## BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION

In the Matter of:	Case No.: P23-044
Juan Reyes Professional Engineer (Civil) Registration No. 52934	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, Juan Reyes ("Respondent"), holder of Registration No. 52934, 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 P23-044 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 practice of Professional Engineering in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Respondent is the holder of Arizona Professional Engineer (Civil) Registration No. 52934.
- 3. On November 18, 2022, a complaint was filed with the Board involving an allegation that Respondent coordinated the development of a topographic survey by a Non-Registrant, who later produced an illegitimate topographic survey document despite receiving \$1,400 from Alleger. The project was for the design of a new home in Pinal County, Arizona.
- 4. On December 27, 2022, Alleger specifically stated that Respondent was the only individual he communicated with regarding the completion of a topographic survey, despite Respondent being a Professional Engineer (Civil) and not a Registered Land Surveyor. Alleger identified Respondent as having given Alleger instructions on how to

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make an electronic payment to the Non-Registrant through the Non-Registrant firm's Zelle account.

- 5. On May 10, 2021, Respondent sent an email message to Alleger in which Respondent quoted a figure of \$2,900 for Alleger's topographic survey, prepared by a Non-Registrant.
- On May 10, 2021 and again on June 23, 2021, Alleger made two \$700 6. payments, totaling \$1,400, to the Non-Registrant. After payment was received, the Non-Registrant sent an email message on July 1, 2021 to Alleger that included an attachment of a topographic survey in Pinal County, AZ dated June 15, 2021 and included Alleger's name on the document.
- An Arizona Registered Land Surveyor/Professional Engineer (Civil) later reviewed the topographic survey document produced by the Non-Registrant for the Alleger and concluded that the document was illegitimate based on his experience as a Board registrant as a Registered Land Surveyor and Professional Engineer (Civil).
- On January 3, 2023, Respondent stated to Board staff that it was possible that Respondent did furnish the involved Non-Registrant's firm contact information (telephone number) to Alleger. Respondent also admitted to having contact with Non-Registrant's firm for unrelated matters involving other clients of Respondent, to include getting a proposal for land survey services of Non-Registrant's firm.
- On January 4, 2023, Respondent stated to Board staff that it was possible Respondent obtained Non-Registrant's firm information through a search and contacted Non-Registrant firm and obtained the topographic survey proposal amount that Respondent later conveyed to Alleger.
- 10. On January 4, 2023, Respondent forwarded an email message to Board staff, dated August 2, 2022, from the Non-Registrant to Respondent that established Respondent as being involved in facilitating and otherwise coordinating the completion of topographic surveys by a Non-Registrant acting as a Land Surveyor. The August 2, 2022 email message was subsequent to Alleger's project and unrelated. This established

one occasion. Respondent's conduct effectively allowed the Non-Registrant to evade the Board's Practice Act.

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## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Respondent as having engaged in Aiding and Abetting a Non-Registrant on more than

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The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101, et seq. 2. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for discipline

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pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-128(C)(3), in that Respondent effectively aided and abetted a Non-Registrant by facilitating and coordinating the completion of a topographic survey

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by a Non-Registrant.

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**ORDER** 

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

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LETTER OF REPRIMAND. Respondent is hereby issued a Letter of Reprimand.

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2. STAYED SUSPENSION AND PROBATION. Respondent's registration as a Professional Engineer, No. 52934, shall be suspended for six (6) months; however, the suspension is stayed for as long as Respondent remains in compliance with this Order. During the stay of suspension, Respondent's registration as a Professional Engineer is placed on probation for six (6) months. If Respondent is non-compliant with any terms of this Order during the six (6) months stayed suspension and probation period, the stay

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of the suspension shall be lifted and Respondent's registration as a Professional Engineer

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shall be automatically suspended without a formal hearing, and remain suspended until Respondent is compliant with all terms of this Order.

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3. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY. Within six (6) months from the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) by certified check or money order made payable to the State of Arizona Board of Technical Registration.

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4. COST OF INVESTIGATION. Within thirty (30) 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 Eight Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$818.00) 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).

- 5. OBEY ALL LAWS. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, as well as, all rules governing the practice of engineering in the State of Arizona. The Board shall consider any violation of this paragraph to be a separate violation of the rules and statues governing the Arizona Board of Technical Registration. The Board may also consider Respondent's non-compliance with this Order as a separate violation of A.R.S. § 32-150.
- 6. RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION. Respondent shall timely renew his Arizona registration as an Engineer, and timely pay all required registration fees.
- 7 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.
- 8. COSTS OF COMPLIANCE. Respondent shall pay all costs associated with complying with this Consent Agreement.
- 9. NONCOMPLIANCE. If Respondent violates this Order in any way or fails to fulfill the requirements of this Order, the Board, after giving notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke, suspend or take other disciplinary actions against the registration. The issue at such a hearing will be limited solely to whether this Order has been violated.

ACCEPTED and ORDERED this 23 day of May, 2023.

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