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FLORIDA ENGINEERS  
MANAGEMENT CORPORATION,

Petitioner,

vs.

FEMC Case No.: 2018003697  
LICENSE NO.: PE 63974

TIMOTHY A. BARBER, P.E.

Respondent.

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FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before the BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS (Board) pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes, on December 6, 2018, in Tallahassee, Florida, for consideration of the Administrative Complaint (attached hereto as Exhibit A) in the above-styled cause. At the hearing, Petitioner was represented by John J. Rimes, Chief Prosecuting Attorney. Respondent was not present and was not represented by counsel.

RULING ON MOTION

Petitioner has filed and properly served upon Respondent a Motion for Determination that Respondent forfeited his right to an administrative hearing pursuant to section 120.57(1), F.S. and to convene a section 120.57(2), F.S. hearing not involving disputed issues of material fact. Respondent failed to respond to the Motion.

After consideration of the Motion, the Board finds that Respondent failed to respond to the served Administrative Complaint within the time period provided by law, which constitutes a waiver of the right to elect a hearing. Accordingly, Petitioner's Motion is GRANTED and the Board convenes a section 120.57(2), F.S., hearing.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent was properly served with a copy of the Administrative Complaint and did not file a response within 21 days of service.

2. The investigative file provided and accepted into evidence establishes the facts alleged in the Administrative Complaint.

3. The Board adopts as its finding of facts the allegations of fact in the Administrative Complaint.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Failure to timely respond to a properly served Administrative Complaint constitutes a waiver of the right to elect a hearing involving disputed issues of material fact pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes.

2. The established facts constitute the violations set forth in the Administrative Complaint, which are adopted and incorporated by reference as the conclusions of law in this case and for which the Board may impose discipline.

3. The Board is empowered by Sections 455.227 and 471.033, Florida Statutes, to impose a penalty against the Respondent. THEREFORE, IT IS

ORDERED that Respondent's license to practice Professional Engineering, No. 63974, is REVOKED. It is further

ORDERED that the Board assesses and imposes administrative costs in the amount of twenty-six dollars and seventy-five cents (\$26.75).

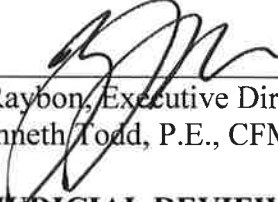
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Business and Professional Regulation.

DONE AND ORDERED this 5 day of January, 2019.

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

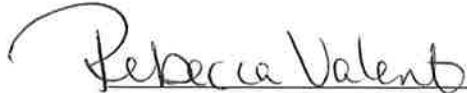
  
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Zana Raybon, Executive Director  
for Kenneth Todd, P.E., CFM, Chair

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW**

**A PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS FINAL ORDER IS ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.68, FLORIDA STATUTES. REVIEW PROCEEDINGS ARE GOVERNED BY THE FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE. SUCH PROCEEDINGS ARE COMMENCED BY FILING ONE COPY OF A NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THE AGENCY CLERK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND A SECOND COPY, ACCOMPANIED BY FILING FEES PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST DISTRICT, OR WITH THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL IN THE APPELLATE DISTRICT WHERE THE PARTY RESIDES. THE NOTICE OF APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF RENDITION OF THE ORDER TO BE REVIEWED.**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order has been provided by U.S. Mail to **Timothy A. Barber, P.E.**, 36702 Calhoun Road, Eustis, Florida 32736; by interoffice mail to John J. Rimes, Chief Prosecuting Attorney, FEMC, 2639 N. Monroe Street B-112, Tallahassee FL 32303 and Florida Board of Professional Engineers, 2639 N. Monroe Street B-112, Tallahassee FL 32303; and by electronic mail to Lawrence Harris, Assistant Attorney General, Lawrence.Harris@myfloridalegal.com, this 10 day of January, 2019.

  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT**

COMES NOW the Florida Engineers Management Corporation (FEMC) on behalf of Petitioner, Florida Board of Professional Engineers, hereinafter referred to as "Petitioner," and files this Administrative Complaint against TIMOTHY A. BARBER, P.E., hereinafter referred to as "Respondent." This Administrative Complaint is issued pursuant to Sections 120.60 and 471.038, Florida Statutes. Any proceeding concerning this complaint shall be conducted pursuant to Section 120.57, Florida Statutes. In support of this complaint, Petitioner alleges the following:

1. Petitioner, Florida Board of Professional Engineers, is charged with regulating the practice of engineering pursuant to Chapter 455, Florida Statutes. This complaint is filed by the Florida Engineers Management Corporation (FEMC) on behalf of Petitioner. FEMC is charged with providing administrative, investigative, and prosecutorial services to the Florida Board of Professional Engineers pursuant to Section 471.038, Florida Statutes (1997).

2. Respondent is, and has been at all times material hereto, a licensed professional engineer in the State of Florida, having been issued license number PE 63974. Respondent's last known address is 36702 Calhoun Road, Eustis, Florida 32736.

3. On or about November 6, 2017 Respondent was engaged by Karen B. Stitt (the Homeowner) to perform an inspection and to prepare an engineering report as to the condition of a fire

damaged residence located at 3703 County Road 754, Webster, Florida. Respondent was paid \$400.00 for the inspection and report. Respondent performed the inspection but never provided the report of the inspection despite numerous requests from the Homeowner. The Homeowner then was forced to hire another engineer to complete the inspection and report.

4. Section 471.033(1)(g), Florida Statutes, provides that an engineer is subject to discipline for engaging in negligence in the practice of engineering. Rule 61G15-19.001(4), Fla. Admin. Code, provides that negligence constitutes “failure by a professional engineer to utilize due care in performing in an engineering capacity or failing to have due regard for acceptable standards of engineering principles.” Respondent, as an entity holding a CA from the Board, is subject to discipline as provided in Section 471.023(5), Florida Statutes, “... in the same manner and on the same grounds as disciplinary action against a licensed engineer.”

5. Respondent has provided no explanation for never providing to Respondent’s client, the Homeowner, the engineering report for which Respondent was paid. As a result, insofar as Respondent accepted the Homeowner’s funds and failed to perform the services agreed upon, Respondent failed to exercise due care and has failed to have due regard for engineering standards and principles.

6. As set forth in Paragraphs Three (3) through Five (5) Respondent failed to exercise due care and has failed to have due regard for engineering standards and principles.

7. Based on the foregoing, Respondent is charged with violating Section 471.033(1)(g), Florida Statutes, and Rule 61G15-19.001(4), F. A. C., by being negligent in the practice of engineering.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests the Board of Professional Engineers to enter an order imposing one or more of the following penalties: permanent revocation or suspension of the Respondent’s license, restriction of the Respondent’s practice, imposition of an administrative fine, issuance of a reprimand, placement of the Respondent on probation, the assessment of costs related to the investigation and prosecution of this case, other than costs associated with an attorney’s

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time, as provided for in Section 455.227(3), Florida Statutes, and/or any other relief that the Board deems appropriate.

SIGNED this 25 day of September, 2018.

Zana Raybon  
Executive Director



BY: John J. Rimes, III  
Prosecuting Attorney

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JR/rv  
PCP DATE: September 12, 2018  
PCP Members: MATTHEWS, DRURY & ALBERGO

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was furnished to Timothy A. Barber, P.E. at 36702 Calhoun Road, Eustis Florida 32736, by certified mail and First Class U. S. Mail, on the 26 of September, 2018.

  
Rebecca Valentine, Paralegal