

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS 9625 FENWAY AVENUE, SUITE B BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1592 (225) 925-4802

IN THE MATTER OF:) CASE NO. 2019-25
HENRY A. BOUDREAUX)
RESPONDENT)

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 Henry A. Boudreaux [hereinafter "Respondent"], hereby agree to the following:

At all times material hereto, Respondent was licensed in the State of Louisiana as an architect, number 5073, however, his license has been in an expired status since January 1, 2020.

An investigation was opened based upon the Board's receipt of information and documents which suggested that Respondent had been convicted of a felony under the laws of the State of Louisiana. The investigation disclosed that on July 18, 2019, Respondent pleaded nolo contendere to one count of theft over \$25,000, a violation of La. R.S. 14:67(B)(1), a felony, in the Louisiana Fifteenth Judicial District Court (Docket No. CR150599).

La. R.S. 37:153(A)(4) authorizes the Board to discipline any registrant who has been convicted of a felony. La. R.S. 37:153(A)(8) authorizes the Board to discipline any registrant who has been convicted of a crime or entered a plea of nolo contendere to any criminal charge which arose out of such individual's practice of architecture. La. R.S. 37:153 authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against persons who violate La. R.S. 37:153(A)(4) and/or La. R.S. 37:153(A)(8) 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, La. R.S. 37:153(A)(4), and La. R.S. 37:153(A)(8) were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that Respondent was convicted of a felony under the laws of Louisiana. It is also undisputed that Respondent entered a plea of nolo contendere to a criminal charge which arose out of Respondent's practice of architecture.

By letter dated April 23, 2021, the Board 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)(4) relative to being convicted of a felony and La. R.S. 37:153(A)(8) relative to being convicted of a crime or entering a plea of nolo contendere to a criminal charge which arose out of Respondent's practice of architecture.

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)** the permanent revocation of his Louisiana architect license, **(b)** immediately cease and desist from practicing and/or offering to practice architecture in Louisiana, **(c)** return his Louisiana certificate of architectural licensure and any and all architectural seals to the Board, **and (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*, and the reporting of this matter to the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), all 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 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 in 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 in 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 5073, is hereby permanently revoked;
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2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from practicing and/or offering to practice architecture in Louisiana; and


3. Respondent shall return his Louisiana certificate of architectural licensure and any and all architectural seals to the Board within ten (10) business days of the effective date of this Consent Order; 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 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: 6/21/2021

BY: 
KATHERINE E. VILLEGAS, Executive Director

DATE: June 10, 2021

BY: 
HENRY A. BOUDREAUX, Respondent

Witnesses to the signature of
Henry A. Boudreaux


Print Name: Nanette Boutte


Print Name: Sonya LaComb