BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION

In the Matter of:

Home Inspector
Registration No. 61953
Issued to: ALLEN BLAKER

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), Allen Blaker ("Respondent") 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. The Board has not conducted a hearing or made a determination on the merits contained herein. Instead, the Board and Respondent have agreed to a full and final settlement of this matter, as reflected in this Consent Agreement.
2. Pursuant to Arizona's Public Records Law, A.R.S. §§ 39-101, et seq., upon execution by the parties, the Consent Agreement shall constitute a public record that may be disseminated as a formal action of the Board.
3. Upon signing this Consent Agreement and returning an original or copy of this document to the Board staff or counsel, Respondent agrees and acknowledges they may not revoke acceptance of the Consent Agreement or make 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.
4. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and has had the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney, or have waived the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney.
5. Respondent understands that they have a right to a public administrative hearing concerning this case, and that at such formal hearing could present evidence and crossexamine witnesses. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Respondent knowingly, voluntarily, and irrevocably waives the 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.
6. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement or any part of the agreement may be considered in any future disciplinary action by the Board.
7. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that the acceptance of this Consent Agreement is to settle Board case nos. HI22-011 and HI22-019. This settlement will solely settle this case, and does not preclude the Board from instituting any other proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future. Furthermore, and notwithstanding any language in this Consent Agreement, this Consent Agreement does not preclude in any way any other state agency or officer or political subdivision of this state from instituting proceedings, investigating claims, or taking legal action as may be appropriate now or in the future relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent, including but not limited to violations of Arizona's Consumer Fraud Act. Respondent acknowledges that, other than with respect to the Board, this Consent Agreement makes no representations, implied or otherwise, about the views or intended
actions of any other state agency or officer or political subdivision of the state relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent.
8. 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. 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.
9. 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.
10. This Consent Agreement is based upon the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is the state agency authorized pursuant to A.R.S. §32-101, et seq, to regulate the profession of home inspection in the State of Arizona.
2. Respondent is the holder of Arizona Certified Home Inspector Registration No. 61953 and has engaged in providing fee-paid parallel inspection services to the public.
3. On or about November 4, 2021, Respondent and Jeff Willer ("Willer") entered into a contract for Respondent to provide Willer with thirty parallel inspections. Willer paid Respondent $\$ 1,600.00$ towards satisfaction of the contract.
4. On or about November 5, 2021, Respondent and D.J. Tarbill ("Tarbill") entered into a contract for Respondent to provide Tarbill with thirty parallel inspections. Tarbill paid Respondent $\$ 3,200.00$ towards satisfaction of the contract.
5. On or about November 6, 2021, Respondent performed a parallel inspection of Property "A" with Willer.
6. On or about November 8, 2021, Willer provided Respondent with a parallel inspection report of Property "A" for Respondent to review, analyze, correct, and return. Respondent did not return an evaluated report to Willer.
7. On or about November 8, 2021, Respondent performed a parallel inspection of Property "B" with Willer.
8. On or about November 11, 2021, Willer provided Respondent with a parallel inspection report of Property "B" for Respondent to review, analyze, correct, and return. Respondent did not return an evaluated report to Willer.
9. On or about November 24, 2021, Board staff received a complaint from Tarbill raising several allegations, including that Respondent failed to provide the thirty parallel inspections as contracted.
10. On or about January 24,2022 , Board staff received a complaint from Willer raising several allegations, including that Respondent failed to provide feedback through review and return of the parallel inspection reports for Property " $A$ " and Property " $B$ ". 11. Following investigation, on June 28, 2022, the Board voted to proceed to a hearing at the Office of Administrative Hearings for allegations including a violation of A.A.C R4-30-102(1) "Parallel Inspection", which reads in part "[t]he applicant shall produce a written report for each Parallel Inspection, which the supervising certified home inspector, serving as the Parallel Inspector, shall review, analyze, correct, and return to the applicant within 10 calendar days after receiving the written report."

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

12. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101, et seq.
13. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact constitutes two grounds for discipline with regards to Respondent's failure to timely review and return the parallel inspection reports for Property "A" and Property "B" as required pursuant to A.R.S. 32-128(C)(4) ("[v]iolation of this chapter or board rules") as relates to A.A.C. R4-30-102(1) ("[t]he applicant shall produce a written report for each Parallel Inspection, which the supervising certified home inspector, serving as the Parallel Inspector, shall review, analyze, correct, and return to the applicant within 10 calendar days after receiving the written report")

## ORDER

Based upon the aforementioned Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board hereby issues the following Order:

## PROBATION

1. As of the effective date of this Order, Arizona Certified Home Inspector Registration No. 61953, issued to Respondent, shall be placed on probation

## AUTOMATIC TERMINATION OF PROBATION

2. The probation imposed under this Order shall terminate automatically upon provision by Respondent to Board staff of evidence of completion of payment of all restitution required under this Order.

## RESTITUTION

3. Within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall provide evidence to Board staff of making restitution to Willer and Tarbill in the following amounts:
a. Willer: $\$ 1,600.00$;
b. Tarbill: $\$ 3,200.00$.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

4. This Order is effective upon the acceptance by the parties of the Consent

Agreement as evidenced by the respective signatures. The effective date of this Order is the date the Consent Agreement is signed by the parties. If the Agreement is signed by different parties on different dates, the later date shall be the effective date. The parties may execute the Agreement in counterparts, and the parties understand and agree that copies, including facsimile or e-mail signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as originals.

## NON-COMPLIANCE

5. The failure of Respondent to complete or comply with any of the requirements or provisions of this Order, including the General Provisions, shall be deemed a violation of this Order. Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 32.106.01, .02, the Board may combine an action to enforce an order issued under A.R.S § 32.106.02 with a Petition for Injunction.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

6. Respondent is responsible for all costs associated with complying with this Order.
7. Respondent is solely responsible for ensuring they understand and comply with all the terms and conditions of this Order.
8. Except as otherwise specified in this Order, each party agrees to pay its own attorney's and expert's fees and costs.

Dated this 2Zday of Ce4/e. 2023.


Consent Agreement and Order, Board Case Nos. HI22-011; HI22-019 accepted $f 1 \mathrm{C}$ , 2023.


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