)(1), (2) and (3), and (b) making a material misstatement in applying for a renewal certificate with the Board in violation of La. R.S. 37:153(A)(7). In December of 2023, Mr. Ax submitted to the Board his renewal application for CY2024, certifying thereon that he had completed 12 CE hours in Health, Safety, and Welfare [hereinafter “HSW”] subjects during CY2023. In April 2024, the Continuing Education Committee of the Board audited Mr. Ax’s CE records for CY2023. In responding to this CE records audit, Mr. Ax provided information and documents which indicated that he had obtained only 10 HSW CE hours in CY2023. Mr. Ax has entered into a Consent Order with the Board wherein he admitted to the referenced violations of the above laws/rules and agreed to pay a fine of \$750; to pay administrative costs of \$365.69; to earn all delinquent HSW CEHs for CY2023 and forward proof of such to the Board in the event he applies for renewal of his Louisiana license in ‘Active’ status as an additional condition of any such renewal; to the audit of his CE records for the next five consecutive renewal cycles if he ever again renews his Louisiana architect license in ‘Active’ status; to the publication of the 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 Mr. Ax 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 **(f)** 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 himself and his Louisiana architect license. 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 this right 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 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 shall pay a fine of seven-hundred fifty and no/100 (\$750.00) 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 three-hundred sixty-five and 69/100 dollars (\$365.69), 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. In the event Respondent applies for renewal of his Louisiana license in "Active" status, Respondent shall earn all delinquent HSW CE hours for CY2023, and forward proof of earning such to the Board as an additional condition of any such renewal; and

4. Respondent's CE records shall be audited for the next five (5) consecutive renewal cycles if he ever again renews his Louisiana architect license in "Active" status; and

5. This Consent Order shall be published on the Board's website, a summary of this matter shall be printed in the official newsletter of the Board, *Louisiana Architect*, and this matter shall be reported to the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Disciplinary Database, all 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.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS


DATE: 6/13/2025

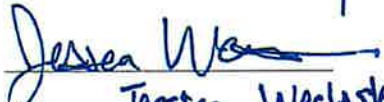
BY: 
TYSON J. DUCOTE, Executive Director

DATE: 6/17/25

BY: 
Geoffrey S. Ax, Respondent

Witnesses to the signature of
Geoffrey S. Ax


Print Name: Colleen Cassidy


Print Name: Jessica Wechsler

