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

# IN THE MATTER OF: Patrick M. McGetrick, PE 4566 McGetrick Engineering, COA 2485

## **ORDER**

The Arkansas State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors ("the Board") held a hearing on January 14, 2025, to determine whether Patrick M. McGetrick PE 4566, violated Arkansas Code Annotated §§17-30-101 *et seq*, and Rules of the Board. The Board was represented by Senior Assistant Attorney General Julie Chavis. Respondent appeared in person and *pro se*. Based on the evidence presented, and Respondent's stipulation to the facts and to the violations of law, the Board finds as follows:

### **STIPULATED FINDINGS OF FACT**

- Respondent McGetrick was licensed as a Professional Engineer since July 14, 1978, and has been actively licensed since.
- Respondent McGetrick Engineering received its Certificate of Authority on October 15, 2022, and was actively licensed until becoming non renewed on December 31, 2023.
- Respondent McGetrick was the designated professional engineer in responsible charge of McGetrick Engineering Inc., pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 17-30-303(b)(1), until McGetrick Engineering Inc's Certificate of Authorization was non-renewed.

- James Aaron Rasburry, PS 1506 performed surveys for Respondent on a contract basis from 2005-2019.
- On or about July 10, 2008, Respondent signed and sealed Rasburry's name on Final Plat Phase 2 Whispering Oaks Subdivision, Little Rock, Arkansas. The plat was filed for record with the Pulaski County Circuit Clerk on August 1, 2008, Instrument number 2008052786.
- 6. On May 11, 2009, Respondent signed and sealed Rasburry's name on Final Plat Fairway Woods Phase VII Otter Creek Community Little Rock, Arkansas. The plat was filed for record with the Pulaski County Circuit Clerk on May 22, 2009, Instrument number 2009034170.
- On May 29, 2009, Respondent signed Rasburry's name on a Certificate as to Scrivener's error. The Certificate was filed for record with the Pulaski County Circuit Clerk on May 29, 2009, Instrument number 2009035849.
- On September 10, 2013, Respondent signed and sealed Rasburry's name on Final Plat Lot 1R, 2R and Tract A Cooper Square Addition North Little Rock, Arkansas. The Plat was filed with the Pulaski County Circuit Clerk on September 26, 2013, Instrument number 2013070809.
- 9. On September 9, 2015, Respondent signed and sealed Rasburry's name on Final Plat Lot 9 Phase III Gateway Town Center Little Rock, Arkansas. The Plat was filed with the Pulaski County Circuit Clerk on September 21, 2015, Instrument number 20115057868.
- 10. On August 10, 2016, Respondent signed and sealed Rasburry's name on FinalPlat Phase 4 Gateway Town Center Little Rock, Arkansas. The Plat was filed

with the Pulaski County Circuit Clerk on August 23, 2016, Instrument number 2016052544.

- 11. The parties agree that the allegation of paragraph eleven (11) in the Order and Notice of Hearing, which states, "On January 15, 2019, Respondent signed and sealed Rasburry's name on Final Plat Phase 4 Springtree Village Addition Little Rock, Arkansas. The Plat was filed with the Pulaski County Circuit Clerk on January 17, 2019, Instrument number 2019003785," shall be withdrawn.
- On August 7, 2019, Respondent signed and sealed Rasburry's name on Plot Plan Lot 47, Block 96 Chenal Valley Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 13. Rasburry denies signing and stamping the surveys set out above in Allegations 5-12.
- 14. On September 5, 2024, Respondent admits to using the stamp of Rasburry.

#### STIPULATED CONCLUSITIONS OF LAW

- 15. Respondent McGetrick stipulates as true the allegations of Findings of Fact 1-10 and 12-14 as set above. He further stipulates that his actions as set in Findings of Fact 5-10 and 12-14 constitute a violations of Ark. Code Ann. §17-30-305 (1)(B), which states a professional engineer who has found guilty by the Board of, "negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in the practice of engineering," may be suspended revoked, placed on probation, fined, or reprimanded.
- 16. Respondent McGetrick's stipulates as true the allegations in Findings of Fact 5-10 and 12-14 constitutes a violation of Ark. Code Ann §17-30- 305(1)(F), in that he has knowingly made false statements and signed false statements, certificates, or affidavits to induce payment.

- 17. Respondent McGetrick's stipulates as true the allegations in Findings of Fact 5-10 and 12-14 constitutes a violation of Ark. Code Ann §17-30- 305(1)(K) in that he has engaged, "...in dishonorable, unethical, or unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public."
- 18. Respondent McGetrick's stipulates as true the allegations in Findings of Fact 5-10 and 12-14 constitute violations of Board Rule Article 16(A)(3), which states, any person or entity who presents or attempts to use the license or seal of another shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board.
- 19. Under Arkansas Code Annotated §17-30-305(b), the Board may discipline licensees who violate this chapter by imposing a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for each offense.

#### **BOARD'S ORDER**

For the violations stipulated to by Respondent as set out above in the Stipulated Conclusions of Law, and adopted by the Board and described herein, the Board imposes the following penalties:

- A. For the violations admitted to in the Stipulated Conclusions of Law, Patrick M. McGetrick shall pay a monetary penalty of \$500 for each of the violations for a total monetary penalty of \$3,500. Payment of the monetary penalty shall be made to the Board within sixty (60) days from the entry of this Order.
- B. For the violations admitted to in the Stipulated Conclusions of Law, Patrick M.
  McGetrick's license as a professional engineer is hereby REVOKED.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-212, McGetrick may petition for judicial review of this decision by filing a petition in the circuit court of Pulaski Conty, Arkansas within thirty (30) days after the service of this Order.

Arkansas State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors

By: en David Beasley, PhD PE

Date: January 21, 2025