

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

In the matter of Jason Gnich
ARCHITECT
License Number 51034

STIPULATION AND ORDER

Board File No. 2019-0090

TO: Jason Gnich, Architect
2918 NE Edgehill Place
Portland, OR 97212

The Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design ("Board") is authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 214.10 (2018) and Minnesota Statutes section 326.111 (2018) to review complaints against architects, professional engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, geoscientists, and certified interior designers, and to take disciplinary action whenever appropriate.

The Board received information concerning Jason Gnich ("Respondent"). The Board's Complaint Committee ("Committee") reviewed the information. The parties have agreed that these matters may now be resolved by this stipulation and order.

STIPULATION

It is hereby stipulated and agreed by Respondent and the Committee that without trial or adjudication of any issue of fact or law and without any evidence or admission by any party with respect to any such issue:

1. Jurisdiction. Respondent was first issued a Minnesota Architect license by the Board on August 2, 2013. Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board with respect to the matters

referred to in this stipulation.

2. Facts. This stipulation is based upon the following facts:

a. At the time of this stipulation and order, Respondent's Minnesota Architect license is valid.

b. Respondent is not currently and never has been licensed by the Board as a Professional Engineer in the State of Minnesota.

c. Respondent signed engineering plans for a project in Worthington, Minnesota using his Architect certification.

3. Violations. Respondent admits that the facts specified above constitute violations of Minnesota Statutes section 326.02, subdivisions 1 & 3 (2018), Minnesota Statutes section 326.03, subdivision 1 (2018), and Minnesota Rules 1805.0200, subpart 4C (2017) and are sufficient grounds for the action specified below. Specifically, it is alleged that Respondent practiced professional engineering without a license by using his Architect certification to sign engineering plans for a project in Worthington, Minnesota.

4. Enforcement Action. Respondent and the Committee agree that the Board should issue an order in accordance with the following terms:

a. Reprimand. Respondent is censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct.

b. Civil Penalty. Respondent shall pay to the Board a civil penalty of \$2,000 payable by check to the Board within 60 days of the Board's approval of this stipulation and order.

c. Cease and Desist. Respondent shall cease and desist from practicing engineering in the State of Minnesota until such time that he becomes licensed as a Professional Engineer.

5. Waiver of Respondent's Rights. For the purpose of this stipulation, Respondent waives all

procedures and proceedings before the Board to which Respondent may be entitled under the Minnesota and United States constitutions, statutes, or the rules of the Board, including the right to dispute the allegations against Respondent, to dispute the appropriateness of discipline in a contested-case proceeding pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 14 (2018), and to dispute the civil penalty imposed by this agreement. Respondent agrees that upon the application of the Committee without notice to or an appearance by Respondent, the Board may issue an order containing the enforcement action specified in paragraph 4 herein. Respondent waives the right to any judicial review of the order by appeal, writ of certiorari, or otherwise.

6. Collection. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 16D.17 (2018), after 90 days of the Board's approval of this stipulation and order, the Board may file and enforce any unpaid portion of the civil penalty imposed by this order as a judgment against the Respondent in district court without further notice or additional proceedings.

7. Board Rejection of Stipulation and Order. In the event the Board in its discretion does not approve this stipulation and order or a lesser remedy than specified herein, this stipulation and order shall be null and void and shall not be used for any purpose by either party hereto. If this stipulation is not approved and a contested-case proceeding is initiated pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 14 (2018), Respondent agrees not to object to the Board's initiation of the proceedings and hearing the case on the basis that the Board has become disqualified due to its review and consideration of this stipulation and the record.

8. Unrelated Violations. This settlement shall not in any way or manner limit or affect the authority of the Board to proceed against Respondent by initiating a contested-case hearing or by other appropriate means on the basis of any act, conduct, or admission of Respondent justifying disciplinary

action which occurred before or after the date of this stipulation and order and which is not directly related to the specific facts and circumstances set forth herein.

9. Record. The stipulation, related investigative reports and other documents shall constitute the entire record of the proceedings herein upon which the order is based. The investigative reports, other documents, or summaries thereof may be filed with the Board with this stipulation.

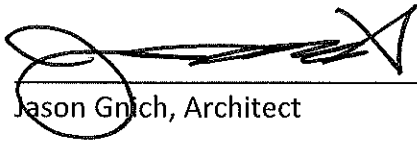
10. Data Classification. Under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, this stipulation and order is classified as public data upon its issuance by the Board, Minnesota Statutes section 13.41, subdivision 5 (2018). All documents in the record shall maintain the data classification to which they are entitled under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13 (2018). They shall not, to the extent they are not already public documents, become public merely because they are referenced herein. A summary of this order will appear in the Board's newsletter. A summary will also be sent to the national discipline data banks pertaining to the practices of architecture and engineering.

11. Entire Agreement. Respondent has read, understood, and agreed to this stipulation and is freely and voluntarily signing it. The stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto relating to the allegations referenced herein. Respondent is not relying on any other agreement or representations of any kind, verbal or otherwise.

12. Counsel. Respondent is aware that he may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. Respondent knowingly waives legal representation.

13. Service. If approved by the Board, a copy of this stipulation and order shall be served personally or by first class mail on Respondent. The order shall be effective and deemed issued when it is signed by the Chair of the Board.

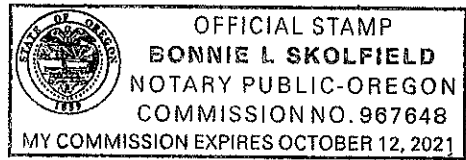
RESPONDENT



Jason Gnich, Architect

Dated: 07.23, 20 19

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me on this the 23 day of July, 20 19.



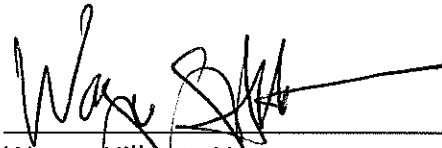


(Notary Public)

My Commission Expires:

10.12.2021

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE



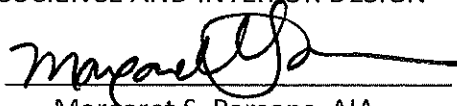
Wayne Hilbert, AIA
Committee Chair

Dated: 8.6.2019, 20 _____

ORDER

Upon consideration of the foregoing stipulation and order and based upon all the files, records, and proceedings herein, all terms of the stipulation and order are approved and adopted and hereby issued as an order of this Board this the 6 day of August, 20 19.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF
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By: 

Margaret S. Parsons, AIA
Board Chair

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL

RE: In the matter of Jason Gnich
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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

Matt Kaehler, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That at the City of St. Paul, County of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, on this the 7th day of August, 2019, he served the attached **stipulation and order**, by depositing in the United States mail at said city and state, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped, with first class and certified postage prepaid, and addressed to:

Jason Gnich, Architect
2918 Northeast Edgehill Place
Portland, Oregon 97212

CERTIFIED MAIL
Return Receipt Requested
7017 3040 0000 1241 2219



Matt Kaehler

Subscribed and sworn to before me on
this the 7 day of August, 2019.



(Notary Public)

