

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING,
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, GEOSCIENCE AND INTERIOR DESIGN**

In the Matter of
Erik Tomlinson
License No. 46739

ORDER FOR SUSPENSION

Board File No. 2018-0008

1. The Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design ("Board") is authorized to license, regulate, and discipline persons who hold a Professional Geologist License in Minnesota. Minn. Stat. §§ 326.02-326.15 (2016).

2. Erik Tomlinson ("Respondent") holds a license issued by the Board. As a licensee, Respondent is required to obtain a minimum number of professional development hours as a condition of retaining that license. Minn. Stat. § 326.107 (2016).

3. On September 23, 2016, the Board notified Respondent that he had been selected as part of the Board's continuing education audit for professional development hours. Respondent submitted his response to the audit on October 31, 2016.

4. On December 16, 2016, the Board notified Respondent that, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 326.107, subds. 2, 8, it rejected a course that he had previously reported. The Board's rejection of this course resulted in Respondent being 14 hours short of the minimum number of professional development hours.

5. The Board's December 16 notice further advised Respondent that his license would be suspended if he did not substantiate the validity of the rejected course or successfully complete 14 professional development hours and submit acceptable documentation to the Board by June 14, 2017. See Minn. Stat. § 326.107, subd. 8 (providing licensees and certificate holders with a 180-day cure period to substantiate rejected hours or to earn other qualifying hours to meet the minimum requirement).

6. To date, Respondent has not attempted to validate the hours that the Board rejected or to submit acceptable documentation that he successfully completed other qualifying hours to meet the required minimum number of professional development hours.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 326.107, subd. 8, Respondent's Professional Geologist License, No. 46739 is SUSPENDED. This suspension shall remain in effect until the Board receives either validation of the rejected course or supporting documentation satisfactory to the Board that Respondent has satisfactorily completed the minimum number of professional development hours.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent may be subject to additional regulatory action by the Board if he offers to perform or performs any services in Minnesota that require licensure as a Professional Geologist, including holding himself out to the public as a Professional Geologist during the period of suspension.

Dated: October 12, 2017

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