

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

**In the matter of
Sean Paul Block
Architect Number 53028**

**STIPULATION AND ORDER
Board File No. 2020- 0047**

TO: Sean Paul Block
13730 54th Ave N #205
Plymouth MN 55446

The Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design ("Board") is authorized pursuant to Minnesota 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 information concerning Sean Paul Block ("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 an Architect license by the Board on December 3, 2015. 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. On June 30, 2016, Respondent's Architect license in the State of Minnesota expired.
- b. On March 17, 2020, Respondent renewed his Architect license.
- c. On March 17, 2020 renewal, Respondent reported that he had been practicing and holding out as an Architect in the State of Minnesota.
- d. In the letter submitted with the renewal, Respondent states: "When I earned my license in 2015, I lived in Colorado, and worked for a national firm based in Minnesota. I optimistically chose to pursue licensure in both states for flexibility within the company. I quickly realized I was not working on Minnesota project, so I allowed the Minnesota license to lapse at the 2016 renewal date, opting instead to rely only on my Colorado license."
- e. In the same letter, he discloses that he moved to Minnesota in 2018 and further states:
 - i. "Upon my relocation, I reached out to the MN Board of AELSLAGID about reinstatement about my license and learned of the new ethics continuing education requirements that had been adopted since my lapse."
 - ii. "In the 16 months it took me to fulfill the ethics requirements of Minnesota, I have been continuously licensed in Colorado."

- iii. “However, my firm still considers me to have an active license, and therefor my title at the company and in my email signature has remained “architect”, even though I am not an architect in Minnesota.”

3. Violations. Respondent admits that the facts specified above constitute violations of Minnesota Statutes section 326.02, subds. 1 and 2 (2018) and are sufficient grounds for the action specified below. Specifically, it is alleged that the Respondent held himself out as an Architect in Minnesota without a license and practiced as an Architect in Minnesota without a license within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes section 326.02, subds. 1 and 2 (2018), during the lapse of his Architect license, between July 1, 2018, to March 17, 2020, by (a) using the title Architect and (b) practicing without a license in Minnesota.

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

- a. Censure and Reprimand. Respondent is censure and reprimanded.
- b. Civil Penalty. Respondent shall pay to the Board a civil penalty of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000). Respondent shall submit a civil penalty of \$2,000 by check to the Board within sixty (60) days of the Board’s approval of this Stipulation and Order.
- c. Respondent shall complete two (2) ethics hours in addition to the regularly required ethics requirement under Minn. Stat. § 326.107 subd. 1 (c). These credits shall not count toward the credits required to renew Respondent’s license.

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 Minn. Stat. ch. 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 Minn. Stat. § 16D.17 (2016), ninety days after 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. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16D.13 (2018), ninety days after the Board's approval of this Stipulation and Order, interest will begin to accrue on the penalty in accordance with that section.

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 Minn. Stat. ch. 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, Minn. Stat. §13.41, subd. 5 (2016). 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 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 Architecture.

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 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.

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

Sean Paul Block
Sean Paul Block, Architect

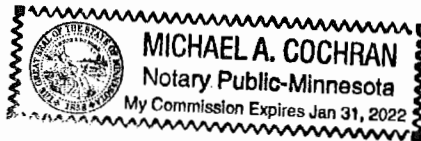
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SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me on this the 16th day of November, 2020.

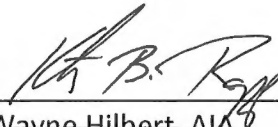
Michael A. Cochran
(Notary Public)

My Commission Expires:

January 31, 2022



COMPLAINT COMMITTEE



Wayne Hilbert, AIA
Keith Rapp, PG
Committee Chair

Dated: 1/27, 2021

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 the enforcement action therein is issued as an Order of this Board this the 27th day of January, 2021.

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By: 

Margaret S. Parsons, FAIA
Board Chair
Dave Blume, PE
Board Secretary

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL

**Case Title: Sean Paul Block
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I, Dillon Lang, verify by oath or affirmation that on the 1st day of March, 2021, at the City of St. Paul, in the county of Ramsey, in the State of Minnesota, served the Order for Automatic Revocation of CPA Certificate 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(s) or entities at the address indicated below.

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Dillon Lang