

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

In the Matter of

**STIPULATION AND
CONSENT ORDER**

Pavan Kumar Sundaresh Manepalli
Professional Engineer No. 46782

Board File No. 2024-0050

STIPULATION

Pavan Kumar Manepalli ("Respondent") and the Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design's Complaint Committee stipulate that, subject to Board's review and discretionary approval, the Board may issue a consent order that imposes the following sanctions:

A. Respondent is CENSURED and REPRIMANDED pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 326.111 (2024).

B. Respondent shall pay to the Board a civil penalty of \$1,000. Respondent shall submit the civil penalty by check to the Board within 60 days of the Board's approval of this Stipulation and Consent Order.

C. Respondent shall complete 2 professional development hours related to professional ethics, and provide proof of completion of the hours to the Board, within 60 days of the Board's approval of this Stipulation and Consent Order. These professional development hours are not to count toward the continuing education hours required by statute and rule for license renewal.

D. Respondent shall comply with all statutes and rules within the Board's jurisdiction.

See Minn. Stat. §§ 326.02–.15 (2024) and Minn. R. chs. 1800 & 1805 (2023).

E. Respondent shall report in writing within ten days any and all violations of this Stipulation and Consent Order to the Board's Executive Director.

Respondent and the Committee enter into this stipulation based on the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and other stipulated provisions:

Findings of Fact

1. The Board issued Respondent a Professional Engineer license on July 30, 2008.
2. Respondent renewed his license through Online Services on May 29, 2024, at 6:15 pm.
 - a. Respondent affirmed on his renewal that he had not been under any disciplinary proceeding or action nor had a license or certificate disciplined, denied, surrendered, suspended or revoked in any jurisdiction since his last renewal.
 - b. Respondent then emailed the Board a Consent Order from the Oklahoma State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors that was signed by the Respondent on March 28, 2024, on May 29, 2024, at 6:20 pm.
3. In his response to the Committee, Respondent stated the following: "I was renewing the MN license and I clicked the button for disciplinary action which in that case did not allow me to upload the court order or any pdf document in the website and also did not allow to renew my license. In that case I had to click no disciplinary action and renew my license. As a

result as soon as I completed my payment for renewal I attached the court order copy along with the license renewal email and email to the Board right away.”

4. For the renewal certification statements, if an applicant states that they have been subject to discipline, a message appears that informs the individual that they cannot renew online and must renew by paper forms.

5. To avoid having to file a paper renewal, Respondent provided a false statement to the Board for his May 29, 2024 renewal by answering “True” to the certification stamp stating: “Since my last renewal, I have not been under any disciplinary proceedings or action nor have I had a license or certificate disciplined, denied, surrendered, suspended or revoked in any jurisdiction.”

Conclusion of Law

1. The Board has authority to license and regulate Professional Engineers and to take disciplinary action as appropriate. Minn. Stat. § 326.111 (2024).
2. Respondent violated Minn. R. 1805.0200, subps. 2, 4(C) (2023).
3. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 326.111 subds. 4(a)(1) and (5) (2024).
4. This Stipulation and Consent Order is in the public interest.

Other Stipulated Provisions

1. This Stipulation and Consent Order must be approved by the Board to become effective.

2. Respondent agrees that the Committee may move the Board *ex parte*, with or without advance notice to the Respondent, to approve this Stipulation and Consent Order. Respondent understands that the Board may either approve the Stipulation and Consent Order or not approve it. This stipulation and the files, records, and proceedings associated with this matter may be reviewed by the Board in its consideration of the Committee's motion.

3. If approved by the Board, this Stipulation and Consent Order shall be classified as public data. Minn. Stat. § 13.41, subd. 5 (2024). The Board will post a copy of this order on its website. The Board will also send a summary to the national discipline data bank pertaining to the practice of professional engineering.

4. If the Board does not approve this Stipulation and Consent Order, then the matter remains unresolved and the Committee may either seek to negotiate a revised Stipulation and Consent Order with Respondent to present to the Board or issue an order commencing a contested-case hearing before an Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings. See Minn. Stat. §§ 14.57–.62, 214.10, subd. 2 (2024) (describing administrative hearing process).

5. Respondent agrees that if this case comes before the Board again after it reviews and discusses this Stipulation and Consent Order, Respondent waives any claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this Stipulation and Consent Order and any records relating to it.

6. Respondent acknowledges that they were advised by the Committee of their right to a contested-case hearing in this matter before an Administrative Law Judge, to file exceptions and make argument to the Board after the hearing, and to seek judicial review from any adverse

decision rendered by the Board. Respondent hereby expressly waives those rights. Respondent was further advised by the committee of their right to be represented by counsel and that they knowingly waive that right.

7. Respondent has read, understands, and agrees to this stipulation and has voluntarily signed it. It is expressly understood that this stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise. If approved by the Board, a copy of the final Stipulation and Consent Order shall be served personally or by first class mail on Respondent. The Board's order shall be effective when it is signed by the Chair of the Board or the Chair's designee.

8. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16D.13 (2024), any civil penalty imposed by this Stipulation and Consent Order shall begin to accrue simple interest in accordance with that section thirty days after the civil penalty is due. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16D.17 (2024), thirty days after any civil penalty imposed by this Stipulation and Consent Order is due, the Board may file and enforce any unpaid portion of the civil penalty as a judgment against Respondent in district court without further notice or additional proceedings.

P. S. Pavan Kumar
Pavan Kumar Sundaresh Manepalli, PE

STATE OF Minnesota

COUNTY OF Hennepin

This instrument was acknowledged before me on 04/29/2025 by Pavan Kumar Manepalli.

(stamp)



[Signature]
(Signature of notary officer)
My commission expires: 01/31/2029

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

for Jason
Daniel Estlin

Jason Amberg, LA
Chair

Dated: May 14, 2025

CONSENT ORDER

Upon consideration of this Stipulation and Consent Order, and based upon all the files, records, and proceedings herein, all terms of the Stipulation and Consent Order are approved. Accordingly, the Board hereby ADOPTS the stipulation and issues the ORDER described above.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE,
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Dated: May 14, 2025

[Signature]

MELISA RODRIGUEZ, PE
Board Chair

DANIEL KELSEY, PE
BOARD VICE CHAIR