

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE

**IN THE MATTER OF:
TIMOTHY PATTISON TAYLOR, SR.
4647 KATHERINE BOULEVARD
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39211**

CAUSE NO. 24-4

CONSENT AGREEMENT

You are hereby notified that:

1. This matter came before the Mississippi State Board of Architecture concerning the entry of a Consent Order with Timothy Pattison Taylor, Sr. Having considered the matter, the parties, by consent, enter this Order and make the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, to-wit:
2. The parties to this action are the Mississippi State Board of Architecture (Board), which is a duly constituted Board existing within the executive branch of the government of the State of Mississippi located at 2 Professional Parkway, #2B, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157, and Respondent is Timothy Pattison Taylor, Sr.
3. The Board proceeds in its official capacity as the licensing entity as authorized by Title 73, Chapter 1 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.
4. Timothy Pattison Taylor, Sr. (Respondent) is a licensee of the Board, having been issued license number 2146 on October 21, 1988.
5. Regarding the Mount Zion Church project in Florence, Mississippi ("the project"), on or around May 16, 2023, the Respondent applied his architect seal and signature to plans that were prepared outside his responsible control by an unlicensed draftsman with Home Plan Designs, Inc.
6. As a mitigating factor, the Board considered that the Respondent has cooperated in the Board's investigation.

7. Respondent has had the opportunity at all times to seek advice from competent counsel of his choice. No coercion has been exerted upon Respondent, nor have any promises been made other than those reflected in this Consent Order. Respondent has freely and voluntarily entered into this agreement, motivated only by a desire to resolve the issues addressed herein.

8. Respondent is fully aware of his right to contest charges made against him in a formal hearing. These rights include the right to representation by an attorney at Respondent's expense, the right to a public hearing on the charges filed, the right to confront and cross examine witnesses called to testify against him, the right to present evidence in Respondent's own behalf, the right to receive written findings of fact and conclusions of law supporting the decision of the merits of the accusations, and the right to obtain judicial review of the Board's decision. These rights are voluntarily waived by Respondent in exchange for the Board's acceptance of this Consent Order.

9. Having considered all of the information and evidence presented to it, the Board has determined that there is clear and convincing evidence to make a finding that the acts of the Respondent as described above in Paragraph Five constitute a violation of:

- a. *Miss. Code Ann. § 73-1-29(1)(a)*, which provides that the Board may take disciplinary action against any person for violating any of the provisions of Sections 73-1-1 through 73-1-43 or the bylaws, rules, regulations or standards of ethics or conduct duly adopted by the board pertaining to the practice of architecture; and
- b. *Miss. Code Ann. § 73-1-35*, which provides that no architect shall affix his seal or stamp to any document that has not been prepared under his responsible control; and

- c. Rule 4.5.2, which defines “responsible control” as “control over all phases of the practice of architecture as is ordinarily exercised by architects applying the required professional standard of care, including, but not limited to control over and detailed knowledge of the content of technical submissions throughout preparation by the architect and the architect’s employees” and states that technical submissions will be deemed to have been prepared under the responsible control of an architect only when the following conditions are met:
- i. the client requesting preparation of such technical submissions makes the request directly to the architect, or to the architect’s employee, so long as the architect has the right to control and direct the employee in the material details of how the work is to be performed; and
 - ii. the architect supervises, directs and is involved in the preparation of the technical submissions and has input into and full knowledge of their preparation prior to their completion; and
 - iii. the architect reviews the final technical submissions; and
 - iv. the architect has the authority to, and does, make any necessary and appropriate changes to the final technical submissions; and
 - v. contributions of information or predrawn detail items or detail units that are incidental to and intended to be integrated into an architect’s technical submissions are from trusted sources, are subject to appropriate review, and are then coordinated and integrated into the design by the architect.

The rule goes on to state that review, or review and correction, of technical submissions after they have been prepared by others outside of the architect's employ does not constitute the exercise of responsible control because the reviewer has neither control over nor detailed professional knowledge of the content of such submissions throughout their preparation.

10. Respondent has consented to a finding of wrongdoing as to the violations cited herein.

11. The Board finds that the Respondent has acknowledged this conduct, expressed regret for any violations of law or regulation arising from it, made efforts to rectify the improper conduct, and has willingly cooperated with the Board in resolving this matter.

12. In consideration of the foregoing admissions, the Board issues a public reprimand to the Respondent and orders that the Respondent is assessed a fine in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), which must be remitted in full within thirty (30) calendar days from entry of this order.

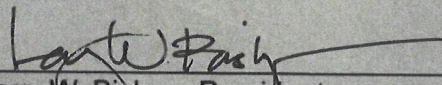
13. The Respondent acknowledges that the Board has jurisdiction over him and the subject matter which precipitated this Consent Order.

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Consent Order is submitted, and is the order of the Board in this matter, with the following conditions:

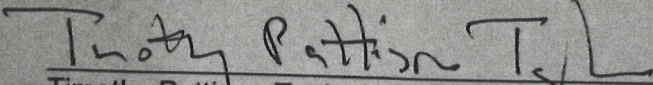
- a. Should the Board decline the entry of this Order, the Respondent by his signature below stipulates and agrees that:
 - i. He is entitled to a fair hearing before the Board on this matter; and
 - ii. This Order is not binding upon the Board or the Respondent, nor is it of any effect or consequence whatsoever, until signed by both parties; and

- iii. Both the Board and the Respondent are free to either accept or reject this Order prior to their acceptance and signatures.
- b. If accepted and entered by the Board, the Respondent and the Board by their signatures acknowledge and understand that:
- i. This document is public record. This disciplinary action shall be reported to and posted with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, shall be posted in the Board's disciplinary report, and shall be spread upon the Minutes of the Board as its official act and deed; and
 - ii. This Order is the final disposition of this matter and no hearing before the Board will be granted or held on this matter; and
 - iii. There is no right of appeal.
- c. The Respondent, by his signature, waives any and all objections or legal challenges he may have regarding or arising out of this matter, the entry of this Consent Order or any of its terms. He agrees to and waives any legal objections that may otherwise be available to him as to the Board taking this matter up preliminarily for purposes of considering this Consent Order.

SO ORDERED this the 6th day of August, 2024.



Larry W. Bishop, President
Mississippi State Board of Architecture



Timothy Pattison Taylor, Sr., Respondent