

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

**In the Matter of Patrick Sveum  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER  
License Number 54244**

**Stipulation and Order  
  
Board File No. 2020-0017**

**TO:**

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

The Board received information concerning Patrick Sveum ("Respondent"). The Board's Compliant 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 a licensed to practice as a Professional Engineer from December 19, 2016, to June 30, 2018, and from October 25 2019, to the

present. During the period in which Respondent was not licensed, Respondent represented himself as a professional engineer and performed professional engineering services. 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. Respondent was first licensed as a Professional Engineer in the State of Minnesota on December 19, 2016.
- b. On July 1, 2018, Respondent's Minnesota Professional Engineer license expired.
- c. Respondent's Minnesota Professional Engineer license was reinstated on October 25, 2019. Respondent's license status is current with an expiration date of June 30, 2020.
- d. Respondent's Minnesota Professional Engineer license lapsed from July 1, 2018 to October 25, 2019.
- e. In a letter dated October 25, 2019, attached to the July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020 renewal application, Respondent stated: "During the period between July 1, 2018 and October 9, 2019, I represented myself as a professional engineer without proper licensure in the State of Minnesota. I was unaware that my license was expired and continued to represent myself as if I were licensed. I worked as an

engineer for multiple projects during the time my license was lapsed.”

f. In this same letter, Respondent stated: “During the period between July 1, 2018 and October 9, 2019, I performed professional engineering services without proper licensure in the State of Minnesota. I was unaware that my license was expired and continued to represent myself as if I were licensed. I worked as an engineer for multiple projects during the time my license was lapsed.”

g. In a letter dated November 22, 2019, Respondent identified Minnesota projects he worked on from July 1, 2018 to October 24, 2019, including but not limited to 15 projects he certified as a Minnesota Professional Engineer.

3. Violations. Respondent admits the facts specified above constitute violations of Minn. Stat. §§ 326.02, subds. 1 and 3 (2018) and are sufficient grounds for the action specified below. Specifically, it is alleged that the Respondent (a) held himself out as a Professional Engineer, within the meaning of Minn. Stat. § 326.02, subd. 1 (2018), by using the title of “Professional “Engineer” between July 1, 2018, and October 9, 2019, in connection with 15 Minnesota projects he certified as a Minnesota Professional Engineer, and (b) practiced professional engineering, as defined in Minn. Stat. § 326.02,

subd. 3 (2018) by certifying 15 projects and by working on multiple other Minnesota projects during the lapse of his Minnesota Professional Engineer license, between July 1, 2018, and October 9, 2019.

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 \$5,000.00 payable by check to the Board. The \$5,000.00 civil penalty will be separated into two payments. The first payment of \$2,500.00 will be due within 60 days of the Board's approval of this Stipulation and Order. The second payment of \$2,500.00 will be due within 180 days of the Board's approval of the Stipulation and Order.
- c. Ethics Course. Respondent shall complete 2 professional development hours related to professional ethics, and provide proof of completion of the hours to the Board, within 90 days of the Board's approval of this stipulation and order. These professional development hours are not to count toward Respondent's 2020-2022 continuing education renewal requirement.
- d. Suspension. If Respondent fails to submit documentation satisfactory to the Board, substantiating the completion of the professional development

hours required by paragraph 4(c) within 90 days of the Board's approval of this stipulation and order, Respondent's Minnesota professional engineer license will automatically be suspended until Respondent does so.

5. Waiver of Respondent's Rights. For the purpose of this stipulation and order, 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 and to dispute the appropriateness of discipline in a contested-case proceeding pursuant to Minn. Stat. ch. 14 (2018). Respondent agrees that upon the application of the Committee and without notice to or an appearance by Respondent, the Board may issue an order requiring the action specified in paragraph 4 herein. Respondent waives the right to any judicial review of this stipulation and order or the attached Board order by appeal, writ of certiorari, or otherwise.

6. Collection. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16D.17 (2018), thirty days after each civil penalty in paragraph 4(b) becomes due, the Board may file and enforce any unpaid portion of the penalty as a judgment against Respondent in district court without further notice or additional proceedings. Thirty days after each civil penalty in paragraph 4(b) becomes due, simple interest computed in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16D.13 (2018) will begin to accrue on any unpaid portion of the penalty.

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

8. Record. The stipulation and order, 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 and order.

9. Data Classification. Under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, this stipulation and order is classified as public data upon its issuance by the Board. Minn. Stat. § 13.41, subd. 5 (2018). All documents in the record shall maintain the data classification to which they are entitled under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. ch. 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 stipulation and order will appear in the Board's newsletter. A summary will also be sent to the national discipline data bank pertaining to the practice of engineering.

10. Unrelated Violations. This stipulation and order shall not in any way limit

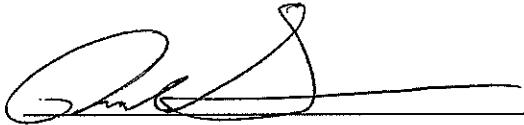
the authority of the Board to proceed against Respondent by appropriate means on the basis of any conduct justifying disciplinary action which occurred before or after the date of this stipulation and order and which is not directly related to the specific facts and circumstances set forth herein.

11. Entire Agreement. Respondent has read, understood, and agrees to this stipulation and order and is freely and voluntarily signing it. The stipulation and order contains the entire agreement between the parties. 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 has either had the opportunity to consult with counsel or knowingly waived legal representation.

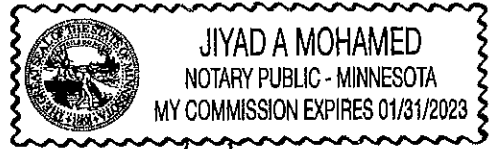
13. Service. If approved by the Board, a copy of this stipulation and order shall be served personally or by first class mail on Respondent. The stipulation and order shall be effective and deemed issued when it is signed by the chair of the Board.

**RESPONDENT**



Patrick Sveum, PE

Dated: 6/15, 2020



06/15/2020

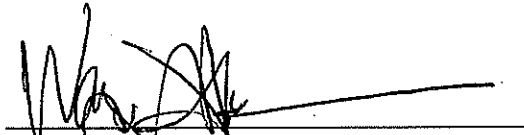
SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me on  
this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

Jiyad A Mohamed  
(Notary Public)

My Commission Expires:

01/31/2023

**COMPLAINT COMMITTEE**



Wayne Hilbert, AIA  
Committee Chair

Dated: 6-20-2020, 2020



**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. The Board hereby orders the Enforcement Action described in paragraph 4 of the Stipulation and Order this the 24 day of JUNE, 2020.

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

By: M S Parsons FOR  
Margaret S. Parsons, FAIA  
Board Chair

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**MINNESOTA BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING, LANDSCAPE**  
**ARCHITECT, GEOSCIENCE, AND INTERIOR DESIGN**  
**85 East 7<sup>th</sup> Place, Suite 160**  
**St. Paul, MN 55101**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL**

**Case Title: Patrick Sveum, PE # 54244**  
**Board File Number 2020-0017**

I, Peng Her, verifies by oath or affirmation that on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, at the City of Saint Paul, in the County of Ramsey, in the State of Minnesota, served the Stipulation and Order by depositing a true and correct copy in the United States mail, properly enveloped, with first class postage prepaid and addressed to the following named individual at the address indicated below.

Patrick Sveum  
10497 Mount Curve Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55437



---

Peng Her