

State Board for Professional Engineers * **BEFORE THE**
v. * **STATE BOARD FOR**
Maurice Mallia * **PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**
Respondent * **Agency Case No.: 17-PE-08**

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Consent Order

This matter comes before the State Board for Professional Engineers (“Board”) as the result of an audit by the Board of the continuing education hours in connection with the 2016 renewal application of Maurice Mallia (“Respondent”). As a result of the audit, it was determined that the Respondent did not complete the required hours of continuing education for renewal of the license. As a means of resolving this matter, the Board and the Respondent have agreed to enter into this Consent Order, and agree and stipulate to the following:

1. On May 18, 2016, the Respondent submitted an application for the renewal of his professional engineer’s license for the renewal period of 2016-2018.
2. Pursuant to Section 14—314(f), Business Occupations and Professions Article, Maryland Annotated Code, and 09.23.06 of the Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”), the Respondent was required to complete 24 hours of continuing education instruction or continuing professional competency (“CPC”) hours during the 24 month period preceding the renewal period.
3. The Respondent failed to complete the required number of hours, but on the application for renewal certified that the continuing education requirements for

renewal of the license had been fulfilled. The failure of the Respondent to obtain the CPC hours prior to renewing the license violates the requirements of Section 14-314 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article, Maryland Annotated Code and COMAR 09.23.06.

4. The Respondent was audited on May 18, 2016, the date of his application, for compliance with the continuing education requirements. The Respondent was notified of the audit and requested to provide documentation that he had completed the continuing education requirements. The Respondent was to respond within 30 days of the audit. The Respondent did not respond to the audit.

5. The Respondent agrees that, within 30 days of this Consent Order, he will provide proof of completion of the required hours.

6. The Respondent agrees to provide the Board with the original certificate or transcript verifying completion of the ethics course within 30 days of the Consent Order.

7. The Respondent further agrees that he will pay a fine of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) for failing to complete the hours prior to seeking the renewal of his license.

8. The fine is to be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of this Consent Order.

9. The Respondent waives the right to the issuance of a statement of charges and a formal hearing on the charges in this matter and where the Respondent would have the opportunity to present a defense to charges of a violation of Section 14-314(a)(1)(vi) and COMAR 09.23.06.

10. The Respondent agrees that if the Respondent fails to comply with the terms of this Consent Order, the Respondent's license will immediately be suspended by the

Board, without a hearing on the suspension, and that the suspension will continue until the Respondent evidences compliance with the Order.

11. The Respondent and the Board understand that this Consent Order will serve as the Final Order in this matter and be a part of the Respondent's licensing record that is maintained by the Board. The Board's records and publications will reflect the terms of the Consent Order.

WHEREFORE, based on these stipulations and agreements, it is hereby this

31 day of October, 2016, **ORDERED** by the State Board for

Professional Engineers:

- I. **That** the Respondent has violated Section 14-317(a)(1)(vi), Business Occupations and Professions Article, Maryland Annotated Code and COMAR 09.23.06.03A for failure to have the required hours prior to the renewal of the Respondent's professional engineer's license;
- II. **That** the Respondent shall complete the required 24 hours of CPC to meet the CPC requirements for the renewal of his license, and provide the Board with the original certificate or transcript verifying that he has completed the course, within 30 days of this Consent Order;
- III. **That** the Respondent shall pay a fine of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700) in connection with the violation, within thirty (30) days of the date of this Consent Order;
- IV. **That** in the event the terms and conditions of this Consent Order are not met by the Respondent, the Board shall immediately suspend the Respondent's professional engineer's license, without a hearing on the suspension, and that the

suspension will continue until such time as the Respondent evidences compliance with the terms of this Consent Order; and,

V. **That** the records of the Board shall reflect that this matter was resolved with this Consent Order.

Signature on file

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**Maurice Mallia,
Respondent**

Chairman
State Board for Professional
Engineers

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