BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

In the Matter of Sonny Low, PE 11057 Case #2020-04 RECEIVED

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CONSENT ORDER

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The Arkansas State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Professional Surveyors ("Board") and Sonny Low, PE 11057 ("Respondent") acknowledge the existence of controversy regarding whether Respondent has violated the Board's statutes and/or rules. The parties desire to avoid the uncertainties and costs of disputed and protracted administrative adjudication and litigation and enter into a Consent Order to resolve the pending controversy.

Respondent hereby represents and agrees:

- A. Respondent, having read the proposed Consent Order, acknowledges that he has the right to consult with counsel and approves this Consent Order on his own volition and without any reliance upon any representations by the Board or any officer, employee, agent or other representative thereof, other than as expressly set forth herein.
- B. Upon entry of this Consent Order, Respondent hereby waives any further procedural steps including, without limitation, the right to a hearing and all rights to seek judicial review or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Consent Order.
- C. Respondent acknowledges that this agreement is subject to approval by the Board.

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- D. Furthermore, Respondent agrees that should this Consent Order not be approved by the Board, the presentation and consideration of this Consent Order by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members or Respondent from further participation, consideration, or resolution of the matters involved herein at any subsequent hearing.
- E. Respondent and the Board expressly acknowledge that this is an attempt to settle and resolve disputed claims and, should the Board decline to approve the Consent Order, neither Respondent nor the Board will have been deemed to waive any and all claims, rights or causes of action that either may have.
- F. Respondent understands and agrees that approval and entry of this

 Consent Order shall not preclude additional proceedings by the Board

 against Respondent for acts or omissions not specifically addressed herein.
- G. Respondent understands and acknowledges that this Consent Order and the Board's records concerning this matter are public records and available to the public pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 25-19-101, et seq.
- H. This agreement shall not become a valid and enforceable order of this Board unless and until accepted and approved by the Board at an official meeting and executed by the Board's President or the President's designee.

FINDINGS OF FACT

 On June 14, 2002, Respondent was issued a Professional Engineer's license and has been actively licensed to date.

- 2. On December 11, 2019 Respondent Low renewed his Professional Engineer license. He reported that he had met the required minimum 30 (thirty) hours of professional development for the renewal cycle.
- 3. On July 24, 2020 Respondent Low's license was selected for an audit of Professional Development Hours. Low claimed that due to changing employers he could not locate his records from the requested renewal period. Low was unable to provide documentation to verify his reported hours.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. Respondent's actions as described in Findings of Fact paragraphs 2 and 3 constitute a violation of Article 14(A)(1) of the Rules of the Board as well as a violation of Arkansas Code Annotated § 17-30-305(a)(1)(A).

ORDER

For the violation described above, the Respondent's Professional License is voluntarily surrendered, from the date signed by the Board President.

6-15-2021

gstrom, III, President

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Professional Surveyors

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Sonny Low, Respondent