BEFORE THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
AND LICENSED INTERIOR DESIGNERS OF OKLAHOMA
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT AGAINST: RYAN BELLEW 102 AVE K, BEAVER, OK 73932 Respondent.	**Case No. 2025-732**

FINAL AGENCY ORDER

The Board of Governors of the Architects, Landscape Architects and Licensed Interior Designers of Oklahoma ("Board") met on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at the Board's office, located at 220 N.E. 28th Street, Suite 150, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at 9:30 a.m., in a properly noticed meeting under the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 Okla. Stat. § 301 *et seq*. At the meeting, a sufficient number of members of the Board to constitute a quorum held a hearing in the above-captioned matter. Russell C. Lissuzzo III of RUSSELL C. LISSUZZO, III, PLLC, appeared as the Board Prosecutor, and Ryan Bellew, Respondent ("Mr. Bellew" and/or "Respondent") appeared in person. The proceeding was brought under the provisions of Article II of the Administrative Procedures Act, 75 Okla. Stat. § 250 *et seq*. All testimony was taken under oath. The meeting was recorded electronically. A permanent record of the hearing will be maintained at the Board's office.

The Board, having reviewed the Notice of Complaint and Hearing, as well as the exhibits thereto, the exhibits admitted at the hearing, and having heard the presentation of the prosecuting attorney and Mr. Bellew's argument, and deliberated in executive session, and being fully advised in the premises, the Board FINDS, CONCLUDES, and ORDERS, by a vote of 8-0, with three (3) members abstaining, as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On June 22, 2026, the Notice of Complaint and Hearing was officially filed with the Board.

2. Service of the Notice of Complaint and Hearing was achieved on June 25, 2026. *See* Hearing **Exhibit 1**, Return Receipt No. 9589071041073483 90

3. A quorum of the Board was present at the hearing. *See* Transcript, at pg. 4, lines 14-16.

4. Respondent appeared in person, was not represented by counsel, acknowledged that he was aware of his right to counsel, presented no witnesses other than himself, and stated that he was prepared to proceed. *Id*., at pg. 5, lines 12-32 and pg. 6, lines 1-5.

5. Hearing Exhibits 2 and 3 were offered by the Board Prosecutor and admitted into the record without objection from the Respondent. *See id*., at pg. 7, lines 3-9, 13-17, and 20-22.

6. Respondent has not been issued, and does not hold, a License to practice architecture in the state of Oklahoma issued by the Board. *See id*., at pg. 8, lines 4-6. Respondent did not dispute that he is unlicensed, and testified that he did not study to be an architect and does not intend to become one. *See id*., at pg. 10, lines 18-19.

7. Respondent is a builder, and served as the builder and construction manager on the project at issue. *See id*., at pg. 12, lines 16-17 and 26-30.

8. Respondent was hired by Texas County, Oklahoma. *See id*., at pg. 12, lines 22-25, and pg. 13, lines 3-5.

9. The project at issue is the remodel of the third floor of the Texas County Courthouse, located at 319 N. Main Street, Guymon, Oklahoma 73942 (the "Project"), consisting

of the conversion of a portion of the existing law library into two (2) bathrooms and a storage space. See id., at pg. 12, lines 30-32, and pg. 13, lines 1-2.

10. Respondent prepared plans for the Project. The plans attached to the Notice of Complaint and Hearing contain the title block reading "Drawings provided by: Ryan Bellew Construction Services, LLC," and consist of a project overview sheet, a floor plan, a plan of the bathroom facilities to be added, a third floor plan, and an egress plan. *See* Notice of Complaint and Hearing **Exhibit 1**; *see also* Transcript, at pg. 8, lines 17-26.

11. In the letter admitted at Exhibit 2, Mr. Bellew stated that "[t]hese are the plans I sent to an architect for stamping the egress plan." *See* Hearing **Exhibit 2**; *see also* Transcript, at pg. 8, lines 27-31.

12. In the December 1, 2025 email, admitted as Hearing Exhibit 3, Respondent stated "[t]he most recent plans I sent you are the original plans I drew and sent to him with the instructions to 'perfect the plans and create and stamp the health and safety plan." *See* Hearing **Exhibit 3**; *see also* Transcript, at pg. 8, line 32, and pg. 9, lines 1-4.

13. Respondent submitted the plans for the Project to the Office of the State Fire Marshal for permitting. *See* Transcript, at pg. 8, lines 10-11 and 17-20.

14. Respondent testified that he sent the plans to an individual he located through the online application "Fiverr"; that he sent that individual additional floors when asked; and that when that individual "didn't know how to do the egress plan," Respondent responded, "this is what I've seen before." *See id*., at pg. 10, lines 19-32, and pg. 11, lines 1-4.

15. The Texas County Courthouse is a multi-story building. Respondent's letter admitted as Hearing **Exhibit 2** states that work "will be performed on the 3rd floor of the Texas County, OK Courthouse – a five-floor building," and Respondent's December 1, 2025 email

admitted as Hearing **Exhibit 3** states that "the Texas County Courthouse is 4 floors above ground and a basement."

16. The Project concerns the alteration of a building more than two (2) stories in height, on a floor having a Code Use Group of A-3 and a code-defined occupancy of more than fifty (50) persons. *See* Hearing **Exhibit 2** and **Exhibit 3**; *see also* Transcript, at pg. 9, lines 8-9 and 20-24.

17. Respondent testified that he had not sought out an architect to stamp and seal plans in connection with a project, that he takes seriously the rules governing his business and tries to be as professional as possible, and that personal circumstances during the relevant time period affected him. *See id*., at pg. 11, lines 76-16.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board is created and empowered under the State Architectural and Licensed Interior Designers Act, 59 Okla. Stat. § 46.1 *et seq*. (the "Act"), and has promulgated rules recorded in the Oklahoma Administrative Code at OAC 55:10-1-1 *et seq*. (the "Rules").

2. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceed and over Respondent as a person alleged to have engaged in the practice of architecture within the state of Oklahoma.. 59 Okla. Stat. §§ 46.7(12), (14), (15), and (16); 59 Okla. Stat. § 46.8a(A); 59 Okla. Stat. § 46.18(A); *see also* Transcript, at pg. 4, lines 14-16.

3. Respondent was afforded Notice and an opportunity for hearing consistent with the Act, the Rules, and the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, 75 Okla. Stat. § 301 *et seq*. Service of the Notice of Complaint and Hearing was properly achieved by Certified Mail, Restricted Delivery, Return Receipt Requested, and was received by the Respondent on June 25, 2026, seventy-two (72) days prior to the September 2, 2026 hearing.

4. Respondent appeared in person, was advised of his right to counsel, elected to proceed without counsel, and was afforded the opportunity to respond, present evidence, and argue on all issues involved. OAC 55:10-15-15(a)(2) and (a)(4)(D)-(E).

5. The Act, at 59 Okla. Stat. § 46.3(3), defines "License" as "a license issued by the Board."

6. The Act, at 59 Okla. Stat. § 46.3(2), defines the "Practice of Architecture" as:

> Rendering or offering to render certain services, in connection with the design and construction, enlargement or alteration of a building or a group of buildings, and the space surrounding such buildings, including buildings which have as their principal purpose human occupancy or habitation. The services referred to include planning, providing preliminary studies, designs, drawings, specifications, investigations and other technical submissions prepared by other consultants including, as appropriate, and without limitation, consulting engineering and landscape architects; provided, that the practice of architecture shall include such other professional services as may be necessary for rendering of or offering to render architectural services.

7. The Act, at 49 Okla. Stat. § 46.8a(A) provides:

> It shall be unlawful for any person to directly or indirectly engage in the practice of architecture in this state or use the title "Architect," "Registered" or "Licensed Architect," "Architectural Designer," or display or use any words, letters, figures, titles, signs, cards, advertisements, or other symbols or devices indicating or tending to indicate that such person is an architect or is practicing architecture, unless the person is licensed under the provisions of this act. No person shall aid or abet any person, not licensed under the provisions of this act, in the practice of architecture

8. The Act, at 59 Okla. Stat. § 46.21b(C)(1), requires that an architect plan, design, and prepare the plans and specifications for buildings more than two (2) stories tall and having a Code Use Groups of A-3, and a code defined occupancy of more than fifty (50) persons. Therefore, an architect was required for the Project.

9. Respondent, who has not been issued a License by the Board, rendered services constituting the Practice of Architecture as defined at 59 Okla. Stat. § 46.3(2) in connection with the alteration of a building in this State, including planning, designs, drawings, an egress plan, and other technical submissions for the Project, and submitted those technical submissions to the Office of the State Fire Marshal for permitting. Respondent therefore directly engaged in the practice of architecture within the state of Oklahoma without being licensed under the Act, in violation of 59 Okla. Stat. § 46.8a(A), as charged in Count I of the Complaint.

10. The Rules, at OAC 55:10-15-2(2), provides that "[v]iolating the Act, or any Rule or order issued by the Board, including for the unlicensed practice of architecture or landscape architecture," constitutes "[g]rounds for probation, denial, revocation, suspension, refusal to renew, orders, injunctions, civil and/or criminal penalties."

11. The violation charged in Count I is established on this record by clear and convincing evidence, including Respondent's own written statements in Hearing **Exhibit 2** and **Exhibit 3**, the plans attached to the Notice of Complaint and Hearing as **Exhibit 1**, and Respondent's sworn testimony at the hearing.

12. Pursuant to 59 Okla. Stat. § 46.7, in addition to the other powers and duties imposed by law, the Board shall have the power and duty to:

> (12) Levy civil penalties plus the legal costs incurred by the Board to prosecute the case against any person or entity who shall violate any of the provisions of the State Architectural and Licensed Interior Designers Act or any rule promulgated pursuant thereto;

13. Pursuant to 59 Okla. Stat. § 46.18(A), any person or entity who has been determined by the Board to have violated any provision of Act or any rule or order issued pursuant to the provisions of the Act may be liable for a civil penalty of not more than One Hundred Dollars

($100.00) for each day that said violation continues. The maximum civil penalty shall not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) for any violation.

14. Pursuant to 59 Okla. Stat. § 46.18(B), the amount of the civil penalty is assessed by the Board after notice and hearing, taking into the account the nature, circumstances, and gravity of the violation and, with respect to the person found to have committed the violation, the degree of culpability.

15. Pursuant to OAC 55:10-15-18(a)(5) and (b)(5), the Board may find the accused party guilty and may impose a civil penalty in accordance with the Act.

16. This Final Agency Order is issued in accordance with OAC 55:10-15-21, and sets forth findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated.

17. Any Finding of Fact more properly characterized as a Conclusion of Law shall be so deemed, and any Conclusion of Law more properly characterized as a Finding of Fact shall be so deemed.

ORDER

It is therefore **ADJUDGED, DECREED, AND ORDERED** by the Board of Governors of Architects, Landscape Architects and Licensed Interior Designers of Oklahoma as follows:

Respondent Ryan Bellew is found GUILTY of directly engaging in the practice of architecture within the state of Oklahoma without having been issued a License by the Board.

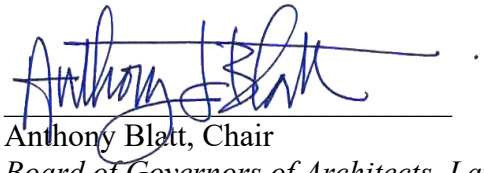
It is therefore **FURTHER ORDERED**, having weighed all factors under 59 Okla. Stat. § 46.18(B), that:

Respondent Ryan Bellew is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00), payable to the Board within sixty (60) days of the mailing date of this Order;

Failure to comply with any term of this Order shall constitute grounds for further disciplinary action, including the levy of additional civil penalties under OAC 55:10-15-2(2) and 59 Okla. Stat. § 46.18(A); and

This Order shall be effective upon the date of execution by the Chair and shall be mailed to Respondent's address of record.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 23rd day of October, 2026.



Anthony Blatt, Chair
Board of Governors of Architects, Landscape Architects and Licensed Interior Designers

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This is to certify that on the 22 day of October, 2026, a true and correct copy of the above Final Agency Order was sent by Certified Mail, Restricted Delivery, Return Receipt Requested, by regular first-class mail, postage prepaid, and email to:

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