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VIA U.S. MAIL AND EMAIL

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**Re: Tennessee State Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners Case
No. AEL – 2025006061
Closure with Letter of Warning**

Dear Linda Prather:

I serve as attorney for the Tennessee State Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners (Board). Please be advised that the Board reviewed and considered the above-referenced complaint at the April 2, 2026, Board meeting.

This matter is related to complaint number 2025007221 and complaint number 202502964, which all stem from the same construction project.

In complaint number AEL 2025006061, Julie Pereira (Complainant) stated that on October 12, 2020, the concrete foundation was poured, and construction began on or around October 23, 2020. The complaint stated that you did not sign off on the foundation until December 22, 2020 (71 days after construction began). Therefore, the construction started before the foundation was approved by you. Additionally, the Complainant stated that no pictures of the inspection were provided, nor proof that you were ever at the construction location.

Your response stated that A.F.A. Engineering was under your supervision. Based on a recent renewal application, you work at Foundation Engineering Management, Inc., as a professional engineer. Our records indicate that the firm A.F.A. Engineering is **not a licensed firm with the Board**. Additionally, the individual who was listed as the principal engineer, **Al Chokhachi**, is **not a licensed engineer**.

Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0120-02-.07(1) states:

The registrant shall not knowingly associate with, or permit the use of the registrant's name or firm name in, a business venture by any person or firm which the registrant knows, or has reason to believe, is engaging in business or professional practice of a fraudulent or dishonest nature.

Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0120-02-.07(3) states:

The registrant may not take over, review, revise, or sign or seal drawings or revisions thereof when such plans are begun by persons not properly registered and qualified; or do any other act to enable either such persons or the project

owners, directly or indirectly, to evade the registration requirements of T.C.A. Title 62, Chapter 2.

Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0120-02-.03(3) states:

The registrant shall not affix the registrant's signature and/or seal to any plan or document dealing with subject matter in which the registrant lacks competence acquired through education or experience, nor to any plan or document not prepared by the registrant or under the registrant's responsibility.

Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0120-02-.03(6), in relevant part, states:

The following acts or omissions, among others, may be deemed to be "incompetence" pursuant to T.C.A. §62-2-308(a)(1)(B), and to be cause for denial, suspension, or revocation of a certificate of registration to practice architecture, engineering, or landscape architecture, and/or the imposition of any other lawful discipline:

- (a) Malpractice. Incompetence includes, but is not limited to, recklessness, or excessive errors, omissions, or building failures in the registrant's record of professional practice.

Here, you supervised the pre-construction concrete pour done by AFA Engineering, an unlicensed firm. Therefore, the Board decided to issue this Letter of Warning to ensure that you exercise due diligence when interacting with professionals you supervise, in compliance with Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0120-02-.07 and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0120-02-.07. It is encouraged that all requested permits are completed in a timely manner and that all steps are properly followed, such as receiving approved permits or documents prior to starting construction.

This letter also provides you with notice that A.F.A. Engineering and the associated individual, Al Chokhachi, are not properly registered. Please be aware that any present and/or future approval of work completed by unregistered individuals under your supervision may result in disciplinary action from the Board, such as civil penalties or suspension of your license. **It is strongly recommended that you CEASE AND DESIST from affixing your seal or signature to plans, reports, sketches, working drawings, specifications, or other documents that were completed by unregistered individuals and/or firms.**

This Letter of Warning constitutes the resolution of the above-referenced complaint. A copy of the Board's rules and regulations is located at: <https://www.tn.gov/commerce/regboards/trec/rules-and-laws.html>

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. **I am not permitted to provide you with legal advice; however,** if you have questions, please contact me via email at Aerial.Carter@tn.gov. If you need to consult with a private attorney, please feel free to do so.

Sincerely,

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