BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE

BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION

In the Matter of:

David Schwinghamer Non-Registrant

3DD/Third Dimension Design, LLC Non-Registered Firm

Respondents

Case No. P20-039

CONSENT AGREEMENT and ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

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 <u>et seq.</u>, and A.A.C. R4-30-120(G), the undersigned party, David Schwinghamer, Non-Registrant, ("Respondent"), 3DD/Third Dimension Design, LLC, Non-Registrant Firm ("Respondent Firm") 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.

Respondent affirmatively agrees that this Consent Agreement shall be irrevocable.
Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement or any part of the agreement

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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 (as defined in A.R.S. § 41-158.18) 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 P20-039 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.

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

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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.

Respondent is not registered with the Board as a Professional Engineer.

Respondent Firm is not registered with the Board.

4 At its February 25, 2020 meeting, the Board directed staff to open a complaint against Respondent and Respondent Firm alleging that Respondent engaged in the practice of engineering on a Commercial TI Project at 1044 N. Cave Creek Road in Phoenix, Arizona, without registration with the Board. It was further alleged that on or about May 7, 2019, Respondent applied the seal and signature of registrant Steven Seitz, P.E. (Civil) #33562 on engineering plans for the Commercial TI project.

5. It is also alleged that Respondent and Respondent Firm engaged in the practice of engineering without firm registration with the Board and advertised the practice of engineering on a website. Board records show no indication that either Respondent or Respondent Firm has ever been registered by the Board.

 On September 29, 2020, an Enforcement Advisory Committee ("EAC") convened to review the complaint against Respondent. After reviewing the evidence and interviewing Respondent, the Committee found the following:

a. The Committee agreed that this project did not fall under any exemptions for non-registrant projects.

b. Respondent practiced engineering in the way he consulted, coordinated, evaluated, planned, and in some of the designs. In addition, Respondent made collection efforts with the client for the project.

c. Respondent acknowledged that he acted as the projected lead for this commercial project.

d. The Committee agreed that Respondent's references to landscape architecture and architecture on Respondent Firm's website do not include that he is hiring professionals to complete a registered professional's job; therefore, is advertising landscape architecture and architecture. Respondent Firm's website makes no indication to the public that Respondent provides drafting services, and is misleading to the general public.

e. The Committee agreed that it is clear that Respondent used Mr. Seitz's seal and Respondent's use of Mr. Seitz's seal was inappropriate.

f. The Committee agreed that Respondent displayed Respondent Firm's name in the title block of professional documents without Board registration. The Committee explained that this represents to the client either directly or indirectly that Respondent and Respondent Firm are able to provide these professional services, which Respondent and Respondent Firm are not qualified to provide.

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) and A.R.S. § 32-145(1), in that Respondent practiced or offered to practice a Board regulated profession without Board registration.

3. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. 32-121 and A.R.S. § 32-141, in that Respondent and Respondent Firm practiced or offered to practice a Board regulated profession without firm registration.

4. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-145(2), in that Respondent advertised or displayed a device to indicate he is qualified to practice a Board regulated profession without Board registration.

5. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-145(4), in that Respondent used the registration of another.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

 CIVIL PENALTY. Within Twelve (12) Months from the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00).
Respondent shall make quarterly payments of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be submitted to the Board by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Arizona State 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 Five Hundred Two Dollars (\$502.00) 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 Engineering 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

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1	fulfill the requirements of this Order, the Board may seek a Petition for Injunction in accordance
2	with the provisions set forth in A.R.S. § 32-106.01.
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4	ACCEPTED and ORDERED this 8th day of December , 2020.
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7	Jason E. Foose, R.L.S., Chairman Arizona State Board of
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10	Consent Agreement and Order, No. P20-039 accepted this 23 day of OCTOBER 2020.
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13	David Schwinghamer on behalf of himself
14	and on behalf of 3DDD/Third Dimension Design, LLC, Respondents
15	ORIGINAL filed this 8th day of
16	December, 2020, with:
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22	No. <u>7214890194344600016010</u> and First Class mail this <u>10</u> day of <u>December</u> , 2020, to:
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