

## CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP.

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(A) THE BOARD MAY REPRIMAND, OR SUSPEND, REVOKE, OR REFUSE TO RENEW THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF ANY REGISTRANT WHOM THE BOARD FINDS:

(1) HAS PRACTICED ANY FRAUD, DECEIT, OR MISREPRESENTATION IN OBTAINING A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION;

(2) IS GUILTY OF ANY GROSS NEGLIGENCE, INCOMPETENCE, OR MISCONDUCT IN THE PRACTICE OF LAND SURVEYING AS A PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR;

(3) HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF, OR ENTERED A PLEA OF NOLO CONTENDERE TO A CRIME INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE OR A VIOLATION OF THE STATE ELECTION LAWS BY ANY COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION;

(4) HAS ADMITTED, IN WRITING OR UNDER OATH, ACTS OR OMISSIONS IN THE COURSE OF AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION BY AN AUTHORIZED PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR PUBLIC BODY WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE A CRIME INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE OR A VIOLATION OF THE STATE ELECTION LAWS, WHETHER OR NOT THE PERSON IS SUBSEQUENTLY PROSECUTED; OR

(5) HAS KNOWINGLY VIOLATED ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE OR THE CODE OF ETHICS PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) ANY PERSON, INCLUDING AN EMPLOYEE OF THE BOARD, MAY PREFER CHARGES OF FRAUD, DECEIT, MISREPRESENTATION, GROSS NEGLIGENCE, INCOMPETENCE, MISCONDUCT, OR OTHER ACT OR OMISSION PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, AGAINST ANY REGISTRANT. THE CHARGES SHALL BE SPECIFIC AND IN WRITING, SHALL BE SWORN TO BY THE PERSON OR PERSONS MAKING THEM, AND SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD.

(C) ALL CHARGES, UNLESS DISMISSED BY THE BOARD AS UNFOUNDED OR TRIVIAL, SHALL BE SET DOWN FOR HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME, BUT NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN PREFERRED.

(D) THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE HEARING SHALL BE FIXED BY THE BOARD, AND A COPY OF THE CHARGES, TOGETHER WITH A NOTICE OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING, SHALL BE PERSONALLY SERVED ON OR MAILED TO THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE REGISTRANT AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE FIXED FOR THE HEARING. AT ANY HEARING, THE ACCUSED REGISTRANT MAY APPEAR IN PERSON OR BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL, CROSS-EXAMINE WITNESSES APPEARING AGAINST HIM, AND PRODUCE EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES IN HIS OWN DEFENSE. IF THE ACCUSED PERSON FAILS OR REFUSES TO APPEAR, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED TO HEAR AND DETERMINE THE VALIDITY OF THE