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IN THE MATTER OF	)	CASE NO. 2024-58
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ELLENDER ARCHITECTS & ASSOCIATES, LLC	)	
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RESPONDENT	)	
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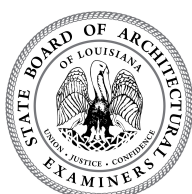
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CONSENT ORDER

The Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners [hereinafter the “Board”], by and through its Executive Director, pursuant to authorization by the Board, and Ellender Architects & Associates, LLC [hereinafter “Respondent”], represented herein by its duly authorized manager and member, Earl J. Ellender, Jr., hereby agree to the following:

At all times material hereto, Respondent was licensed in the State of Louisiana as an architectural firm, number AF1062; however, Respondent’s license was in an expired status from June 30, 2018 until October 16, 2024, as set forth hereafter.

An investigation was opened based upon the Board’s receipt of information which suggested that Respondent had practiced architecture in Louisiana during a time that its architectural certificate of authority was expired. The investigation disclosed that Respondent’s certificate of authority expired on June 30, 2018, and remained in an “expired” status until Respondent applied for reinstatement on October 8, 2024, which was granted on October 16, 2024. On the application, Respondent answered “No” to the question relative to practicing architecture in Louisiana without a current firm license in the last five years. Information subsequently received from the Louisiana State Fire Marshal’s Office (“SFMO”) indicated that Respondent submitted at least five (5) projects for review between March of 2020 and March of 2024.



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. 37:153(A)(3) prohibits any registrant or certificate holder from practicing architecture when his current renewal has not been obtained in accordance with law. La. R.S. 37:153(A)(6) authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action for violations of the Chapter, 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)(7) prohibits an architect from making any material misstatement in applying for a renewal certificate. La. R.S. 37:154(A) prohibits all persons, including firms, from practicing architecture in this state with an expired certificate of registration and permits the Board to issue fines and penalties for violations of this Chapter. La. R.S. 37:158 authorizes the Board to issue rules and regulations governing the conduct and activities of firms practicing architecture in Louisiana, and Board Rule §1705(R) provides that an architectural firm desiring to continue offering architectural services in Louisiana shall make application for renewal each year. La. R.S. 37:145(A), La. R.S. 37:153(A)(3), La. R.S. 37:153(A)(6), La. R.S. 37:153(A)(7), La. R.S. 37:154(A), and La. R.S. 37:158 were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that **(a)** on June 30, 2018, Respondent’s certificate of authority to practice architecture expired and was not reinstated until October 16, 2024, and **(b)** during that time, Respondent submitted at least five (5) projects to the SFMO for review.

By letter dated June 24, 2025, the Committee gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against it on the grounds that it may have violated La. R.S. 37:145(A), La. R.S. 37:153(A)(3), La. R.S. 37:153(A)(6), La. R.S.



37:153(A)(7), La. R.S. 37:154(A), La. R.S. 37:158 , and Board Rule §1705(R) relative to practicing architecture in Louisiana with an expired certificate of authority.

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 its own free will consents to the issuance of a Consent Order by the Board, wherein Respondent agrees to **(a)** pay a fine of two-thousand five-hundred and no/100 (\$2,500.00) dollars; **(b)** pay administrative costs of four-hundred sixty-three and 93/100 (\$463.93) dollars; **(c)** its manager and supervising professional architect Earl J. Ellender, Jr., license number 1210, successfully completing, with a minimum score of 80%, the Board's online *Laws & Rules Quiz* for which no continuing education credit will be awarded, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; **(d)** the automatic and immediate suspension of Respondent's Louisiana architectural firm license if Respondent fails to comply with any terms of this Consent Order, which suspension shall remain effective until all terms are satisfied; **(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, "*Ellender Architects & Associates, LLC (hereinafter 'Respondent'), an architectural firm (license #AF1062), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for practicing architecture in Louisiana with an expired certificate of authority in violation of La. R.S. 37:145(A), La. R.S. 37:153(A)(3), La. R.S. 37:153(A)(6), La. R.S. 37:153(A)(7), La. R.S. 37:154(A), La. R.S. 37:158 , and Board Rule §1705(R). On June 30, 2018, Respondent's certificate of authority to practice architecture expired. On October 8, 2024, Respondent submitted to the Board an application for reinstatement of its certificate of authority to practice architecture. On the application, Respondent answered 'No' to the question relative to practicing architecture in Louisiana without a current firm license in the last five years. On October 16, 2024, Respondent's reinstatement application was approved. Information subsequently received from the Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office indicated that Respondent*



*had submitted at least five (5) projects for review between March 2020 and March 2024.*

*Respondent has entered into a Consent Order with the Board wherein it admitted to the referenced violation of the above laws and agreed to pay a fine of \$2,500; pay administrative costs of \$463.93; to its manager and supervising professional architect Earl J. Ellender, Jr., license number 1210, successfully completing, with a minimum score of 80%, the Board's online 'Laws & Rules Quiz' for which no continuing education credit will be awarded, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; to the automatic and immediate suspension of Respondent's Louisiana architectural firm license if Respondent fails to comply with any terms of this Consent Order, which suspension shall remain effective until all terms are satisfied; 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 **(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 its 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 it and its Louisiana certificate of authority to practice architecture. Respondent also acknowledges awareness of said laws and/or rules and states that it will comply with all applicable laws and rules henceforth. Respondent has been advised of its 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 its own behalf; it hereby waives these rights and its right to appeal, and it states affirmatively that it has been afforded all administrative remedies due it 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 its right to a hearing before the Board, to the presenting of evidence and witnesses on its 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)** it fully understands the meaning and intent of this Consent Order, including but not limited to its final and binding effect, **(b)** it 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 State Board of Architectural Examiners and Respondent agree that:

1. Respondent shall pay a fine of two-thousand five-hundred and no/100 (\$2,500.00) 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 four-hundred sixty-three and 93/100 (\$463.93) 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's manager and supervising professional architect, Earl J. Ellender, Jr., license number 1210, shall successfully complete, with a minimum score of 80%, the Board's online *Laws & Rules Quiz* for which no continuing education credit will be awarded, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and



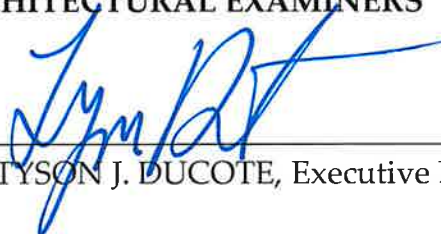
4. Respondent's Louisiana architectural firm license shall be automatically and immediately suspended if Respondent fails to comply with any terms of this Consent Order, which suspension shall remain effective until all terms are satisfied; and

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: 8/22/2025

BY:   
TYSON J. DUCOTE, Executive Director

ELLENDER ARCHITECTS & ASSOCIATES,  
LLC

DATE: 7-15-2025

BY:   
Earl J. Ellender, Jr., Manager and Member

Witnesses to the signature of Earl J. Ellender, Jr.:



Printed Name: 7-15-2025  
Maribeth Lea



Printed Name: Scott Mamino

