BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION

In the Matter of:

Monica Acuna Arizmendi

Non-Registrant

Case No.: P22-049

CONSENT AGREEMENT and ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

Respondent

In the interest of a prompt and judicious resolution of the above-captioned matter before the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration ("Board") and consistent with the public interest, statutory requirements, and the responsibilities of the Board, and pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101 et seq., and A.A.C. R4-30-120(G), the undersigned party, Monica Acuna Arizmendi, Non-Registrant, ("Respondent") and the Board enter into the following Recitals, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Consent Agreement") as a final disposition of this matter.

RECITALS

- 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and has had the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney, or has waived the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney.
- 2. Respondent understands that he has a right to a public administrative hearing concerning this case. He further acknowledges that at such formal hearing he could present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Respondent knowingly, voluntarily, and irrevocably waives his right to such an administrative hearing, as well as rights of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal, judicial review or any other administrative and/or judicial action concerning the matters set forth herein.
- 3. Respondent affirmatively agrees that this Consent Agreement shall be irrevocable.

- 4. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement or any part of the agreement may be considered in any future disciplinary action by the Board against him.
- 5. The Consent Agreement, any record prepared in this matter, all investigative materials prepared or received by the Board and all related exhibits and materials, are public records upon acceptance by the Board of this Consent Agreement and may be retained in the Board's files pertaining to this matter.
- 6. Respondent understands this Consent Agreement deals with Board case number P22-049 involving allegations that Respondent engaged in conduct that would subject him to discipline under the Board's statutes and rules. The investigation into these allegations against Respondent shall be concluded upon the Board's adoption of this Consent Agreement.
- 7. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of any other matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other pending or future investigation, action or proceeding.
- 8. Respondent also understands that acceptance of this Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision, or officer of this State from instituting any other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of this Consent Agreement.
- 9. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that, upon signing this Consent Agreement and returning this document to the Board's Executive Director, he may not revoke his acceptance of the Consent Agreement or make any modifications to the document regardless of whether the Consent Agreement has been signed on behalf of the Board. Any modification to this original document is ineffective and void unless mutually agreed by the parties in writing.
- 10. This Consent Agreement is subject to the approval of the Board and is effective only when accepted by the Board and signed on behalf of the Board. If the Board does not accept this Consent Agreement, the Board retains its authority to hold a

formal administrative hearing pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-128(E). In the event that the Board does not approve this Consent Agreement, it is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor introduced in any action by any party, except that the parties agree that should the Board reject this Consent Agreement and this case proceeds to hearing, Respondent shall assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this document or any records relating thereto.

- 11. If a court of competent jurisdiction rules that any part of this Consent Agreement is void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- 12. Respondent understands that any violation of this Consent Agreement may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of the registration under A.R.S. § 32-150.
- 13. Respondent agrees that the Board will adopt the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the profession of Land Surveying in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Respondent is not registered with the Board as a Land Surveyor, nor has she ever been.
- 3. On or about December 16, 2021, while investigating case P22-029, Board staff spoke with a Registered Land Surveyor ("Land Surveyor"). Land Surveyor indicated that he had an arrangement with Respondent, in which Respondent would prepare professional Land Surveying documents for him to review, and in multiple instances, affix his seal for a fee. Land Surveyor said his arrangement with Respondent spanned from approximately April of 2019 to September of 2019, and included five Land Surveying projects. Land Surveyor acknowledged that Respondent was not his bona fide employee, but was providing Land Surveying services to the public under his guidance. Land Surveyor said he applied his seal to a total of three professional documents prepared

by Respondent.

- 4. On or about December 17, 2021, Land Surveyor provided to Board staff copies of documents and email correspondence related to the five Land Surveying projects which stemmed from his arrangement with Respondent. The documents and email correspondence revealed the following:
 - a) On or about April 11, 2019, Respondent prepared an unsealed record of survey for a land surveying project in Nogales, Arizona.
 - b) On or about April 16, 2019, Land Surveyor signed and sealed an elevation certificate for a land surveying project in Patagonia, Arizona, which had been prepared by Respondent.
 - c) On or about April 16, 2019, Land Surveyor signed and sealed an elevation certificate for a separate land surveying project in Patagonia, Arizona, which had been prepared by Respondent.
 - d) On or about April 22, 1019, Respondent prepared an unsealed boundary and topographical survey for a land surveying project in Rio Rico, Arizona.
 - e) On or about July 1, 2019, Land Surveyor signed and sealed an elevation certificate for a land surveying project, which had been prepared by Respondent in Rio Rico, Arizona.
- 5. At its February 22, 2022 meeting, after reviewing information related to case P22-029, the Board directed staff to open a case against Respondent. It was alleged that during and before the year 2019, Respondent engaged in the practice of Land Surveying in Pima and Santa Cruz Counties, without registration with the Board. Board records show no indication that Respondent has ever been registered with the Board.
- 6. On or about April 8, 2022, Board staff spoke with Respondent about the allegations. Respondent declined to provide a response to the allegations at that time.
- 7. On or about September 16, 2022, Board staff spoke with Respondent. Respondent acknowledged that she had performed Land Surveying work for multiple

Land Surveying projects within Arizona during the year 2019. Respondent acknowledged that she is not, and has never been, registered as a Land Surveyor with the Board. Respondent indicated that her work was supervised and reviewed by Land Surveyor, but acknowledged that she was not Land Surveyor's bona fide employee. Respondent said she paid Land Surveyor to supervise and review her work.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101, et seq, including A.R.S. § 32-106.02(A).
- 2. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact, constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-106.02(A), A.R.S. § 32-121, and A.R.S. § 32-145(1) in that Respondent practiced or offered to practice a Board regulated profession without Board registration on five separate land survey projects.

<u>ORDER</u>

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board issues the following Order:

- 1. CIVIL PENALTY. Within Twelve (12) months from the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) by certified check or money order made payable to the State of Arizona Board of Technical Registration, according to the provisions of A.R.S. § 32-106.02(A).
- 2. COST OF INVESTIGATION. Within Sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay the cost of investigation of this case to the Board in the amount of Two Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$210.00) by certified check or money order made payable to the State of Arizona Board of Technical Registration, according to the provisions of A.R.S. § 32-128(H).
- 3. OBEY ALL LAWS. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, related to the practice of Land Surveying in the State of Arizona. The Board shall consider any violation of this paragraph to be a separate violation of the statutes governing the Arizona Board of Technical Registration.

- 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. The effective date of this Consent Agreement is the date the Respondent and Board sign the Consent Agreement. If the dates are different, the effective date is the later of the two dates.
- 5. COSTS OF COMPLIANCE. Respondent shall pay all costs associated with complying with this Consent Agreement.
- 6. NONCOMPLIANCE. If Respondent violates this Order in any way or fails to fulfill the requirements of this Order, the Board may seek a Petition for Injunction in accordance with the provisions set forth in A.R.S. § 32-106.01.

Jack Gilmore, L.A., Chairman Arizona State Board of Technical Registration

Consent Agreement and Order, No. P22-049 accepted this 19 day of December, 2022.

Monica Acuna Arizmendi, Respondent

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