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

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Complainant:	ý	
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Arkansas State Board of Licensure for)	
Professional Engineers and Professional)	
Surveyors	j	
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Respondent:)	
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Samuel A. Watson)	
26 Auriel Drive)	
Little Rock, AR 72223-9111)	
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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

The Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors (hereinafter "the Board") and Samuel A. Watson (hereinafter "Watson") agree as follows in full settlement of the charges in this disciplinary matter.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- F1. Watson is an Engineering Intern applicant to the Board, and the Board has jurisdiction over his conduct in this matter.
- F2. Watson attempted the Fundamentals of Engineering examination administered by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) in October of 2012.
- F3. After the examinations were graded, statistical analyses performed by NCEES of Watson's and an adjacent examinee's answers indicated they were so similar as to indicate some sort of irregularity.
- F4. NCEES notified the Executive Director of the Board on December 7, 2012, of the suspected irregularity and asked the Board to investigate.

F5. During the investigation, Watson admitted that he had copied answers from the other examinee, without the other examinee's knowledge or involvement.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

C1. Watson's conduct, as outlined in paragraphs F1-F5, constitutes one count of cheating on a licensing examination, in violation of Article 11.F.1.a of the Rules of the Board.

CONSENT AGREEMENT

In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement, consistent with the public interest and the responsibilities of the Board, the undersigned parties enter into this Consent Agreement as a final disposition of these matters presently before the Board.

- A1. The Respondent has been afforded an opportunity to obtain legal counsel and has chosen to proceed with the understanding that he is admitting the facts and conduct described above in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.
- A2. In lieu of a formal hearing on these issues, the Respondent agrees to issue of the following Order and waive all rights to a hearing, appeal or judicial review relating to the Order.
- A3. The Respondent understands that all investigative materials prepared or received by the Board concerning these allegations and all notices and pleadings relating thereto may be retained in the Board's file concerning this matter. The signed original of this document shall remain a public record in the custody of the Board, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

<u>ORDER</u>

- O1. Watson's score on the October 2012 Fundamentals of Engineering examination shall be invalidated by NCEES.
- O2. Watson may again attempt the NCEES Fundamentals of Engineering examination after May 1, 2014.
- O3. Watson shall complete either the eight-hour online ethics course sponsored by the National Science Foundation (brochure attached) or a substantially equivalent course which has been pre-approved by the Executive Director of the Board. Written notification of completion shall be furnished to the Board before the NCEES examination is attempted by Watson.

AGREED TO BY:	Sah
	Signature of the Respondent
Sworn to and subscribed before me this	day of June, 2013
	Jan H. Stetly
	Notary Public
(SEAL)	My commission expires:
AGREED TO AND ORDERED BY:	Steve W. Haralson, Executive Director Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors

Certificate of Service

I, James Atchley, Investigator of the Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors, do hereby swear and affirm that a true and correct copy of the attached was sent by U.S. Mail to the following addresses with proper postage affixed on this 12th day of June, 2013, to:.

Mr. Samuel A. Watson 26 Auriel Drive Little Rock, AR 72223-9111

James Atchley, Board Investigator
Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional
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