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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
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Kathy Hart, Executive Director  
State Board of Licensure for Professional  
Engineers and Land Surveyors  
220 NE 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. 120  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

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Dear Director Hart:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors intends to take pursuant to a consent agreement in Board case 2018-071 against a licensed professional engineer. The licensee in the case failed to produce evidence of having completed thirty hours of professional development coursework. The Board proposes to impose a fine of \$1,000.

Oklahoma law authorizes the Board to “[e]stablish continuing education requirements for renewal of professional engineering and professional land surveyor licenses.” 59 O.S.Supp.2018, § 475.8(A)(2). The Board’s administrative rules require completion of thirty professional development hours during each biennial licensure period. OAC 245:15-11-5(a). The Board’s rules also clarify that the licensee bears the “responsibility of maintaining records to be used to support credits claimed.” OAC 245:15-11-9(a). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to deter future violations.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State of Oklahoma’s policy to protect the public welfare by requiring licensed professional engineers and land surveyors to complete continuing education.

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