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BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE

BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION

In the Matter of:

Bruce Heyse Registered Land Surveyor R.L.S. No. 23949

Respondent

Case No. P18-033

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 et seq., and A.A.C. R4-30-120(G), the undersigned party, Bruce Heyes, ("Respondent"), holder of Arizona Registered Land Surveyor No. 23949, 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 (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 P18-033, 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 Land Surveying the State of Arizona.
 - 2. Respondent is the holder of Registered Land Surveyor No. 23949.
- 3. On or about June 3, 2016, Respondent completed a Boundary and Topographic Survey of the property for a three-acre parcel located north of 211-53-004D at 35116 N. 3rd St. in Phoenix, AZ.
- On September 27, 2017, Respondent recorded in Maricopa County Recorder's
 Office, Boundary and Topographic Survey of the property for a three-acre parcel located north of
 211-53-004D, Book 1344, Page 24.
- 5. On March 27, 2018, the Board received a complaint alleging Respondent conducted a land boundary survey and produced a Record of Survey that is inaccurate and fails to include information related to the long term established boundaries of the property for a three-acre parcel located north of 211-53-004D at 35116 N. 3rd St. in Phoenix, AZ. It is further alleged that Respondent failed to record a survey with the Maricopa County Recorder's Office within ninety days of its completion date.

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- 6. On April 16, 2019, the Boards Enforcement Advisory Committee ("EAC") convened to review the complaints against Respondent. After a review of the evidence and interviewing Alleger and Respondents and Respondents admissions of fault during the interview, the committee determined the following:
 - A. Respondent failed to conduct a land survey in accordance with the Arizona Boundary Survey Minimum Standards ("ABSMS") on the following (6) items:
 - Respondent failed to set a Witness Corner Monument or Reference Markers for the Southwest corner of the property he surveyed in possible violation of ABSMS #10,
 - Respondent rejected a found monument and several fence corners with no explanation as to why they were rejected in possible violation of ABSMS #8(A),
 - 3) Respondent failed to obtain, examine and list recorded documents necessary to perform the survey in possible violation of ABSMS #2 and #11(E),
 - 4) Respondent accepted monuments that were unidentified by recorded or physical evidence and failed to perpetuate those monuments with Respondent's registration number in possible violation of ABSMS #8(B),
 - 5) Respondent's survey revealed unrecorded monuments, monuments inadequately described by recorded documents and Respondent set new monuments without recording his survey as specified in A.R.S. 33-105 in possible violation of ABSMS #13,
 - 6) Respondent failed to document the methods used to recover physical evidence identifying boundaries and conflicts in possible violation of ABSMS #4.
- B. Respondent failed to apply the same technical knowledge and skill that would be applied by other qualified registrants who practice the same profession in the same area and at the same time. The Committee was concerned that Respondents lack of research, and rush to complete his survey based solely on a single Quit Claim Deed would cause acute issues for the public or any future Land Surveyors attempting to piece together the Respondent's thoughts on the date of his survey.

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C Respondent failed to file a record of land survey within ninety days of its completion date (June 3, 2016), due to Respondent response to Board Staff, and Respondents admission during the Committee's interview, that he only recorded the survey of the three-acre parcel located north of 211-53-004D at 35116 N. 3rd St. in Phoenix, AZ, with the Maricopa County Recorder's Office (September 27, 2017), as a reaction to the Boards complaint.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. 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 pursuant to A.R.S. 32-128(C)(4) as it relates to A.A.C. R4-30-301(13), in that Respondent, failed to conduct a land boundary survey in accordance with the Arizona Boundary Survey Minimum Standards.
- 3. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. 32-128(C)(4) as it relates to A.A.C. R4-30-301(6), in that Respondent, failed to apply the appropriate technical knowledge and skill in the practice of a Board-regulated profession.
- 4. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to A.R.S. 33-105(A) and A.R.S. 32-128(C)(4) as it relates to A.A.C. R4-30-301(4), in that Respondent, failed to file a record of a land survey not later than ninety days after its completion with the county recorder of the county where the land is located if such survey establishes points or lines relating to land boundaries or property lines.

ORDER

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

- 1. LETTER OF REPRIMAND. Respondent is hereby issued a Letter of Reprimand.
- 2. STAYED SUSPENSION AND PROBATION. Respondent's registration as a Registered Land Surveyor, No.23949, shall be suspended for twelve (12) 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 Registered Land Surveyor is placed on probation for twelve (12) months. If Respondent is non-compliant with any terms of this Order

during the twelve (12) months stayed suspension and probation period, the stay of the suspension shall be lifted and Respondent's registration as a Professional Land Surveyor shall be automatically suspended without a formal hearing, and remain suspended until Respondent is compliant with all terms of this Order.

- 3. CORRECTED SURVEY. Within Ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall provide proof to the Board that Respondent has prepared and recorded a corrected survey for the three-acre parcel located north of 21-23-004D at 35116 N. 3rd St. in Phoenix, AZ, that addresses the areas found by the Board not to be incompliance with the Arizona Boundary Survey Minimum Standards as specified in paragraph 6.A.1-6 of the Findings of Fact of this Consent Agreement.
- 4. REMEDIAL TRAINING. Within Ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall provide proof to the Board that he has successfully completed a minimum of eight (8) hours of Board approved remedial training in Boundary and Case Law.
- Agreement, Respondent shall submit his next two Land Boundary Survey projects for peer review. Respondent may select his peer reviewers; however, Respondent's selection shall be a member of the Board's Enforcement Advisory Committee for Registered Land Surveyors and shall be retained by the Respondent at his own expense. Respondent shall ensure that the selected peer reviewer(s) provides written reports to the Board on each project, detailing Respondent's compliance with Board rules and statues. The peer review reports shall list any observed deficiencies in Respondent's practice as a Land Surveyor, and document the appropriate corrections. Respondent shall not give final approval on any of the peer-reviewed projects to a client, contractor, any regulatory or review body, until Respondent's work has been reviewed and approved by the peer reviewer.
- 6. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY. Within Twelve (12) months from the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), by certified check or money order made payable to the State of

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Arizona Board of Technical Registration. The Respondent shall make Four (4) quarterly Payments of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), with the first payment to be submitted on the first of the month following the Board's acceptance of the agreement.

- 7. Within Six (6) months 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 Eighty Dollars (\$580.00), 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).
- 8. OBEY ALL LAWS. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, as well as, all rules governing 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 rules and statutes 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.
- 9. RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION. Respondent shall timely renew his Arizona registration as a Land Surveyor and timely pay all required registration fees.
- 10. 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.
- 11. COSTS OF COMPLIANCE. Respondent shall pay all costs associated with complying with this Consent Agreement.
- 12. 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 1st day of July , 2019.

Jason E. Foose, R.L.S., Chairman

Arizona State Board of Technical Registration

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5	Bruce Heyse, R.L.S. 23949, Respondent
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