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

GEORGIA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS BOARD

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DOCKET NO. 2025-0004

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
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WILLIAM WHISONANT	)	
d/b/a WHISONANT ENGINEERING	)	
SERVICES LLC,	)	
	)	
License No. PE017836	)	**DOCKET NO.**
Respondent.	)	
	)	

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

William Whisonant (license number PE017836), conducting business in the state of Georgia as Whisonant Engineering Services, LLC ("Respondent"), does not now possess, nor has he ever possessed, a valid Certificate of Authorization to practice as a professional engineering firm in the State of Georgia, pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 15, as amended.

2.

In July 2025, the Georgia Professional of Registration for Engineers and Land Surveyors Board ("Board") received a complaint regarding plans prepared by Respondent without the required Certificate of Authorization for the firm. Upon further investigation, the Board learned that Respondent's firm website lists current licensure and registration in Georgia.

3.

When called to Respondent's attention by the Board, Respondent agreed to address future concerns by applying for a Certificate of Authorization to operate as an engineering firm in Georgia and cease future firm activities in Georgia until such time as the Board issues Respondent said Certificate of Authorization. Respondent submitted its application for a Certificate of Authorization on August 13, 2025.

4.

O.C.G.A. § 43-15-23(a) states that a firm in compliance with any other attendant licensure obligations may offer professional engineering services in Georgia "provided that said firm, corporation, professional corporation, partnership, association, or entity has been issued a certificate of authorization by the board as provided in this chapter."

5.

O.C.G.A. § 43-15-2(11) provides, in part, that "[a] person shall be construed to practice or offer to practice professional engineering, within the meaning of this chapter who by verbal claim, sign, advertisement, letterhead, card, or in any other way represents or holds himself out as a professional engineer or engineer or as able or qualified to perform engineering services or who does perform any of the services set out in this paragraph. Nothing contained in this chapter shall include the work ordinarily performed by persons who operate or maintain machinery or equipment.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct and the above findings of fact constitute sufficient grounds to issue an order prohibiting Respondent from violating O.C.G.A. § 43-15-7 and O.C.G.A. § 43-15-23 and issue other sanctions as set out below in this Order.

Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

1.

Respondent, as evidenced by the undersigned, does not now, nor has it ever, possessed a Certificate of Authorization to practice as a professional engineering firm in the State of Georgia, pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 15, as amended.

2.

Potential violations of O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 15, having been called to Respondent's attention, Respondent hereby agrees to voluntarily cease and desist from holding out to the public that it engages in the practice of professional engineering in Georgia that requires licensure under O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 15, as amended, until such time as it is issued a certificate of authorization by the Georgia Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors ("Board"). Respondent will correct the descriptions of licensure and registration territory on the firm's website to remove any indication that it is qualified to practice professional engineering in the State of Georgia. In addition, it will pay a fine of **Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00)** to the Georgia Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, within sixty (60) days of the docketing of this Order. Said payment shall be sent to the Board in care of Darren Mickler, Executive Director, at the Board's address at 229 Peachtree St NE, Suite 1875, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

3.

Respondent understands that it has a right to a hearing in this matter, and hereby freely, knowingly, and voluntarily waives that right by signing this Order. Respondent also understands that should it apply for a Certificate of Authorization with the Board, the Board shall have access to this Order and to the entire investigative file in this matter.

4.

This Order shall become effective immediately upon approval thereof by the Board, and will remain in effect until such time as Respondent's receives a Certificate of Authorization from the Board, or until further order. Respondent understand that this document will be considered a **public** record entered as the final disposition of any proceedings presently pending or which could be brought against Respondent by the Board, and that this action will be considered, and may be recorded as a final order of the Board.

5.

Any further violation of this Order will subject Respondent to a fine not to exceed $100.00 for each transaction constituting a violation thereof, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-15-26. Each day that Respondent represents itself as authorized to conduct business as a professional engineering firm shall constitute a separate action.

(signatures on following page)

Approved this 9th day of October, 2025

GEORGIA BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND
LAND SURVEYORS
with express permission by
BY: Darren Mickler, Executive Director
Taylor Wright

TAYLOR WRIGHT, P.E.
Board Chairman

BOARD SEAL

ATTEST:

~~LA TRENDA TYLER~~ Darren Mickler
~~Division Director~~ Executive Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

CONSENTED TO:

William O. Whisonant

WILLIAM WHISONANT
Respondent

As to respondent:
Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 1st day of October, 2025.
July 29, 2029
NOTARY PUBLIC; My Commission expires:

DELORIS L. WHISONANT
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Comm. Exp.
July 26, 2029
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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