

TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
August 8, 2024, Board Meeting Disciplinary & Administrative Actions

Rhett Townsend, Boerne, TX; Case Number B-42360

Violation: Mr. Townsend used, affixed, or caused to be affixed or in any other manner, regardless of the means, attached or in any way depicted an engineering seal or a representation of an engineering seal without the express permission of the currently active licensee.

Act/Rule Violated: 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§137.37(b).

Resolution: Cease and Desist Order and Administrative Penalty of \$1,500.

J.J.S. Custom Built Homes, Inc., Houston, TX; Case Number B-42363

Violation: J.J.S. Custom Built Homes, Inc. used, affixed, or caused to be affixed or in any other manner, regardless of the means, attached or in any way depicted an engineering seal or a representation of an engineering seal without the express permission of the currently active licensee.

Act/Rule Violated: 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§137.37(b).

Resolution: Cease and Desist Order and Administrative Penalty of \$3,000.

Mohammed Sarwar Kamal, P.E. #88537, Plano, TX; Case Number D-38683

Violation: Mr. Kamal failed to ensure all engineering documents released, issued, or submitted by a licensee, including preliminary documents, clearly indicated the firm name and registration number of the engineering firm by which the engineer is employed and failed to conduct engineering and related business affairs in a professional manner in interactions with involved parties.

Act/Rule Violated: 22 Tex. Admin Code §§137.33(n) and 137.63(b)(5).

Resolution: One Year Probated Suspension contingent upon successful completion of the TTU Engineering Ethics Basic Course and remittance of an Administrative Penalty of \$1,885.

Jose Luis Obet Burgos Zepeda, Carrollton, TX; Case Numbers D-42120 and B-42121

Violation: In TBPELS Case No. D-42120, Mr. Burgos Zepeda engaged in the practice of engineering without holding a license and used, caused to be used, affixed, or caused to be affixed or in any other manner, regardless of the means, attached or in any way depicted an engineering seal or a representation of an engineering seal without the express permission of the currently active licensee. In TBPELS Case No. B-42121, Mr. Burgos Zepeda engaged in the practice of engineering without holding a license.

Act/Rule Violated: Tex. Occ. Code §§1001.004(c)(2)(A) and 1001.301(a).

Resolution: Cease and Desist Order and Administrative Penalty of \$6,000.

Herminio Oliveira Cruz, P.E. #105712, New Orleans, LA; Case Number D-42125

Violation: Mr. Cruz failed to practice engineering in a careful and diligent manner.

Act/Rule Violated: 22 Tex. Admin Code §137.63(b)(6).

Resolution: One Year Probated Suspension contingent upon successful completion of the TTU Engineering Ethics Basic Course and remittance of an Administrative Penalty of \$3,077.

Zeyn Burhan Uzman, P.E. #84126, Malvern, PA; Case Number D-42211

Violation: Mr. Uzman was disciplined by another jurisdiction after he signed and sealed drawings that contained deficiencies. The disciplinary action was on a matter that would constitute a violation of the Texas Engineering Practice Act or board rules. Specifically, Mr. Uzman failed to practice engineering in a careful and diligent manner. Mr. Uzman did not properly and promptly notify the Board he had been disciplined by another jurisdiction's regulatory agency.

Act/Rule Violated: 22 Tex. Admin Code §§137.5(c), 137.63(b)(6), and 137.65(b).

Resolution: Formal Reprimand.

Paul Carl Gilham, P.E. #102978, Portland, OR; Case Number D-42407

Violation: Mr. Gilham was disciplined by another jurisdiction after he produced an inadequate design and/or calculations, failed to protect the public, and knowingly associated with a non-licensed engineering firm. The disciplinary action was on a matter that would constitute a violation of the Texas Engineering Practice Act or board rules. Specifically, Mr. Gilham failed to practice engineering in a careful and diligent manner.

Act/Rule Violated: 22 Tex. Admin Code §§137.63(b)(6), and 137.65(b).

Resolution: Formal Reprimand.

Christopher Mark Hahn, P.E. #122475, Decatur, IL; Case Number D-42481

Violation: Mr. Hahn was disciplined by another jurisdiction after his engineering plans resulted in a structural failure. The disciplinary action was on a matter that would constitute a violation of the Texas Engineering Practice Act or board rules. Specifically, Mr. Hahn failed to practice engineering only in his area of competence. Mr. Hahn did not properly and promptly notify the Board he had been disciplined by another jurisdiction's regulatory agency.

Act/Rule Violated: 22 Tex. Admin Code §§137.5(c), 137.59(a), and 137.65(b).

Resolution: Formal Reprimand and Cease and Desist Order from the Practice of Structural Engineering.

Franklin Daniel Bingham, P.E. #82491, Phoenix, AZ; Case Number D-42714

Violation: Mr. Bingham was disciplined by another jurisdiction after he failed to safeguard his seal and did not exercise or apply appropriate technical knowledge and skill in a report that contained his seal and signature. The disciplinary action was on matters that would constitute violations of the Texas Engineering Practice Act or board rules. Specifically, Mr. Bingham failed to only seal work done by him, performed under his direct supervision, or were standards or general guideline specifications that he had reviewed and selected, and Mr. Bingham failed to issue statements only in an objective and truthful manner. Mr. Bingham did not properly and promptly notify the Board he had been disciplined by another jurisdiction's regulatory agency.

Act/Rule Violated: 22 Tex. Admin Code §§137.5(c), 137.33(b), 137.57(a), and 137.65(b).

Resolution: One Year Probated Suspension.

Monument Surveys, LLC, Houston, TX; Case Number B-42640

Violation: Monument Surveys, LLC offered or performed professional surveying services without the entity being registered with the Board. Monument Surveys, LLC is subject to administrative penalties by offering or engaging in the practice of surveying in Texas while

not registered with the Board or having previously been registered with the Board and whose registration has expired.

Act/Rule Violated: Tex. Occ. Code §1071.352(a) and 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§138.77(a) and 138.77(e).

Resolution: Cease and Desist Order and Administrative Penalty of \$1,000.

John Cordell Copley, R.P.L.S. #6720, Sherman, TX; Case Number D-42197

Violation: Mr. Copley failed to practice surveying in a careful and diligent manner.

Act/Rule Violated: 22 Tex. Admin Code §138.63(b)(6).

Resolution: Reprimand.