

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS
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IN THE MATTER OF:) CASE NO. 2024-44
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NEW ORLEANS DESIGN GROUP, L.L.C)
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RESPONDENT)
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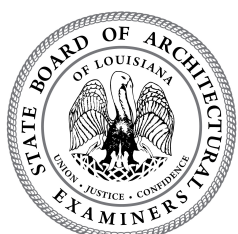
CONSENT ORDER

The Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners [hereinafter the "Board"], by and through its Executive Director, pursuant to authorization by the Board, and New Orleans Design Group, L.L.C., represented herein by its duly authorized manager, Alva B. See, III [hereinafter "Respondent"], hereby agree to the following:

At all times material hereto, Respondent was licensed and certified to practice architecture in the State of Louisiana as an architectural firm, number AF0649.

An investigation was opened based upon the Board's receipt of information which suggested that Respondent, which was first registered and licensed by the board as an architectural firm in 2019, had renewed its certificate of authority in 2023 and 2024 without actively employing an architect on a full-time basis during those years.

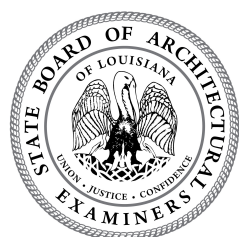
La. R.S. 37:153(A)(6) authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against a certificate holder found to have violated any provisions of Architect Licensing Law. La. R.S. 37:153(A)(7) prohibits practicing any fraud, deceit, material misstatement, or perjury in applying for a certificate of licensure or registration or in applying for any renewal certificate. La. R.S. 37:154(A) prohibits any person from giving false evidence of any kind to the board in obtaining a certificate of registration. LAC Title 46:I §1705(I) prohibits an architectural firm from practicing architecture in Louisiana without designating a supervising professional architect who is actively employed by that firm on a full-time basis. La. R.S. 37:153(A)(6), La. R.S. 37:153(A)(7), La. R.S. 37:154(A), and LAC Title 46:I §1705(I) were in effect at all times material hereto.



It is undisputed that Respondent renewed its certificate of authority in 2023 and 2024 despite not actively employing an architect on a full-time basis during any of these years. However, the board found no evidence that Respondent had practiced architecture during 2023 or 2024, and Respondent advised the board that it had no intent to practice architecture in the future. Respondent has not renewed its license since 2024.

By letter dated December 6, 2024, 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. 37:153(A)(6), La. R.S. 37:153(A)(7), La. R.S. 37:154(A), and LAC Title 46:I §1705(I) relative to making material misstatements on its renewal applications and renewing its certificate of authority in 2023 and 2024 despite not actively employing an architect on a full-time basis during any of these years.

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) not practice architecture in Louisiana in the future without first complying with all of the rules of the board, including the designation of a supervising professional architect who is actively employed by that firm on a full-time basis; (b) 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, "*New Orleans Design Group, L.L.C. (hereinafter 'Respondent'), an architectural firm (license #AF0649), was subject to disciplinary action by the Board for making material misstatements on its renewal applications and renewing its certificate of authority in 2023 and 2024 despite not actively employing an architect on a full-time basis during those years in violation of La. R.S. 37:153(A)(6), La. R.S. 37:153(A)(7), La. R.S. 37:154(A), and LAC Title 46:I §1705(I). An investigation was opened based upon the Board's receipt of information which suggested that Respondent had renewed its certificate of authority in 2023 and 2024 despite not actively employing an architect on a full-time basis during any of these years. Respondent has entered into a Consent Order with the Board wherein it admitted to the referenced violations of the above laws; agreed to not practice architecture in Louisiana in the future without first complying with all of the rules of the board,*

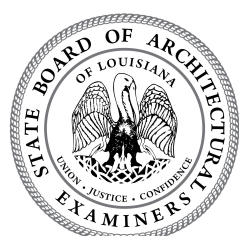


including the designation of a supervising professional architect who is actively employed by that firm on a full-time basis; agreed to the publication of this Consent Order on the Board's website; to the printing of a summary of this matter in the official newsletter of the Board, Louisiana Architect, 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 (c) 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 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, (c) it will not practice architecture in Louisiana in the future without first designating a supervising professional architect who is actively employed by that firm on a full-time basis; and (d) the sanctions set forth in this Consent Order do not prevent the Board from



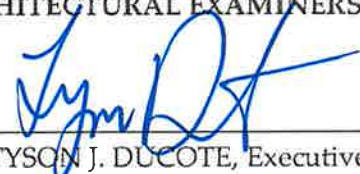
taking further disciplinary or enforcement action against Respondent on matters not specifically addressed in this Consent Order.

WHEREFORE, the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners and Respondent agree that:

1. Respondent will not practice architecture in Louisiana in the future without first complying with all of the rules of the board, including the designation of a supervising professional architect who is actively employed by that firm on a full-time basis;
2. 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
3. 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.

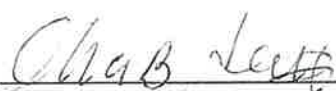
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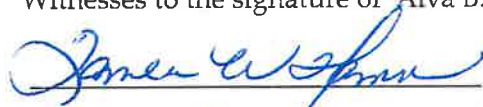
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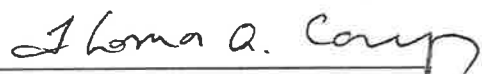
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DATE: 1/21/26

BY:  1/21/24
Alva B. See, III, Manager

Witnesses to the signature of Alva B. See, III


Printed Name: Tamera W. Hamric


Printed Name: Thomas A. Casey, Jr.

