# BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE

# BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION

In the Matter of:

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Edgar Reynolds Land Surveyor Registration No. 31031 Case No. P19-038

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, Edgar Reynolds, ("Respondent"), holder of Registration No. 31031, 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.

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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 P19-038 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.

Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement or any part of the 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.
- 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

- c. Cost of Investigation in the amount of \$250.00
- 6. On or about August 3, 2010, Respondent complied with the Consent Agreement and Order of Discipline for Case M09-087.
- 7. On or about August 18, 2014, Respondent performed a land survey for Lot 67 of TRES LOMAS in Pima County, Arizona.
- 8. On or about January 24, 2019, the Board received a complaint alleging that Respondent failed to show controlling monuments, failed to record his Results of Survey after setting new monuments and after accepting unrecorded monuments on his survey, and that Respondent failed to include the basis of bearings, statement of direct supervision, a legend/table, a list of pertinent documents used, and curve data on his Results of Survey for Lot 67 of TRES LOMAS in Pima County, Arizona.
- 9. On or about June 10, 2019, an Enforcement Advisory Committee ("EAC") convened to review the complaint against Respondent. After reviewing the evidence and interviewing Alleger and Respondent, the Committee determined the following:
  - a. Respondent failed to conduct a land survey in accordance with the Arizona
     Boundary Survey Minimum Standards ("ABSMS") as follows:
    - The survey did not identify record and/or measured bearing and distance between the found monuments as required in ABSMS #5,
    - ii. Respondent, when noting and accepting found property corners, did not indicate that there was any record and physical evidence identifying it creator. As such, Respondent should have affixed his registration license number to the existing monuments as required in ABSMS #8(B),
    - iii. Sufficient ties to controlling monuments to allow the survey to be retraced were not shown and the basis of bearing was not identified. There was no surveyor's statement of direct supervision and there was no legend identifying and explaining the symbology and abbreviations as required in ABSMS #11(A), (C), and (D),
    - iv. All curve data was missing from the survey as required in ABSMS #12(B),

- v. The survey was not recorded as required in ABSMS #13(A) and (C),
- vi. Any difference as measured between the land boundary or property corner monuments, where the new measured distance, as compared to a previously determined ("record") distance, where such difference exceeds +/- 0.25 feet, plus 100 parts per million (PPM), of the overall distance between the points as required in ABSMS #13(E).

### **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 survey in accordance with the Arizona Boundary Survey Minimum Standards.

### <u>ORDER</u>

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. 31031, 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 Registered Land Surveyor 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 of the suspension shall be lifted and Respondent's registration as a Registered Land Surveyor shall be automatically suspended without a formal hearing, and remain suspended until Respondent is compliant with all terms of this Order.
- 3. PEER REVIEW. Respondent shall submit his next Four (4) Land Boundary Survey projects for peer review. Respondent shall furnish to the Board, the name of an Arizona registered Land Surveyor ("Peer Reviewer") who agrees to review and report on Respondent's work. The proposed Peer Reviewer shall have at least five years of actual engagement as a Land Surveyor,

shall be registered and in good standing with the Board and shall not have received any disciplinary action from the Board within the last three years. Respondent shall submit to the Board a current resume detailing the qualifications of the proposed Peer Reviewer, and an Affidavit and Agreement to conduct Peer Review signed by the proposed Peer Reviewer. Upon approval by the Board of the Peer Reviewer, Respondent shall ensure that the Peer Reviewer provides a written report to the Board after each peer reviewed project describing any deficiencies in Respondent's practice, and certifying that the peer reviewed project provided to the client by the Respondent is in compliance with the Board's rules and statutes. Respondent shall not give final approval on any projects to a client, contractor, any regulatory, or review body or any other person until the project has been reviewed and approved by the Peer Reviewer. Respondent shall retain the Peer Reviewer at his own expense.

- 4. REMEDIAL TRAINING. Within Thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall provide proof to the Board that he has successfully completed a minimum of two (2) hours of Boundary Survey training that is Board approved.
- 5. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY. Within Six (6) months from the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) by certified check or money order made payable to the State of Arizona Board of Technical Registration.
- 6. COST OF INVESTIGATION. 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 Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) 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).
- 7. OBEY ALL LAWS. During the probationary period, 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

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