BEFORE THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	GEORGIA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS BOARD
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DONALD DEAL	*	DOCKET NO. _____
License Number PE040727,	*	JUL 0 8 2025
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Respondent.	*	DOCKET NO. 2025-0001

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors ("Board") and DONALD DEAL ("Respondent"), the following disposition of this matter is entered pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13(a)(4), as amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent was licensed, by comity, to practice as a professional engineering firm in the State of Georgia from February 22, 2016 through December 31, 2020.

2.

Respondent submitted an application for reinstatement on March 11, 2025. As part of his application, Respondent disclosed that the Missouri Board of Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors, and Professional Landscape Architects ("Missouri Board") disciplined Respondent.

3.

The factual basis underlying the discipline relates to Respondent's application of his seal and signature to plans which required the services of an architect rather than a professional engineer.

4.

The Missouri Board and Respondent entered a settlement agreement that placed Respondents licensure status on probation for three (3) years. The agreement was finalized on October 5, 2022.

5.

Respondent admits the above findings of fact and waives any further findings of fact with respect to the above-styled matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct and the above Findings of Fact constitute sufficient grounds to sanction Respondent's certificate of registration to practice as a professional engineer in the State of Georgia, under O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 15. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

The Board, having considered all the facts and circumstances surrounding this case, hereby orders and Respondent hereby agrees to the following:

1.

Upon the effective date (docket date) of this Consent Order, the Respondent's license to practice as a professional engineer in the State of Georgia shall be activated and immediately placed on a period of probation for a period to run concurrent with the probationary period ordered by the Missouri Board, under the following terms and conditions:

(a) Respondent shall submit a fine in the amount of **One Thousand Dollars ($1000.00)** in the form of cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors within sixty (60) days of the docket date of this Consent Order. Said fine shall be sent to the Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, 31217. Failure to pay such fine within 60 days of the docket date shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Order and may result in further sanctions against Respondent's license, including revocation.

(b) Respondent agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal laws relating to the practice of professional engineering. If Respondent fails to abide by all state and federal laws relating to the practice of professional engineering in the State of Georgia, the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, or the terms of this Consent Order and probation, Respondent's license may be suspended, upon substantiation thereof. If the Board has substantiated that Respondent has violated the terms of his probation under this Consent Order, the Board shall notify Respondent by sending written notification to Respondent's address of record with the Board that within thirty (30) days his license to practice engineering in the State of Georgia

will be placed on suspended status for the twenty four (24) month period. Respondent may respond to the notice in writing or request an appearance before the Board in order to explain why the probation should be continued and no suspension imposed.

(c) After Respondent satisfactorily completes the probationary period, Respondent may petition the Board for termination of the probationary status of his license by certifying under oath before a notary public that Respondent has complied with all conditions of probation as set forth in this Consent Order. *Respondent acknowledges that to ensure the Board terminates the probationary status of Respondent's license, Respondent must petition the Board for such termination.* That is, Respondent's failure to petition the Board for termination of the probationary status of Respondent's license may result in the probationary status continuing indefinitely, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Consent Order.

3.

Approval of this Consent Order by the Board shall in no way be construed as condoning Respondent's conduct, and shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the lawful rights possessed by the Board.

4.

Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that Respondent has the right to a hearing in this matter and freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives that right by entering into this Consent Order. Respondent understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be

present during the Board's consideration of this Consent Order and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Board and docketed by the Division Director of the Professional Licensing Boards Division. Respondent understands and that this Consent Order, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing disciplinary action by the Board. However, if this Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the right of the Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this 8th day of July, 2025

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

with express permission by
Darren Mickler, Executive Director

(BOARD SEAL)

BY: Taylor Wright
Taylor Wright
Chair

ATTEST:
Darren Mickler
Executive Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

CONSENTED TO BY: Donal Deal
DONAL DEAL
Respondent

As to the signature of DONAL DEAL
Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 1 day of July, 2025

NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: 03/13/2029

