Department of Commerce Professional Licensing Bureau

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BEFORE THE IOWA ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYIN EXAMINING BOARD

Signature Executive Officer

IN THE MATTER OF:

Case No. 22-01

Grayson Hunt Dearing #P26605

STATEMENT OF CHARGES ,CONSENT AGREEMENT, AND ORDER

Respondent.

The Iowa Engineering and Land Surveying Examining Board ("Board") and Grayson Hunt Dearing ("Respondent") enter into this Statement of Charges, Consent Agreement, and Order ("Agreement") pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 17A.10(1), 272C.3(4)(a) (2022), and Iowa Administrative Code r. 193—7.42:

A. Legal Authority and Jurisdiction.

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 272C, and 542B.
- 2. The Board has authority to take disciplinary action against Respondent under Iowa Code chapters 272C and 542B, and Iowa Administrative Code rule 193C—9.3.

B. Facts.

- 3. Respondent is a licensed professional engineer in Iowa with license number P26605. The Board originally issued Respondent his license as a professional engineer on March 4, 2021.
- 4. On January 31, 2022, Respondent entered a guilty plea to one count of Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree, a Class C Felony, in a Linn County district court criminal case, which was accepted by the court.
- 5. On March 17, Respondent received a deferred judgment in which Respondent was placed on supervised probation for three years, with the conditions of probation including no further law violations and making restitution for all sums due and owing as set forth in the order.

6. On April 20, Respondent contacted the Board and informed the Board of the felony conviction.

C. Charges.

7. The Board charges Respondent with having been convicted of a felony under the laws of Iowa in violation of Iowa Code section 542B.21 and Iowa Administrative Code 193C—9.3(8).

D. Consent Agreement

- 10. Respondent has a right to a hearing on the charges but waives Respondent's right to hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to seek judicial review, by freely and voluntarily entering into this Agreement. This Agreement constitutes discipline against Respondent and is the final agency order in the contested case, pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.10 and Iowa Administrative Code rule 193—7.42. Respondent acknowledges that Respondent had an opportunity to review this Agreement with legal counsel before signing it.
- 11. Respondent agrees the State's counsel may present this Agreement to the Board and may have ex parte communications with the Board while presenting it.
- 12. This Agreement shall be part of the permanent record of Respondent and shall be considered by the Board in determining the nature and severity of any future disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of any future violations.
- 13. This Agreement is a public record available for inspection and copying in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 22.
- 14. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Agreement shall be grounds for further disciplinary action pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.3(2)(a). However, no action may be taken against Respondent for violations of these provisions without a hearing or waiver of hearing.
 - 15. This Agreement is subject to approval of the Board:
- a. If the Board fails to approve this Agreement, it shall be of no force or effect on either party, and it shall not be admissible for any purpose in further proceedings in this matter;
 - b. If the Board approves this Agreement, it shall fully dispose of all issues in this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. <u>Suspension</u>. Respondent's license is suspended. Respondent may apply for reinstatement upon Respondent's successfully completing his probation.
- 2. <u>Additional Continuing Education Hours</u>. Respondent is ordered to submit documentation forty-five (45) hours of continuing education, three (3) of which must be professional ethics hours, that meet the requirements of Iowa Administrative Code rule 193C—7.3, prior to Respondent being reinstated. These hours are in addition to any other continuing education hours required by law.
- 3. **Future Compliance.** Respondent is ordered to obey all applicable Iowa laws and rules in the future.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

Respondent

By: Grayson Hunt Dearing

2-25-2023

Date

The Iowa Engineering and Land Surveying

Examining Board

By Board Chair

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Date