

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

In the Matter of

**STIPULATION AND
CONSENT ORDER**

Michael James DeVere
Architect No. 53771

Board File No. 2025-0063

STIPULATION

Michael DeVere ("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 \$500. 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 3 professional development hours related to professional ethics, and provide proof of completion of the hour to the Board, within 60 days of the Board's approval of this Stipulation and Consent Order. One of these hours shall be credited towards DeVere's 2024-2026 renewal to satisfy the ethics requirement for that renewal. None of these professional development hours may count toward the continuing education hours required by statute and rule for license renewal for any future 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 an Architect license on July 15, 2016.
2. Respondent renewed his license on April 23, 2024.
3. On his renewal application, Respondent reported a total of 31 Professional Development Hours (PDH), which included 5 PDH of carryover from the previous biennial renewal.
4. Respondent was selected for an audit and sent a letter requesting his continuing education documentation for his renewal on July 8, 2024.
5. Respondent submitted his Continuing Education Reporting form and documentation on July 22, 2024. Based on the documentation provided, the following issues were found:
 - a. He provided only 30 total PDH.
 - b. Only 26 of those PDH were acceptable.
 - c. Only one PDH of professional ethics hours was submitted.

6. The audit is considered failed due to noncompliance with the Continuing Education requirements for ethics.

7. Respondent submitted false statements on his April 23, 2024 renewal application when he checked the box to affirm the following statements:

- a. "Check this box to confirm that two of the PDH hours reported above are ethics hours earned on or after July 1, 2022," and
- b. "I declare that everything I have stated in this application is true, correct, and complete. I agree that checking this box shall constitute the execution of this document in exactly the same manner as if I had signed by hand."

Conclusions of Law

1. The Board has authority to license and regulate Architects and to take disciplinary action as appropriate. Minn. Stat. § 326.111 (2024).

2. Respondent violated Minn. Stat. § 326.107, subd. 1(a) and (c) (2024) and Minnesota Rules 1805.0200, subps. 2 and 4(C), and 1805.0900 (2023).

3. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 326.111 subds. 4(a)(1), (5), and (8), and 6 (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 architecture.

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.

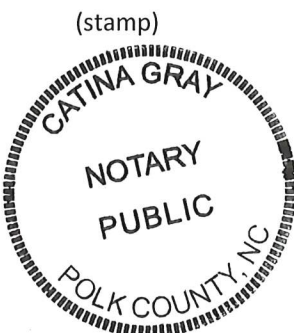
8. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16D.13 (2024), any civil penalty imposed by this Stipulation and Consent Order shall begin to accrue simple interest in accordance with that section thirty days after the civil penalty is due. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16D.17 (2024), thirty days after any civil penalty imposed 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.

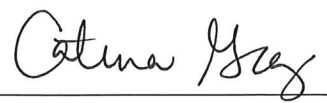

Michael James DeVere, Architect

STATE OF NC

COUNTY OF Polk

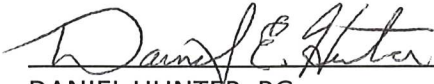
This instrument was acknowledged before me on 11 July 2025 by Michael DeVere.




(Signature of notary officer)

My commission expires: 11 | 28 | 2028

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE



DANIEL HUNTER, PG
Chair

Dated: August 13, 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.

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Dated: 8-13, 2025



DANIEL KELSEY, PE
Board Chair