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STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

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ENGINEERS,

Petitioner,

v.

FEMC Case No. 2024039516

LEONARDO V. QUITERIO, P.E.,

Respondent,

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FINAL ORDER ADOPTING SETTLEMENT STIPULATION

THIS CAUSE came before the FLORIDA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ("Board"), pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(4), Florida Statutes, on August 07, 2025, by Videoconference, for the purpose of considering a Settlement Stipulation (attached hereto as "Exhibit A to Final Order") entered into between the parties in this cause. Upon consideration of the stipulation, the documents submitted in support thereof, and the arguments of the parties, it is hereby:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Settlement Stipulation as submitted be and is hereby adopted *in toto* and incorporated herein by reference. Accordingly, the parties shall adhere to and abide by all the terms and conditions of the stipulation.

This Final Order shall take effect upon being filed with the Clerk of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

DONE AND ORDERED this 14 day of August, 2025.

FLORIDA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Zana Raybon

Zana Raybon, Executive Director
For Denise Ramsey, P.E., CHAIR

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing filed *Final Order Adopting Settlement Stipulation* has been furnished by U.S. First Class Mail and email to A I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was furnished to Respondent Leonardo V. Quiterio, P.E. at 4700 Millenia Boulevard, Suite 5036, Orlando, Florida 32839 and leonardo.quiterio@sconsult.us this 14th day of August, 2025.

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For Rebecca Valentine,
Paralegal

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LEONARDO QUITTERIO, P.E. ("Respondent") and the Florida Board of Professional Engineers ("Board") by and through the Florida Engineers Management Corporation ("FEMC"), hereby stipulate and agree to the following joint stipulation and Final Order of the Board, incorporating this Stipulation in the above-styled manner.

STIPULATED FACTS

1. For all times pertinent hereto, Respondent was a licensed engineer in the State of Florida, having been issued license number PE 89115.
2. Respondent was charged by an Administrative Complaint ("Compliant") filed by FEMC, and properly served upon Respondent with violations of Chapters 471 and 455, Florida Statutes. A true and correct copy of the filed Administrative Complaint is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as "Exhibit A to Settlement Stipulation".

STIPULATED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent, in his capacity as a licensed engineer, admits that in such capacity he is subject to provisions of Chapters 455 and 471, Florida Statutes, and the jurisdiction of the Department of Business and Professional Regulations ("Agency"), FEMC, and the Board.

2. Respondent admits that the facts set forth in the Complaint, if proven, constitute violations of Chapters 455 and 471, Florida Statutes, as alleged in the Complaint.

STIPULATED DISPOSITION OF LAW

1. Respondent shall, in the future, comply with Chapters 471 and 455, Florida Statutes, and the rules promulgated pursuant thereto.

2. Should Respondent fail to comply with the terms of the Final Order, an administrative complaint for failure to comply with final order will automatically be opened against Respondent.

3. Respondent's shall pay an **ADMINISTRATIVE FINE** of \$1,000.00 and **COSTS** of \$4,216.45 to the Board thirty (30) days of the date that the Final Order adopting this Stipulation is filed with the Agency Clerk.

4. Respondent's license to practice engineering shall be **REPRIMANDED**.

5. Respondent shall **APPEAR** before the Board when this Stipulation is presented. Respondent must be prepared to discuss: how this situation occurred, what improvements and quality control measures Respondent plans to implement to improve Respondent's work product, and how Respondent intends to prevent this circumstance from occurring in the future.

6. Respondent shall successfully complete a Board-approved course in **BASIC ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALISM AND ETHICS** within one (1) year of the date the Final Order adopting this Stipulation is filed with the Agency Clerk. Prior to that date, Respondent shall submit to the Board a Certificate of Completion of the course. It is the Respondent's responsibility to notify the Board that he has completed the course in a timely manner. Respondent may contact the Florida Engineering Society ("FES"), 125 South Gadsden St., Tallahassee, FL 32301, (850)224-7121, for information regarding the availability of such courses in Florida; however, if the FES provides any information regarding such a course to the Respondent, the Respondent must submit that course information to the FEMC for review and determination as to whether or not it will

comply with the Board's requirements. Respondent may also elect to complete one of the following correspondence courses offered by:

Murdough Center for Engineering Professionalism
Texas Tech University, PO Box 41023, Lubbock, Texas 79409
Engineering Ethics Basic
Telephone 806-742-3525; Fax 806-742-0444; E-mail: engineering.ethics@ttu.edu

EPD Program
Auburn University
Engineering Extension Service
217 Ramsay Hall, Auburn, Alabama 36849-5331
Ethics and Professionalism
Phone 800-446-0382 or 334-844-4370

An Accredited College or University course if that course information is first submitted to the FEMC for review and determination as to whether or not it will comply with the Board's requirements.

Courses offered by Continuing Education Programs or Professional Business Programs (Exp: SunCam, Inc., C2Ed), are not Board Certified, and will not meet the requirements.

b. Respondent shall successfully complete the **STUDY GUIDE** which has been prepared by the Board and which will be furnished to Respondent, regarding the Engineering Practice Act, Chapter 471, Florida Statutes, and the Rules of the Board. Respondent is required to provide a personal email address that will be used to access the on-line study guide. The study guide must be completed within thirty (30) days of the date on which the Final Order incorporating this Stipulation is filed with the Agency Clerk.

7. Should the Respondent fail to timely comply with the terms of the Final Order discussed herein, this case will be submitted to the Probable Cause Panel for review and determination of whether additional disciplinary action should be taken.

8. Respondent acknowledges that neither Respondent's attendance at the Board Meeting when this Stipulation is presented, nor any continuing education or college level courses taken as a requirement of the terms of this Stipulation may be used to comply with the continuing education requirements of Chapter 61G15-22, Florida Administrative Code.


9. It is expressly understood that this Stipulation is subject to approval of the Board and FEMC and has no force and effect until the Board issues a Final Order adopting this agreement.

10. This Stipulation is executed by Respondent for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause. In this regard, Respondent authorizes the Board to review and examine all investigative file materials concerning Respondent prior to or in conjunction with consideration of the Stipulation. Furthermore, should this joint Stipulation not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to and by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the board or any of its members from further participation, consideration or resolution of these proceedings.

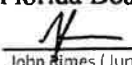
11. Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps and expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review of or otherwise challenge or contest the validity of the joint Stipulation of Facts, Conclusions of Law, imposition of discipline and the Final Order of the Board incorporating said Stipulation.

12. Respondent waives the right to seek any attorney's fees or costs from the Board in connection with this disciplinary proceeding.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto request the Board to enter a Final Order accepting and implementing the terms contained herein.


Leonardo Quiterio, P.E.
Respondent
Case No. 2024039516

APPROVED this 10th day of June, 2025.

Zana Raybon, Executive Director
Florida Board of Professional Engineers

John Rimes (Jun 10, 2025 08:33 EDT)
BY: John J. Rimes, III
Chief Prosecuting Attorney

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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 LEONARDO V. QUITERIO, 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 89115. Respondent's last known address is 4700 Millenia Boulevard, Suite 5036, Orlando, Florida 32839.

3. On March 26, 2024, Respondent signed and sealed structural engineering drawings for a single-story carport addition and renovation work in Leesburg, Florida (Carport Project).

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.”

5. The Board has adopted Responsibility Rules of Professional Engineers (“Responsibility Rules”). These Rules are contained in Chapters 61G15-30 to 61G15-36, Fla. Admin. Code. Professional Engineers who perform services covered by the Responsibility Rules are required to comply with these Rules.

6. Rule 61G15-19.001(4), Fla. Admin. Code, also provides that “[f]ailure to comply with the procedures set forth in the Responsibility Rules as adopted by the Board of Professional Engineers shall be considered as non-compliance with this section unless the deviation or departures therefrom are justified by the specific circumstances of the project in question and the sound professional judgment of the professional engineer.”

7. Rule 61G15-30.002(1), Fla. Admin. Code, mandates that Respondent, as the engineer of record for the Carport Project, is professionally responsible for the documents prepared. As such, Respondent is responsible for producing documents that comply with the applicable portions of the Responsibility Rules.

8. Respondent acted as the Structural Engineer of Record for the Carport Project as that term is defined in Rules 61G15-30.002(1), 61G15-31.002(1), Fla. Admin. Code. As such, all

engineering documents prepared, signed, sealed and dated by Respondent must contain the information set out in Rule 61G15-30.003(1): When prepared for inclusion with an application for a general building permit, the Documents shall meet all Engineer's Responsibility Rules, set forth in Chapter ...61G15-31, 61G15-32, 61G15-33, and 61G15-34, F.A.C., and be of sufficient clarity to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed and show in detail that it will conform to applicable standards, codes, laws, ordinances, rules and regulations in effect at the time the Documents are sealed, signed and dated, as determined by the AHJ.. The Documents shall include:

(a) Information that provides material specifications required for the safe operation of the system that is a result of engineering calculations, knowledge and experience.

(b) If the Engineering Documents are intended to comply with requirements of any edition of federal, state, municipal, or county standards, codes, ordinances, laws, or rules, other than those currently in effect, the Engineering Documents must clearly state the edition and effective dates the Documents are intended to conform to.

(c) Information, as determined by the Engineer of Record, needed for the safe and efficient operation of the system.

(d) List engineering design criteria; reference project specific studies, reports, and delegated Engineering Documents.

(e) Identify clearly elements of the design that vary from the governing standards and depict/identify the alternate method used to ensure compliance with the stated purpose of these Responsibility Rules.

9. The Florida Building Code (2017) – Building (FBC-B) Section 107.2.1 “Information on construction documents” states: “Construction documents shall be of sufficient clarity to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed and show in detail that it will conform to the provisions of this code and relevant laws, ordinances, rules and regulations,...”

10. Rule 61G15-31.001 “General Responsibility” states: The Engineer of Record is responsible for all structural aspects of the design of the structure including the design of all of the structure's systems and components. As noted herein the engineer of record may delegate

responsibility for the design of a system or component part of the structure to a delegated engineer. In either case the structural engineering documents shall address, as a minimum, the items noted in the following subsections covering specific structural systems or components. The Engineer of Record's structural engineering documents shall identify delegated systems and components. Both the Engineer of Record for the structure and the delegated engineer, if utilized, shall comply with the requirements of the general responsibility rules, Chapter 61G15-30, F.A.C., and with the requirements of the more specific structural responsibility rules contained herein. The Engineer of Record for the Structural System(s) shall provide design requirements in writing to the delegated engineer if one is used and shall review the design documents of the delegated engineer for conformance with his written instructions in accordance with Rule 61G15-30.005, F.A.C. When information collected from the engineer or the engineer's authorized representative from a site visit is part of the engineer's deliberative process, the engineer is responsible for the accuracy of such information.

11. Rule 61G15-31.002(5) "Structural Engineering Documents" states: The structural drawings, specifications and other documents setting forth the overall design and requirements for the construction, alteration, repair, removal, demolition, arrangement and/or use of the structure, prepared by and signed and sealed by the engineer of record for the structure. Structural engineering documents shall identify the project and specify design criteria both for the overall structure and for structural components and structural systems. The drawings shall identify the nature, magnitude and location of all design loads to be imposed on the structure. The structural engineering documents shall provide construction requirements to indicate the nature and character of the work and to describe, detail, label and define the structure's components, systems, materials, assemblies, and equipment.

12. Respondent's Structural Engineering Design Documents for the Carport Project are materially deficient as follows:

- (a) No geotechnical information was shown on the construction documents (Violation of FBC 1603.1.6).
- (b) No foundations were shown for the new carport structure (Violation of FBC 1808).
- (c) No concrete information was provided for the foundations (Violation of FBC 1901.5).
- (d) No roof sheathing for the carport was shown on the construction documents (Violation of FBC 2304.8.2).
- (e) No wood-to-wood fasteners were called out on the construction documents (Violation of FBC 2304.10).
- (f) There is no load path for transferring loads from the roof to the foundation for the carport (violation of FBC 1604.4 and 1604.8.1).
- (g) The structural sawn lumber species and grade is not specified in the documents (Violation of FBC Chapter 23)

13. Respondent's engineering drawings for the Carport Project contain deficiencies including but not limited to, those set forth in Paragraph Twelve (12). As a result of those deficiencies, Respondent violated the provisions of Section 471.033(1)(g), Florida Statutes, and Rule 61G15-19.001(4), F. A. C., by sealing and signing structural engineering documents that were issued and filed for public record when such documents were materially deficient in that Respondent: (1) did not exercise due care in the preparation of the final engineering documents for the Carport Project and (2) the final engineering documents for the Carport Project were not issued in compliance with acceptable engineering principles.

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

SIGNED this 20th day of May, 2025.

Zana Raybon
Executive Director

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BY: John J. Rimes, III
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PCP DATE: May 07, 2025
PCP Members: MATTHEWS, PISTORINO, & MYERS

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was furnished to Respondent Leonardo V. Quiterio, P.E. at 4700 Millenia Boulevard, Suite 5036, Orlando, Florida 32839, by certified mail and First-Class U. S. Mail, on the 22 of May, 2025.

Rebecca Valentine
Rebecca Valentine, Paralegal






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