BEFORE THE IOWA ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEY EXAMINING BOARD

Signature, Executive Officer

IN THE MATTER OF:

Case No. 21-11

Barrett Cameron Crook #P24557

STATEMENT OF CHARGES, CONSENT AGREEMENT, AND ORDER

Respondent.

The Iowa Engineering and Land Surveying Examining Board ("Board") and Barrett Cameron Crook ("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. The Board received a complaint alleging that Respondent improperly sealed engineering documents without preparing the documents or being in responsible charge of their preparation, among other allegations, which were submitted to the Iowa Department of Public Health ("IDPH") for approval.
- 4. The Board retained a peer reviewer to investigate the complaint, as authorized by Iowa Administrative Code rule 193C—10.1.
- 5. The peer reviewer contacted the business entity or entities identified as Hydroworx and Vincent Pools of Middletown, Pennsylvania ("Hydroworx").

6. Hydroworx stated that the engineering documents which were sealed by Respondent and submitted to the IDPH were prepared by a person or persons unaffiliated with Respondent, following which Hydroworx retained Respondent to seal the documents for submission in Iowa.

C. Charges.

9. The Board charges Respondent with placing their seal on an engineering document without being in responsible charge of the work in violation of Iowa Code § 542B.16(4) and Iowa Administrative Code rules 193C–6.1(4) and 193C—9.3(3)(i).

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 exparte 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>Civil Penalty</u>. Respondent is ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) within thirty (30) days of the Board's approval of this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order. All civil penalty payments shall be deposited into the State of Iowa general fund.
- 2. <u>Additional Continuing Education Hours</u>. Respondent is ordered to submit documentation of two (2) continuing education hours in ethics that meet the requirements of Iowa Administrative Code rule 193C—7.5 within thirty (30) days of the Board's approval of this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order. These hours may not be used to satisfy the hours requirement for the next biennial term.
- 3. <u>Future Compliance</u>. Respondent is ordered to obey all applicable Iowa laws and rules in the future.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

Respondent Barrett C. Crook	The Iowa Engineering and Land Surveying Examining Board
By: Barrett Cameron Crook	By Board Chair
8/4/2023	9/12/23
Date	Date