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

IN THE MATTER OF:

JOSEPH L. SZCZEPKOWSKI
License No. PE035121

GEORGIA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS BOARD
DOCKET NO.
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CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent has held a certificate of registration to practice as a professional engineer in the State of Georgia at all times relevant to the matters asserted herein. Respondent has submitted a timely renewal application for the 2024-2026 cycle, and his registration is currently marked "Active-Renewal Pending."

2.

Respondent responded "Y" to the question "Have you ever been arrested, charged, convicted, sentenced, entered a plea of guilty, or nolo contendere, or been given First Offender status for any felony, misdemeanor, DUI, DWI, or any offense other than a minor traffic violation?"

3.

Respondent supplemented his applications with a report disclosing the final dispositions for a series of incidents between 2023 and 2025.

4.

Of the disclosed incidents, the following incidents place upon Respondent ongoing probation requirements:

a) On or about September 15, 2025, Gwinnett County Superior Court found Respondent guilty of "Battery/Simple Battery – Family Violence" and "Cruelty to Children in the 3rd Degree." Respondent continues to serve the probated sentence for 24 months through 2027.

b) On or about November 6, 2025, Suwanee Municipal Court found Respondent guilty of driving under the influence of alcohol. Respondent continues to serve the probated sentence for 12 months through 2026.

5.

Respondent admits to the above-styled Findings of Fact and waives any further findings of fact not already contained in this Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct and the above Findings of Fact constitute sufficient grounds for imposition of sanctions in conjunction with the renewal of his professional engineering certificate of registration in the State of Georgia, pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 15, and the Rules promulgated thereunder.

ORDER

The Board, having considered all the facts and circumstances surrounding this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that Respondent's license shall be renewed under the following conditions:

1.

Upon docketing of this Agreement, Respondent's license to practice as a professional engineer in the State of Georgia shall be renewed, with such license **being immediately placed on PROBATION** for a period to run concurrent with the duration of his sentence(s) in the noted incidents, subject to the following terms and conditions:

(a) Respondent shall include a current Criminal History Record Information report from the Georgia Crime Information Center with each application for licensure renewal.

(b) Respondent shall notify the Board of any change of address, arrests, or convictions within ten (10) days of the change, arrest, or conviction. Such notification shall be delivered to the Board at 229 Peachtree Street NE, International Tower, Suite 1875, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, or any subsequent address of the Board.

(c) Respondent shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating residential contracting, the Rules and Regulations of the Board, and the terms of this Consent Agreement. If Respondent shall fail to abide by all State and Federal laws, the Rules and Regulations of the Board, and/or the terms of this Consent Agreement, Respondent's license shall be subject to further sanctions, upon substantiation thereof.

(d) Respondent may petition the Board in writing for termination of the probation period upon the satisfaction of his existing criminal probationary terms as reported

by his designated probationary authority, currently projected to end in approximately two (2) years from the effective date of this order, stating that he has complied with all terms of his probation and this Consent Agreement. Should the Board determine that reasonable cause exists for maintaining Respondent's license on probation, the Board shall notify Respondent of its intent to deny his petition, and Respondent may respond to such notice in writing or request an appearance before the Board as in a non-contested case. In any event, this Consent Agreement shall remain in effect pending a final written determination by the Board.

2.

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

3.

Respondent has read this Consent Agreement and understands its contents and implications. Respondent understands that he has a right to a hearing in this matter and freely, knowingly, and voluntarily waives that right by signing this Consent Agreement. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement will not become effective until approved by the Board and docketed by the Board Director. Respondent further understands and agrees that an attorney with the Attorney General's Office may be present during the presentation of this Consent Agreement and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Agreement. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement, once approved and docketed, shall become effective and constitute a public record, evidencing disciplinary action by the Board. However, if this Consent Agreement is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the

Board's right to adjudicate this matter. Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this 9th day of April, 2026

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

(BOARD SEAL)

BY: _____
Dan Davis with express permission by
Chair Eric Lacefield, Executive Director

ATTEST: _____
Eric Lacefield
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO BY: _____
JOSEPH L. SZCZEPKOWSKI
Respondent

As to the signature of JOSEPH L. SZCZEPKOWSKI:
Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 3 day of April, 2026

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NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: 02/05/2030

ROBERT JOHN WEBB
My Commission Expires
NOTARY PUBLIC
02/05/2030
GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA