

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE**
2 **BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION**

3 **In the Matter of:**

Case No.: P22-068

4 **Paul Walter**
5 **Architect**
6 **Registration No. 60573**

CONSENT AGREEMENT
and
ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

7 **Paul R. Walter, Architect, PLLC.**
8 **Firm Registration No. 19612**

9 **Respondent**

10 In the interest of a prompt and judicious resolution of the above-captioned matter
11 before the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration (“Board”) and consistent with
12 the public interest, statutory requirements, and the responsibilities of the Board, and
13 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101 et seq., and A.A.C. R4-30-120(G), the undersigned party,
14 Paul Walter (“Respondent”), holder of Registration No. 60573, and Paul R. Walter,
15 Architect, PLLC. (“Respondent Firm”), holder of Registration No. 19612 and the Board
16 enter into the following Recitals, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order
17 (“Consent Agreement”) as a final disposition of this matter.

18 **RECITALS**

19 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and has had
20 the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney, or has waived the
21 opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney.

22 2. Respondent understands that he has a right to a public administrative hearing
23 concerning this case. He further acknowledges that at such formal hearing he could
24 present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. By entering into this Consent Agreement,
25 Respondent knowingly, voluntarily, and irrevocably waives his right to such an
26 administrative hearing, as well as rights of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal,
27 judicial review or any other administrative and/or judicial action concerning the matters
28 set forth herein.

1 3. Respondent affirmatively agrees that this Consent Agreement shall be
2 irrevocable.

3 4. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement or any part of the
4 agreement may be considered in any future disciplinary action by the Board against him.

5 5. The Consent Agreement, any record prepared in this matter, all investigative
6 materials prepared or received by the Board and all related exhibits and materials, are
7 public records upon acceptance by the Board of this Consent Agreement and may be
8 retained in the Board's files pertaining to this matter.

9 6. Respondent understands this Consent Agreement deals with Board case
10 number P22-068 involving allegations that Respondent engaged in conduct that would
11 subject him to discipline under the Board's statutes and rules. The investigation into
12 these allegations against Respondent shall be concluded upon the Board's adoption of
13 this Consent Agreement.

14 7. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement does not constitute a
15 dismissal or resolution of any other matters currently pending before the Board, if any,
16 and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority
17 or jurisdiction regarding any other pending or future investigation, action or proceeding.

18 8. Respondent also understands that acceptance of this Consent Agreement does
19 not preclude any other agency, subdivision, or officer of this State from instituting any
20 other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of this
21 Consent Agreement.

22 9. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that, upon signing this Consent
23 Agreement and returning this document to the Board's Executive Director, he may not
24 revoke his acceptance of the Consent Agreement or make any modifications to the
25 document regardless of whether the Consent Agreement has been signed on behalf of the
26 Board. Any modification to this original document is ineffective and void unless
27 mutually agreed by the parties in writing.

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1 professional seal that was sent to Alleger. The letter acknowledged the responsibility of
2 the remodel project and specifically requested “*files of all drawings and related details*”
3 previously prepared by Alleger.

4 6. On March 29, 2022, Respondent applied his professional seal and signature
5 on general structural notes prepared by Alleger and not himself. The professional
6 documents were later submitted to Yavapai County Development Services.

7 7. On March 29, 2022, Respondent submitted professional documents to
8 Yavapai County Development Services that included general structural notes and design
9 drawings for the project, which identified Respondent as the individual that drew the
10 exhibits of A101-A104, despite the fact that Alleger actually drew the exhibits.

11 8. On May 27, 2022, Respondent in his written response to the complaint,
12 admitted to “*inadvertently*” missing the renewal date of Firm Registration and also
13 having “*resubmitted drawings and calculations previously completed by*” Alleger with
14 Respondent’s Professional seal and signature.

15 9. Board records confirmed Respondent Firm’s registration was expired on
16 February 15, 2022, prior to Respondent’s preparation and sealing of professional
17 documents on behalf of Respondent Firm on March 29, 2022.

18 10. On August 18, 2022, a Yavapai County official confirmed Respondent
19 submitted signed and sealed professional documents largely prepared by Alleger rather
20 than entirely by Respondent.

21 11. On August 24, 2022, Respondent specifically admitted to signing and sealing
22 documents not prepared by himself as well as specifically identifying himself as having
23 completed the related drawings knowing that was untrue, but emphasized doing so
24 “*mistakenly.*”

25 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

26 1. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101, et seq.

27 2. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for discipline
28 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-128(C)(4) as it relates to A.A.C. R4-30-301(16), in that

1 Respondent signed and sealed professional documents not prepared by himself or his
2 bona fide employee.

3 3. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for discipline
4 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-128(C)(4) as it relates to A.A.C. R4-30-301(2), in that
5 Respondent misrepresented himself, when he identified himself as preparing Professional
6 Documents that were in fact prepared by Alleger.

7 4. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for discipline
8 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-121, A.R.S. § 32-141 and A.R.S. § 32-128(C)(4) as it relates to
9 A.A.C. R4-30-301(4), in that Respondent Firm practiced a Board regulated profession
10 without firm registration.

11 **ORDER**

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

14 1. **LETTER OF REPRIMAND.** Respondent is hereby issued a Letter of
15 Reprimand.

16 2. **STAYED SUSPENSION AND PROBATION.** Respondent's registration as
17 Architect, No. 60573, shall be suspended for (6) six months; however, the suspension is
18 stayed for as long as Respondent remains in compliance with this Order. During the stay
19 of suspension, Respondent's registration as an Architect is placed on probation for (6) six
20 months. If Respondent is non-compliant with any terms of this Order during the (6) six
21 months stayed suspension and probation period, the stay of the suspension shall be lifted
22 and Respondent's registration as an Architect shall be automatically suspended without a
23 formal hearing, and remain suspended until Respondent is compliant with all terms of
24 this Order.

25 3. **ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY.** Within six (6) months from the effective
26 date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty of Three
27 Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3,250.00) by certified check or money order
28 made payable to the State of Arizona Board of Technical Registration.

1 4. **COST OF INVESTIGATION.** Within thirty (30) days from the effective date
2 of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay the cost of investigation of this case to
3 the Board in the amount of Three Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$397.00) by certified
4 check or money order made payable to the State of Arizona Board of Technical
5 Registration, according to the provisions of A.R.S. § 32-128(H).

6 5. **OBEY ALL LAWS.** Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws,
7 as well as, all rules governing the practice of Architecture in the State of Arizona. The
8 Board shall consider any violation of this paragraph to be a separate violation of the rules
9 and statues governing the Arizona Board of Technical Registration. The Board may also
10 consider Respondent's non-compliance with this Order as a separate violation of A.R.S. §
11 32-150.

12 6. **RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION.** Respondent and Respondent Firm shall
13 timely renew their Arizona registration as an Architect and an Architectural Firm, and
14 timely pay all required registration fees.

15 7. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The effective date of this Consent Agreement is the
16 date the Respondent and Board sign the Consent Agreement. If the dates are different, the
17 effective date is the later of the two dates.

18 8. **COSTS OF COMPLIANCE.** Respondent shall pay all costs associated with
19 complying with this Consent Agreement.

20 9. **NONCOMPLIANCE.** If Respondent violates this Order in any way or fails
21 to fulfill the requirements of this Order, the Board, after giving notice and the opportunity
22 to be heard, may revoke, suspend or take other disciplinary actions against the
23 registration. The issue at such a hearing will be limited solely to whether this Order has
24 been violated.

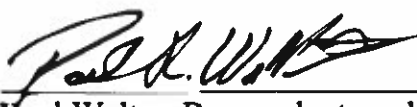
25 ACCEPTED and ORDERED this 27 day of September, 2022.

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

Technical Registration

Consent Agreement and Order, No. P22-068 accepted this 25th day of AUGUST, 2022.



Paul Walter, Respondent, on behalf of
himself and on behalf of Paul R.
Walter, Architect, PLLC, Respondents

ORIGINAL filed this 28 day of September, 2022, with:

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