

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

3 **In the Matter of:**)
4 **Christopher Stevens**)
5 **Professional Engineer (Civil)**)
6 **Registration No. 15615**)
7 **Respondent**)

Case No.: P23-003
CONSENT AGREEMENT
and
ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

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9 In the interest of a prompt and judicious resolution of the above-captioned matter
10 before the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration (“Board”) and consistent with
11 the public interest, statutory requirements, and the responsibilities of the Board, and
12 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101 et seq., and A.A.C. R4-30-120(G), the undersigned party,
13 Christopher Stevens (“Respondent”), holder of Registration No. 15615, and the Board
14 enter into the following Recitals, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order
15 (“Consent Agreement”) as a final disposition of this matter.

16 **RECITALS**

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

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

27 3. Respondent affirmatively agrees that this Consent Agreement shall be
28 irrevocable.

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

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

7 6. Respondent understands this Consent Agreement deals with Board case
8 number P23-003 involving allegations that Respondent engaged in conduct that would
9 subject him to discipline under the Board's statutes and rules. The investigation into
10 these allegations against Respondent shall be concluded upon the Board's adoption of
11 this Consent Agreement.

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

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

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

26 10. This Consent Agreement is subject to the approval of the Board and is
27 effective only when accepted by the Board and signed on behalf of the Board. If the
28 Board does not accept this Consent Agreement, the Board retains its authority to hold a

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

7 11. If a court of competent jurisdiction rules that any part of this Consent
8 Agreement is void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement
9 shall remain in full force and effect.

10 12. Respondent understands that any violation of this Consent Agreement may
11 result in disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of the registration under
12 A.R.S. § 32-150.

13 13. Respondent agrees that the Board will adopt the following Findings of Fact,
14 Conclusions of Law and Order.

15 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

16 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of
17 the practice of Professional Engineering in the State of Arizona.

18 2. Respondent is the holder of Arizona Professional Engineer (Civil)
19 Registration No. 15615.

20 3. On or about May 13, 2022, Respondent entered into a contract with his client
21 to provide Professional Engineering services for a project in Arizona.

22 4. On June 30, 2022, Respondent's registration with the Board expired and was
23 placed in a "Delinquent" status due to Respondent not renewing his registration with the
24 Board.

25 5. On or about July 13, 2022, the Board received a complaint, which included
26 an allegation that Respondent was providing Professional Engineering services while
27 Respondent's registration was in a "Delinquent" status.

28 6. On or about July 25, 2022, Respondent agreed to provide his client with a

1 full refund, effectively terminating his contract to provide Professional Engineering
2 services for the project in Arizona.

3 7. On August 1, 2022, Respondent's registration with the Board was renewed
4 and returned to an "Active" status.

5 8. Respondent's registration with the Board was in a "Delinquent" status from
6 June 30, 2022, to August 1, 2022. Respondent's registration with the Board was in a
7 "Delinquent" status while Respondent was under contract with his client to provide
8 Professional Engineering services for a project in Arizona.

9 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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

11 2. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for discipline
12 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-127(D), in that Respondent engaged in, or offered to engage in,
13 the practice of a Board regulated profession while his registration was in a delinquent
14 status.

15 **ORDER**

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

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

20 2. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY. Within Sixty (60) days from the
21 effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty
22 of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) by certified check or money order made
23 payable to the State of Arizona Board of Technical Registration.

24 3. COST OF INVESTIGATION. Within Thirty (30) days from the effective
25 date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay the cost of investigation of this
26 case to the Board in the amount of Seventy Three Dollars (\$73.00) by certified check or
27 money order made payable to the State of Arizona Board of Technical Registration,
28 according to the provisions of A.R.S. § 32-128(H).

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

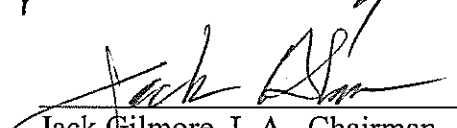
7 5. RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION. Respondent shall timely renew his
8 Arizona registration as a Professional Engineer, and timely pay all required registration
9 fees.

10 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. The effective date of this Consent Agreement is the
11 date the Respondent and Board sign the Consent Agreement. If the dates are different, the
12 effective date is the later of the two dates.

13 7. COSTS OF COMPLIANCE. Respondent shall pay all costs associated
14 with complying with this Consent Agreement.

15 8. NONCOMPLIANCE. If Respondent violates this Order in any way or fails
16 to fulfill the requirements of this Order, the Board, after giving notice and the opportunity
17 to be heard, may revoke, suspend or take other disciplinary actions against the
18 registration. The issue at such a hearing will be limited solely to whether this Order has
19 been violated.

20 ACCEPTED and ORDERED this 2nd day of JANUARY, 2022³.

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

26 Consent Agreement and Order, No. P23-003 accepted this 7th day of
27 December, 2022.

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Christopher Stevens, Respondent

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ORIGINAL filed this 25 day of

January, 2023, with:

Arizona State Board of Technical Registration
1110 W. Washington, Suite 240
Phoenix, AZ 85007

COPY of the foregoing mailed via Certified Mail

No. 9214 8901 9434 4600 0909 00 and

First Class mail this 25 day of January, 2023, to:

Christopher Stevens
PO Box 32536
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By: Daniel Carthal
