

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING  
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD  
9643 BROOKLINE AVENUE, SUITE 121  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1433  
June 10, 2024

At 9:02 a.m. on June 10, 2024, Connie P. Betts, P.E. called the meeting to order at the Board’s office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the following members present:

Connie P. Betts, P.E.	Chairman
Reginald L. Jeter, P.E.	Vice Chairman
Linda H. Bergeron, P.E.	Treasurer
Byron D. Racca, P.E.	Secretary

James H. Chustz, Jr., P.L.S.  
Janice P. Williams, P.E.  
Vijaya Gopu, Ph.D., P.E.  
Gordon E. Nelson, P.E.  
Edgar P. Benoit, P.E.

Absent: Wilfred J. Fontenot, P.L.S.

Also present: Donna D. Sentell, Executive Director  
Cheron Seaman, Deputy Executive Director  
Joe Harman, P.E., Technical Advisor  
David Patterson, P.L.S., Technical Advisor  
Bill Tripoli, IT Director  
Janet Lindsey, Application Manager  
Chris Aaron, Staff  
Morgan Georgetown, Staff  
Rhett Rayburn, Staff

John J. Plaisance, II, P.E., P.L.S. *(via Zoom video teleconference)*

The invocation was led by Mr. Chustz and the pledge was led by Mr. Racca.

Public comment time was recognized by Chairman Betts. She acknowledged Mr. Plaisance.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Jeter, seconded by Ms. Bergeron, to accept the June 10, 2024 proposed Call and Agenda for the meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Racca, to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2024 Board meeting.

**Compliance and Enforcement**

**Case # 2023-35** – Mr. Aaron reported on a professional engineer who **(a)** committed fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or the giving of false or forged evidence, in applying for a renewal license with the Board, **(b)** practiced and/or offered to practice engineering with an expired license and **(c)** aided or assisted another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Fine of \$4,000
2. Costs of \$901.48
3. Past unpaid renewal fees of \$600
4. Cease and desist
5. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
6. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
7. Immediate suspension of license if fail to comply with any portion of consent order, with suspension continuing until compliance
8. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
9. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Ms. Bergeron, Mr. Chustz and Dr. Gopu, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Thomas S. Graham, P.E.**

**Case # 2023-36** – Mr. Aaron reported on an unlicensed firm which practiced and/or offered to practice engineering and used the words “engineer”, “engineering” or any modification or derivative thereof in a person’s name or form of business or activity without proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Fine of \$1,500
2. Costs of \$901.48
3. Cease and desist
4. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
5. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Ms. Bergeron, Mr. Chustz and Dr. Gopu, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **DSC Engineering, Inc.**

**Case # 2023-43** – Mr. Aaron reported on an unlicensed firm which (a) practiced and/or offered to practice engineering without proper licensure and (b) committed fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or gave false or forged evidence, in applying for a license with the Board. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Fine of \$3,750
2. Costs of \$679.41
3. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
4. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Ms. Bergeron, Mr. Chustz and Ms. Williams, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Raymond L. Goodson, Jr., Inc.**

**Case # 2023-44** – Mr. Aaron reported on a professional engineer who (a) committed fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or gave false or forged evidence, in applying for a license with the Board, and (b) aided or assisted another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Fine of \$1,500
2. Costs of \$679.41
3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
5. Immediate suspension of license if fail to comply with any portion of consent order, with suspension continuing until compliance
6. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Journal with name
7. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Ms. Bergeron, Mr. Chustz and Ms. Williams, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Michael J. McLaren, P.E.**

**Case # 2023-47** – Mr. Aaron reported on an unlicensed firm which practiced and/or offered to practice engineering without proper licensure. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Fine of \$3,000;
2. Costs of \$160.32;
3. Publication on the Board’s website and in the Board’s official Journal identifying Respondent by name; and
4. Report to NCEES identifying Respondent by name



After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Ms. Bergeron, Mr. Chustz and Ms. Williams, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Northeast Technical Services Co., Inc.**

**Case # 2023-79** – Mr. Aaron reported on a professional engineer who aided or assisted another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Fine of \$500;
2. Costs of \$160.32;
3. Completion of the Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz, with a score of 90% or higher;
4. Completion of the Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz, with a score of 90% or higher;
5. Publication on the Board's website and in the Board's official Journal identifying Respondent by name; and
6. Report to NCEES identifying Respondent by name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Ms. Bergeron, Mr. Chustz and Ms. Williams, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **David P. Hossenlopp, P.E.**

**Case # 2023-70** – Ms. Georgetown reported on an unlicensed firm which (a) practiced and/or offered to practice engineering without proper licensure and (b) committed fraud, deceit, material misstatement or perjury, or gave false or forged evidence, in applying for a license with the Board. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Fine of \$3,750
2. Costs of \$925.94
3. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
4. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Ms. Bergeron, Mr. Chustz and Dr. Gopu, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Trachte Building Systems, Inc.**

**Case # 2023-71** – Ms. Georgetown reported on a professional engineer who aided or assisted another person in violating the laws and/or rules of the Board. The respondent has signed and returned the proposed consent order offered by the Complaint Review Committee. The proposed consent order contained the following sanctions:

1. Fine of \$1,500
2. Costs of \$925.94
3. Louisiana Laws & Rules Quiz
4. Louisiana Professionalism & Ethics Quiz
5. Immediate suspension of license if fail to comply with any portion of consent order, with suspension continuing until compliance
6. Publication on the Board's website and in the Journal with name
7. Report to NCEES with name

After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Complaint Review Committee, consisting of Ms. Bergeron, Mr. Chustz and Dr. Gopu, to approve the signed consent order. The name of the respondent is **Ross T. Mori, P.E.**

## **Committee Reports**

### **Laws and Rules Committee**

The Board reviewed bills and resolutions of interest to the Board from the 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

The Board recessed at 9:50 a.m. and resumed at 10:05 a.m. Barker Dirmann, President and CEO of ACEC/L, was present.

**Finance Committee**

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Ms. Bergeron, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the following resolutions with respect to recovering from the Louisiana State Treasurer certain unclaimed property or funds payable to, held for, held in the name of, or held for the benefit of the Board (the "Funds"):

BE IT RESOLVED, that Cheron Seaman, as the Deputy Executive Director of LAPELS, be and she is hereby authorized to prepare, sign, and file a claim form or multiple claim forms with the Louisiana State Treasurer seeking delivery to LAPELS of any Funds held as of May 31, 2024, with the Louisiana State Treasurer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said Cheron Seaman, the Deputy Executive Director of LAPELS, is further authorized and directed to take such actions and to sign or deliver such documents as may be reasonably necessary to seek, collect and deposit with LAPELS any and all Funds available from the Louisiana State Treasurer.

Ms. Bergeron presented the financial report for FY 23-24. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Finance Committee to accept the amended budget for FY 23-24.

**Building Committee**

Ms. Bergeron presented the recommendations from the Building Ad Hoc Committee, comprised of Ms. Bergeron, Ms. Williams and Dr. Gopu. After review and discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion made by the Building Ad Hoc Committee, to authorize the purchase of the materials and glass, at a cost of \$14,330, for the initial renovations to the Board's new office space.

**Old Business/New Business**

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Chustz, to schedule the next Board meeting for Monday, July 29, 2024.

**Closing Business**

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Ms. Bergeron, seconded by Mr. Racca, to approve all committee recommendations and actions.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to acknowledge and confirm all licenses and certificates issued and renewed since the last Board meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Chustz, seconded by Ms. Bergeron, to approve all Board expenses.

The Board unanimously approved the motion made by Mr. Chustz, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 p.m. on June 10, 2024.



Connie P. Betts, P.E.  
Chairman



Byron D. Racca, P.E.  
Secretary