

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

In the Matter of Lindsey Kriens
Certified Interior Designer
Certificate Number C02502

STIPULATION AND ORDER

Board File No. 2019-0104

TO: Lindsey Kriens
11852 Maplewood Drive
East Gull Lake, Minnesota 56401

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, professional engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, geoscientists, and certified interior designers, and to take disciplinary action whenever appropriate.

The Board received a complaint concerning Lindsey Kriens ("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:

1. Jurisdiction. Respondent was first issued a Minnesota Certified Interior Designer certificate by the Board on July 11, 2019. 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 Certified Interior Designer certificate is valid.

b. In a letter dated June 12, 2019 that was attached to Respondent's application for use of the title 'Certified Interior Designer', Respondent stated that in December 2018 she had passed her NCIDQ exams and earned her NCIDQ certificate number 34599. "At this time, I represented myself as a Certified Interior Designer in all aspects of correspondence at my firm."

c. In this same letter dated June 12, 2019, Respondent stated she had signed three Minnesota projects between February 21, 2019 and March 11, 2019. "The title block of these drawings indicated that a Certified Interior Designer signed the set of drawings, but my name and my NCIDQ certificate number were included."

d. In this same letter dated June 12, 2019, Respondent stated that when she took an ethics class on May 16, 2019, it was clear to her that she had made a mistake. "Up until this point, I had not understood that with my NCIDQ exam completed, I was required to obtain my Minnesota State license before I was able to represent myself or perform as a Certified Interior Designer." On May 21, 2019 Respondent placed a call to the Board's Executive Director and self-reported the error she had made.

e. Respondent held herself out as a Minnesota Certified Interior Designer without being certified in Minnesota when she mistakenly used her NCIDQ number to sign the documents on three Minnesota projects, unaware of the requirement to be registered with the Board as a Certified Interior Designer.

3. Violations. Respondent admits that the facts specified above constitute violations of Minn. Stat. § 326.02, subds. 1 and 4(b) (2018), Minn. Stat. § 326.03, subd. 1 (2018), and Minn. Stat. § 326.111, subd. 4(a)(1) and (2) (2018), and are sufficient grounds for the action specified below. Specifically, it is alleged that the Respondent held herself out as a Minnesota Certified Interior Designer on three Minnesota projects during the time she did not have a Minnesota Certified Interior Designer certification.

4. Enforcement Action. Respondent and the Committee agree that the Board may 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 a civil penalty of \$500 to the Board within 60 days of the date of the Board's order approving this stipulation and order. If Respondent fails to pay this penalty within 60 days, her certificate shall be automatically suspended without further action required by the Board, until such time as the civil penalty and any accrued interest is paid.

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 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), 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 Respondent in district court without further notice or additional proceedings. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16D.13 (2018), after 90 days of the Board's approval of this stipulation and order, simple interest computed in accordance with that section shall begin to accrue on the civil 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 certification of certified interior designer.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Counsel. Respondent is aware that Respondent may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. Respondent has either had the opportunity to consult with counsel or hereby knowingly waives legal representation.

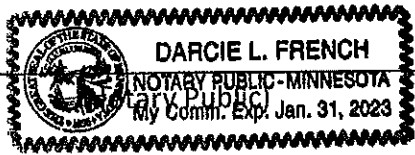
14. Service. If approved by the Board, a copy of this stipulation and order shall be served personally or by first class mail on Respondent. The stipulation and order shall be effective and deemed issued when it is signed by the chair of the Board.

RESPONDENT

Lindsey Krieds
Lindsey Krieds, CID

Dated: May 18, 2020

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me on
this the 18th day of May, 2020.



My Commission Expires:

January 31, 2023

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

Wayne Hilbert
Wayne Hilbert, AIA
Committee Chair

Dated: 5.21.2020, 2020

ORDER

Upon consideration of the foregoing stipulation and based upon all the files, records,
and proceedings herein,

1. The Board hereby **ADOPTS** the Stipulation and **ORDERS** the enforcement action
described therein, this 24 day of JUNE, 2020.

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By: Kat B Parsons For
Margaret S. Parsons, FAIA
Board Chair

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL

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Board File Number 2020-0104**

I, Peng Her, verifies by oath or affirmation that on the 25th 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.

Lindsey Kriens
11852 Maplewood Dr.
East Gull Lake, MN 56401



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