

**CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER BOARD OF STANDARDS, INC.
WASHINGTON D.C.**

In the Matter of

Scott P. Belanger,

Respondent.

CFP Board Case No. 2024-66052

July 6, 2026

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF TEMPORARY BAR

On May 18, 2026, Enforcement Counsel for Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. (“CFP Board”) filed a Motion for Administrative Order of Temporary Bar under Article 4.2 of the *Procedural Rules* (“Motion”) requesting that Counsel for CFP Board’s Disciplinary and Ethics Commission (“Commission” or “DEC”) issue an Administrative Order of Temporary Bar against Respondent.¹ Respondent did not file a response to the Motion.

For the reasons stated below, Enforcement Counsel’s Motion is **GRANTED**.

I. BACKGROUND

Respondent became a CFP® professional on January 12, 2007, and relinquished his certification on February 28, 2026.

A. Notice of Investigation

On May 14, 2024, Enforcement Counsel issued a Notice of Investigation (“NOI”) to Respondent regarding a felony charge for burglary with battery/assault in the first degree. Respondent failed to acknowledge receipt of the NOI within 14 calendar days, as required by Article 1.1.b. of the *Procedural Rules*. Enforcement Counsel re-delivered the NOI (“Second NOI”) via certified mail to Respondent’s address of record in CFP Board’s files on June 12, 2024. Respondent failed to acknowledge receipt of the Second NOI within 14 calendar days, as required by Article 1.1.b., and failed to respond to Enforcement Counsel’s subsequent attempts to contact him about his failure to acknowledge either NOI. As demonstrated by Respondent’s failure to acknowledge receipt of the NOI, Enforcement Counsel determined that Respondent was in default pursuant to Article 4.1.a. of the *Procedural Rules*. Enforcement Counsel filed a Motion for Order of Administrative Temporary Bar on May 18, 2026.

B. Motion

Enforcement Counsel states in its Motion that it has determined that the seriousness, scope, and harmfulness of Respondent’s conduct warrants an Administrative Order imposing a Temporary Bar against Respondent.

¹ Enforcement Counsel certified in its Motion that it had attempted to meet and confer with Respondent in a good faith attempt to resolve or narrow the issues on May 14, 2024 and April 15, 2026, but Respondent did not respond to Enforcement Counsel’s attempts.

Enforcement Counsel sought to investigate the charge of first-degree felony burglary with assault/battery filed against Respondent in February 2024. This criminal charge suggests there is evidence that Respondent may have engaged in conduct that conduct violated Standard E.2 of the *Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct*, which prohibits a CFP® from engaging in conduct that reflects adversely on his or her integrity or fitness as a CFP® professional, upon the CFP® marks, or upon the profession.

II. DISCUSSION

If a Respondent fails to acknowledge receipt of a Notice of Investigation delivered in accordance with Article 1.1 of the *Procedural Rules*, then Respondent is in default under Article 4.1.

Enforcement Counsel's Motion states with reasonable particularity the grounds for Respondent's default, as required by Article 4.2 of the *Procedural Rules*. Enforcement Counsel delivered to Respondent its initial NOI and its Second NOI, as required by Article 1.1, but Respondent failed to acknowledge either of them as required by Article 1.1.b.

By failing to respond to either NOI, Respondent undermined Enforcement Counsel's ability to investigate the first-degree felony charge filed against Respondent. Enforcement Counsel filed the Motion based on its determination of the seriousness, scope, and harmfulness of Respondent's conduct, as required under Article 4.2 of the *Procedural Rules*.

III. CONCLUSION

DEC Counsel **GRANTS** the Motion and issues this **Administrative Order of Temporary Bar** against Respondent ("Order"). Respondent is prohibited from applying for or obtaining CFP Board certification. The Temporary Bar shall remain in place until Respondent has been deemed eligible to apply for reinstatement in accordance with Article 4.6 of the *Procedural Rules*.

IV. COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER

Pursuant to Article 11.2 of the *Procedural Rules*, Respondent is required to submit to Enforcement Counsel, within 45 calendar days of issuance of this Order, written evidence that Respondent:

- Has advised Respondent's Firm(s), in writing, of this Order of Administrative Temporary Bar in the manner set forth in Standard D.3 of the *Code and Standards*; and
- Has advised all Clients (as Client is defined in the Glossary to the *Code and Standards*) of this Order of Administrative Temporary Bar and provided all Clients the location of CFP Board's website that sets forth Respondent's disciplinary history in the manner set forth in Standard A.10 of the *Code and Standards*; and
- Will advise all future Clients of the location of CFP Board's website that sets forth Respondent's disciplinary history, according to Standard A.10 of the *Code and Standards*.

Failure to do so may result in further disciplinary action.

Pursuant to Article 11.3 of the *Procedural Rules*, within 45 calendar days from the date of this Order, or by August 17, 2026, Respondent is required to submit to Enforcement Counsel, by sending an email to discipline@cfpboard.org, Respondent's statement of assurance that Respondent will not use the CFP Board certification marks and proof that Respondent has removed

the CFP Board certification marks from all internet sites or other tangible materials that Respondent exposes to the public, including screenshots of the businesses, social media, and third-party financial advisor listing website profiles that Respondent controls, pictures of signage, and when applicable, copies of Respondent's business cards, letterhead, and marketing and promotional materials, as well as pictures of any other materials Respondent controls in which the CFP® marks previously appeared publicly in reference to Respondent or Respondent's services.. Failure to do so may result in further disciplinary or legal action regarding the unauthorized use of the CFP Board certification marks.

SO ORDERED

Counsel to the Disciplinary and Ethics Commission
July 6, 2026