

**BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF
REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

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IN RE: Ahmed Elhatab

C2026-04

CONSENT ORDER

Respondent Ahmed Elhatab (“Respondent”) and the West Virginia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers (“Board”) enter into the following Consent Order for the purpose of resolving the above-styled complaint. As reflected in this Consent Order, the parties have stipulated to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and have agreed to the disposition of this matter. Having approved such agreement, the Board does hereby Find and Orders as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent has held an active Professional Engineer (PE) license #026585 in West Virginia since 4/29/2024.
2. Respondent certified and submitted his renewal application for his PE license on 1/27/2025.
3. Respondent certified on his PE license renewal application on 1/27/2025 that his Primary Employer was Trio Structures, LLC and that he had submitted an application for a COA for Trio Structures, LLC on 1/27/2025. He further certified that he did not have a personal/sole proprietor COA and did not practice outside of his employer’s COA coverage.
4. Respondent did not submit a COA for Trio Structures at the time of his 1/27/2025 renewal application.
5. Respondent certified on his PE license renewal application on 1/27/2025 that he worked for a Secondary Employer with an active COA.
6. Respondent is not, nor has ever been, an employee of the firm that he certified was his Secondary Employer, thus perpetrating fraud in renewing his certificate of registration on 1/27/2025.
7. Respondent signed and sealed engineering documents, which had previously been signed and sealed fraudulently with a seal that did not belong to a verified WV PE.
8. Respondent had knowledge of possible violations related to the practice of engineering and did not provide that information to the Board.
9. Respondent prepared, sealed, and signed a set of engineering plans for a project in Mount Storm, WV on 6/22/2025 using his West Virginia PE seal before obtaining a COA.

10. Respondent practiced engineering without a COA by providing engineering services for a project located in Mount Storm, WV.
11. Respondent has held an active COA #C07384-00 since 10/10/2025.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. It is unlawful to practice or offer to practice engineering, as provided in West Virginia Code §30-13-2 and defined by West Virginia Code §30-13-3(e) without being duly registered or licensed as a professional engineer by the Board. W.Va. Code §30-13-13.
2. It is unlawful to practice or offer to practice engineering, as defined by West Virginia Code §30-13-3(e) without an active Certificate of Authorization (COA). W.Va. Code §30-13-17.
3. Practicing engineering as defined by W.Va. Code §30-13-3(e) without a Certificate of Authorization is an action that may subject an individual to discipline by the Board, including a civil penalty up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each offense. W.Va. Code R. §7-1-15.1.
4. It is unlawful for a PE to provide false information to the Board. W.Va. Code §30-13-21(a)(12).
5. Perpetrating false information to the Board is an action that may subject an individual to discipline by the Board, including a civil penalty up to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for each offense. W.Va. Code R. §7-1-15.1.
6. It is unlawful for a PE to perpetrate fraud in obtaining or attempting to renew a certificate of registration. W.Va. Code §30-13-21(a)(1).
7. Perpetrating fraud in renewing a certificate of registration is an action that may subject an individual to discipline by the Board, including a civil penalty up to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for each offense. W.Va. Code R. §7-1-15.1.
8. It is unlawful for a PE to have knowledge of possible violations related to the practice of engineering without providing that information to the Board. W. Va. Code §30-13-21(a)(4), W. Va. Code R. §7-1-12.3(h).
9. It is considered professional misconduct to fail to comply with the Rules of Professional Responsibility in the practice of engineering. Therefore, failure to report possible violations to the Board is a form of professional misconduct.
10. Engaging in professional misconduct is an action that may subject an individual to discipline by the Board, including a civil penalty up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each offense. W.Va. Code R. §7-1-15.1.

11. The Board may suspend or revoke or refuse to issue, restore or renew a certificate of registration of, or place on probation, impose a civil penalty or reprimand any professional engineer who has failed to comply with any of the provisions of this article or any of the rules promulgated under it. W.Va. Code §30-13-21(a)(4).
12. In determining the amount of civil penalty to be assessed, the Board may consider such factors as the circumstances leading to the violation; the nature and severity of the violation and the risk of harm to the public; the extent to which the cited person or firm has cooperated with the Board and the Board's investigation; and other matters as may be appropriate. W.Va. Code R. §7-1-15.4.
13. The assessment of administrative costs is within the Board's sole discretion. W.Va. Code §30-13-21(d)(4) and W.Va. Code R. §7-1-14.4.

CONSENT

Ahmed Elhattab, Respondent, by signing below, agrees to the following:

1. Respondent has had the opportunity to consult with counsel and executes this Consent Order voluntarily, freely, without compulsion or duress and mindful that it has legal consequences. No person or entity has made any promise or given any inducement whatsoever to encourage Respondent to make this settlement other than as set forth herein. Respondent acknowledges that he may pursue this matter through appropriate administrative proceedings and is aware of his legal rights regarding this matter, but intelligently and voluntarily waives such rights.
2. Respondent accepts the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth above and consents to the entry of this Consent Order.
3. This Consent Order is a full and final settlement of the Complaint, and nothing in this Consent Order or the circumstances giving rise to the same may be the subject of any appeal or other civil or administrative actions except an action by the Board to enforce the terms of this Consent Order, but that nothing in this Consent Order prohibits the Board from considering this disciplinary action or the circumstances giving rise to same with regard to any future disciplinary matter involving Respondent which may be before this Board.
4. This Consent Order is a disciplinary action taken by the Board and may need to be reported by the Respondent to other jurisdictions where the Respondent holds professional licenses.
5. The Complaint and this Consent Order are public records which, together with other public documents in the file, must be made available upon legal request in accordance with the State's Freedom of Information Act.
6. The Complaint and this Consent Order in part or in their entirety will be set forth in Board publications and on the Board's website, as well as other appropriate placements, including the non-public enforcement exchange database administered by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES).

7. Any violation of the terms of this Consent Order shall be immediate cause for further disciplinary action by the Board.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, the Board hereby orders as follows:

1. This Consent Order shall serve as settlement of the Complaint pursuant to W.Va. Code §30-13-22(b).
2. Respondent agrees to pay a civil penalty in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for practicing engineering without an active Certificate of Authorization.
3. Respondent agrees to pay a civil penalty in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for providing misinformation to the Board.
4. Respondent agrees to pay a civil penalty in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for perpetrating fraud in renewing his registration.
5. Respondent agrees to pay a civil penalty in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for unprofessional conduct.
6. The total civil penalty levied upon the Respondent is Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,750.00).
7. The Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,750.00) civil penalty must be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of entry set forth below, such amount to be made payable to the “**W. Va. P.E. Board**” for transfer to the general fund of the State of West Virginia upon receipt.
8. If the civil penalty imposed herein is not paid within thirty (30) days of the date of entry set forth below, then Respondent’s PE license will not be renewed or reinstated until the civil penalty is paid, and Respondent submits an application with the appropriate fees, and is otherwise in good standing with the Board. W.Va. Code §30-13-21(a).
9. The Board has agreed to dismiss the violations alleged in the Complaint related to W.Va. Code §30-13-16 and W.Va. Code R. §7-1-7.3(f) and 7-1-12.4(b).

(Signatures appear on the next page)

CONSENT ORDER AGREED TO BY:

RESPONDENT




AHMED ELHATTAB

1/24/2026
DATE

ENTERED into the records of the West Virginia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers this 2nd day of February, 2026.

**WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

By: 

GARTH E. THOMAS, JR., P.E.
BOARD PRESIDENT