BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS,

Complainant,

v. Case No. C22-13

CHAD ENOCH FREELS, Licensed Professional Surveyor, WV License No. 2177,

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to West Virginia Code § 30-13A-23, the West Virginia Board of Professional Surveyors ("Board") hereby ADOPTS and incorporates by reference, in its entirety, the *Hearing Examiner's Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommended Decision* issued by Hearing Examiner Janis I. Reynolds on January 14, 2025, as the Board's Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law in this matter. A copy of the *Hearing Examiner's Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommended Decision* is attached to this Final Order.

This matter proceeded to hearing on September 20, 2024, at the Office of the West Virginia Attorney General in Charleston, West Virginia, before Hearing Examiner Janis I. Reynolds. The Board appeared by Assistant Attorney General Joanne M. Vella, its Executive Director Carla Williams, and Board member Lantz Rankin. Despite the Board having complied with its duty of notification, Chad Enoch Freels ("Respondent") failed to appear in person or otherwise or request a continuance of the hearing of this matter. The Board presented testimony and other evidence at the hearing, and then submitted its Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law to the Hearing Examiner on November 1, 2024.

Based on the evidence of record, the Board has shown by a preponderance of the evidence

that Respondent violated the Board's governing statutes and rules, all as more fully described in

the attached Hearing Examiner's Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and

Recommended Decision.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the Board does hereby ORDER

and DECREE as follows:

1. Respondent's license, License No. 2177, is hereby REVOKED.

2. Pursuant to West Virginia Code of State Rules § 23-5-9.5.a., Respondent shall

surrender his physical license to the Board within twenty (20) days after receipt of this Order.

3. Respondent shall reimburse the Board the administrative expenses incurred in its

investigation and disposition of this matter, which expenses total One Thousand Forty-Five Dollars

(\$ 1,045.00).

4. This document is a public record as defined in West Virginia Code § 29B-1-2.

5. Pursuant to West Virginia Code § 29A-5-4, Respondent may appeal this Order to

the Intermediate Court of Appeals within thirty (30) days.

ENTERED this, the 26th day of February, 2025.

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF

PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

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