

- Respondent did not disclose the conviction on his Louisiana Reciprocal License Application in Louisiana.

La. R.S. 37:153(A)(7) authorizes the Board to discipline any registrant who has practiced any fraud, deceit, material misstatement, or perjury in applying for a certificate of licensure or registration. La. R.S. 37:153 authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against persons who violate La. R.S. 37:153(A)(7) 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 and La. R.S. 37:153(A)(7) were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that Respondent made a material misstatement on his Louisiana Reciprocal License Application.

By letter dated September 29, 2021, the Board gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the referral of charges against him on the grounds that he may have violated La. R.S. 37:153(A)(7) relative to making a material misstatement in connection with his applying for a certificate of licensure or registration in Louisiana.

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 one thousand five hundred and no/100 (\$1,500.00) dollars, **(b)** pay administrative costs of one thousand five hundred and no/100 (\$1,500.00) dollars, and **(c)** the publication of this Consent Order on the Board's website, the publication of 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 shall pay a fine of one thousand five hundred and no/100 (\$1,500.00) dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Treasurer, State of Louisiana; and

2. Respondent shall pay administrative costs of one thousand five hundred and no/100 (\$1,500.00), 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. This Consent Order shall be published on the Board's website, a summary of this matter shall be published in the official newsletter of the Board, *Louisiana Architect*, and this matter shall be reported to the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), 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: 12/11/2021

BY: K.E. Hollegas
KATHERINE E. HOLLEGAS, Executive Director

DATE: 10/19/2021

BY: Shlomo Steve Wygoda
SHLOMO STEVE WYGODA, Respondent

Witnesses to the signature of Shlomo Steve Wygoda

J. Abbate
Print Name: Joseph Abbate

Print Name: _____

