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I certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: 02/20/2025 at Olympia, WA.

Signature: Mackenzie Wherrett

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE TO
PRACTICE AS A PROFESSIONAL LAND
SURVEYOR OF:

JARED W. RIIPINEN, PLS,
LICENSE NO. 44643

RESPONDENT.

Nos. 2024-09-2412-00LSV
2024-04-0720-00LSV
2024-05-1121-00LSV
2023-04-0553-00LSV
2024-02-0420-00LSV

~~[PROPOSED]~~ FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND
DEFAULT ORDER

This matter has come before the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (Board) upon the motion of DANITZA M. CASSELMAN, Assistant Attorney General, for entry of a default order. The entire record of this proceeding was presented to the Board for review. The Board having reviewed and considered the record and the Declaration of Jill Short, and being in all matters fully advised, makes the following:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1.1 Pursuant to Chapter 18.235 RCW Uniform Regulation of Business Professions, a Statement of Charges was issued by the Board alleging that Jared Riipinen, Respondent, violated provisions of RCW 58.09.030; RCW 58.09.040(1); RCW 58.09.060(1)(a),(b); RCW 18.43.105(5), (10); RCW 18.235.130(4); WAC 196-16-110; WAC 196-23-020(1); WAC 196-23-070(1)(d); WAC 196-27A-020(1)(a),(b),(d),(f)(i),(2)(a),(b),(d),(g); WAC 196-27A-030(5),(6); WAC 332-130-020(11); WAC 332-130-030(2),(3)(a),(4); and WAC 332-130-050(1)(a)(iii), (1)(B)(f)(iii),(iv),(v),(vi).

1.2 The Statement of Charges, Answer, and Notice of Legal Rights was mailed to

Respondent on November 20, 2024.

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1.3 The documents described in paragraph 1.2 notified Respondent of the right to request a hearing to contest the entry of a final order within twenty (20) days following service of the Statement of Charges, and that if the Respondent did not timely request a hearing or failed to attend or participate in a hearing or other stage of the proceeding the Respondent would be held in default.

1.4 The Respondent did not file an answer or request a hearing within twenty (20) days of service of the Statement of Charges and thereby loses his right to an adjudicative proceeding before the Board.

1.5 The Statement of Charges contained facts to support multiple charges of unprofessional conduct; improper supervision; failure to meet professional development hours requirements; improper use of seal/stamp; improper placement of signature on a document; failure to comply with provisions of the Survey Recording Act; failure to respond to client inquiries in a manner expected from a prudent practitioner; failure to comply with Intelligent Interpretation standards on surveys; and other survey-related deficiencies and violations.

From the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board makes the following:

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

2.1 The Respondent was duly served with a copy of the Statement of Charges which contained a short and plain statement of the matters asserted. The Respondent was also duly served with a copy of the Answer and Notice of Legal Rights which notified Respondent of the right to request a hearing in accordance with RCW 34.05.413(3).

2.2 The Respondent is in default pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1).

2.3 The Respondent's conduct described in Finding of Fact 1.4 constitutes violations of RCW 58.09.030; RCW 58.09.040(1); RCW 58.09.060(1)(a),(b); RCW 18.43.105(5), (10); RCW 18.235.130(4); WAC 196-16-110; WAC 196-23-020(1); WAC 196-23-070(1)(d); WAC

196-27A-020(1)(a),(b),(d),(f)(i),(2)(a),(b),(d),(g); WAC 196-27A-030(5),(6); WAC 332-130-020(11); WAC 332-130-030(2),(3)(a),(4); and WAC 332-130-050(1)(a)(iii), (1)(B)(f)(iii),(iv),(v),(vi). These violations constitute grounds for sanctions under RCW 18.235.110.

2.4 The failure of the Respondent to answer or request a hearing constitutes a default, resulting in the loss of the Respondent's right to a hearing. The Board is legally entitled to proceed to resolve this matter without further notice to, or hearing for the benefit of the Respondent, except that a copy of this order shall be served upon the Respondent pursuant to RCW 34.05.440.

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board enters the following:

III. DEFAULT ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED in accordance with RCW 18.235.050 that:

3.1 **Suspension.** Upon the effective date of this DEFAULT ORDER Respondent's license to practice is suspended for ten years.

3.1.1 During the ten-year suspension, Respondent will not own or operate a land surveying, engineering, or on-site septic system design business.

3.1.2 During the ten-year suspension, Respondent will not advertise or offer to provide land surveying services.

3.1.3 Following the ten-year suspension, should the Respondent desire to reinstate his license, he will reapply for reinstatement and take and pass the Law and Ethics Exam.

3.2 **Costs.** The Respondent shall be responsible for all costs, expenses, fees and/or tax consequences incurred by the Respondent in complying with this DEFAULT ORDER.

3.3 **Reconsideration.** Pursuant to RCW 34.05.470, you have ten (10) days from the mailing of this order to file a petition for reconsideration stating the specific grounds on which relief

is requested. No matter will be reconsidered unless it clearly appears from the petition for
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reconsideration that (a) there is material clerical error in the Order or (b) there is specific material error of fact or law. A petition for reconsideration, together with any argument in support thereof, should be filed by mailing or delivering it directly to:

BRPELS
P.O. Box 9025
Olympia, WA 98507-9025

A copy of the reconsideration shall be sent to all other parties of record and their representatives. Filing means actual receipt of the document at the Director's office. RCW 34.05.010(6). A copy shall also be sent to:

Washington State Office of the Attorney General
P.O. Box 40110
Olympia, WA 98504-0110

A timely petition for reconsideration is deemed to be denied if, within twenty (20) days from the date the petition is filed, the agency does not (a) dispose of the petition, or (b) serve the parties with a written notice specifying the date by which it will act on the petition. An Order denying reconsideration is not subject to judicial review. RCW 34.05.470(5). The filing of a petition for reconsideration is not a prerequisite for filing a petition for judicial review.

3.4 **Stay of Effectiveness.** The filing of a petition for reconsideration does not stay the effectiveness of this Order. The Board will not consider a petition to stay the effectiveness of this Order. Any such request should be made in connection with a petition for judicial review under chapter 34.05 RCW.

3.5 **Judicial Review.** Proceedings for Judicial Review may be instituted by filing a petition in Superior Court according to the procedures specified in Chapter 34.05 RCW, Part V, Judicial Review and Civil Enforcement. The petition for judicial review of this Order shall be filed with the appropriate court and served on the Board, the Office of the Attorney General, and all parties

within thirty (30) days after service of the DEFAULT ORDER, as provided in RCW 34.05.542.

3.6 **Effective.** This DEFAULT ORDER takes effect immediately upon being signed by the Board pursuant to RCW 34.05.473.

3.7 **Service.** This DEFAULT ORDER was served on you the day it was deposited in the United States mail pursuant to RCW 34.05.010(19). The Board will mail a signed copy of this DEFAULT ORDER to Respondent.


Dated this 13th day of February 2025.

State of Washington Board of Registration for
Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors



Marjorie Lund, PE, SE, Board Chair
Presiding Officer

Presented by:



DANITZA CASSELMAN, WSBA #49826
Assistant Attorney General