

# **AGENDA ITEM NO.**

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Notice of Agency
OREGON REAL ESTATE BOARD
Regular Meeting Agenda
Video-Conference - Zoom
February 5, 2024

Real Estate Agency

530 Center St. NE, Suite 100 Salem, Oregon 97301-2505

Phone: (503) 378-4170 www.oregon.gov/rea

#### I. BOARD BUSINESS - Chair Beal

- A. Call to Order
- B. Chair Beal comments/Roll Call
- C. Approval of the Agenda and Order of Business
- D. Approval of 12.4.23, regular meeting minutes
- E. Date of the Next Meeting: 4.01.24 to begin at 10am, Location: Agency Office Salem, Oregon

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENT - Chair Beal

- This time is set aside for persons wishing to address the Board on matters not on the agenda. Speakers will be limited to five minutes.
- The Board Chair reserves the right to further limit or exclude repetitious or irrelevant presentations. If written material is included, 12 copies of all information to be distributed to board members should be given to the Board Liaison prior to the meeting.
- Action will not be taken at this meeting on citizen comments. The Board, however, after
  hearing from interested citizens, may place items on a future agenda so proper notice may
  be given to all interested parties.
- If no one wishes to comment, the next scheduled agenda item will be considered.

#### III. REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS - Chair Beal Waiver request log.

A. None

#### IV. PETITION TO QUALIFY AS A CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER - Chair Beal.

A. FIRPTA Solutions, Inc.

#### V. BOARD ADVICE/ACTION - Commissioner Strode

A. None

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS - Commissioner Strode

- A. Board Member Authored OREN-J Articles
- B. Ethics Training Oregon Ethics Commission Charlie Esparza

#### VII. COMMUNICATIONS - ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS SUMMARY - Chair Beal

#### VIII. REPORTS - Chair Beal

- A. Commissioner Strode
- B. Agency division reports-Refer to board packet
- **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS Chair Beal.** Next board meeting: 04.01.24 to begin at 10am, Agency Office Salem, Oregon
- X. ADJOURNMENT Chair Beal

Interpreter services, auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities, and access to attend remotely by videoconference are available upon advance request.



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#### OREGON REAL ESTATE BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes Video-Conference - Zoom December 4, 2023 10:00 a.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jose Gonzalez

Susan Glen Marie Due Michael Warren LaTasha Beal Jessenia Juarez Tom Tapia Dawn Duerksen Stacy Ellingson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

**OREA STAFF PRESENT:** Steve Strode, Commissioner

Anna Higley, Deputy Commissioner

Madeline Alvarado, Licensing & Education Division Manager Mesheal Tracy, Administrative Services Division Manager

Elli Kataura, Regulation Division Manager Michael Hanifin, Land Development Manager Liz Hayes, Compliance Division Manager

CITIZEN: Jenny Pakula

Barbara Geyer Desiree Clifton

# I. BOARD BUSINESS - Chair Gonzalez

- A. Call to Order
- B. Chair Gonzalez comments/Roll Call
- C. Approval of the Agenda and Order of Business

MOTION TO APPROVE 12.4.2023 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AS SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL WARREN SECONDED BY MARIE DUE

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

D. Approval of 10.3.23, regular meeting minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE 10.3,2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED BY LATASHA BEAL

SECONDED BY MICHAEL WARREN

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

E. Date of the Next Meeting: 2.5.24 to begin at 10am, Location: Video Conference (approved under Agenda Item V)

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENT - Chair Gonzalez

A. None

#### III. REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS - Chair Gonzalez

A. None

#### IV. PETITION TO QUALIFY AS A CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER -Chair Gonzalez

A. None



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#### V. BOARD ADVICE/ACTION - Commissioner Strode

- A. 2024 Meeting Calendar & Locations (Proposed)
  - 1. February 5<sup>th</sup>, Online
  - April 1st, Online
  - 3. June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Salem

  - August 5<sup>th</sup>, Corvallis
     October 7<sup>th</sup>, Oregon Coast-TBD
  - 6. December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Online

# 2024 Meeting Calendar & Locations (Board Modified)

- 1. February 5<sup>th</sup>, Online
- April 1<sup>st</sup>, Salem
   June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Oregon Coast-TBD
- 4. August 5<sup>th</sup>, Corvallis
- 5. October 7<sup>th</sup>, Online
- 6. December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Online

MOTION TO APPROVE BOARD MODIFIED 2024 MEETING CALENDAR & LOCATIONS AS SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL WARREN

SECONDED BY MARIE DUE

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS - Commissioner Strode

A. 2024 Board Chair & Vice-Chair Nomination & Vote MOTION TO APPROVE 2024 BOARD CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR NOMINATIONS AS SUBMITTED BY MARIE DUE SECONDED BY JESSENIA JUAREZ MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

B. Board Roles and Responsibilities

#### VII. COMMUNICATIONS - ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS SUMMARY - Chair Gonzalez

#### VIII. REPORTS - Chair Gonzalez

- A. Commissioner Strode
- Agency division reports-Deputy Commissioner Higley
  - Regulation Division, Elli Kataura
  - Land Development Division, Michael Hanifin
  - Licensing and Education Division, Madeline Alvarado
  - Compliance Division, Liz Hayes
- IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS Chair Gonzalez Next board meeting: 2.5.24 to begin at 10am, Video Conference
- X. ADJOURNMENT Chair Gonzalez

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# PETITION TO QUALIFY AS A CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER

Rev. 3/2022

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

To petition the Real Estate Board for approval of qualifications to become an applicant for certification as a continuing education provider, the petitioner must complete this form and submit it by e-mail to <a href="mailto:madeline.c.alvarado@rea.oregon.gov">madeline.c.alvarado@rea.oregon.gov</a> a least 21 days before the next scheduled Board meeting at which the applicant wishes the Board to act.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

- If the petitioner is an entity, the information provided must pertain to that entity. If the petitioner is an individual, the information provided must pertain to that individual.
- All information and documents submitted as part of this petition become part of the Board Packet, and therefore, public record.
- Petitioners will need to appear before the Board. This may be done in person or by phone. Once the
  Agency receives this completed petition, a letter will be sent to the petitioner with the date of the Board
  meeting the petitioner will need to attend.
- Please do not submit any class or course information as the Oregon Real Estate Agency Board is not able to review or consider this information.

If the Board approves this petition, the Agency will email a letter to the petitioner, confirming the Board's approval. The petitioner may then apply for certification as a continuing education provider under OAR 863-020-0030.

PETITIONER					
Name			Phone Number	239-540-1022	
Physical Address		Address Cont.			
City	State	Zip Code	County		
E-mail					
Mailing Address (if different)		Address Cont.			
City	State	Zip Code	County		
AU	THORIZED (	CONTACT PERSON			
Prefix First Name		Last Name			
Phone Number 570-640-9619	E-ma	iil			
Indicate who will appear before the board on behalf of the Petitioner:					
AGENCY USE ONLY					
Approved by Board YES NO					
Review Date					

# PETITION TO QUALIFY AS A CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER, Continued

#### **QUALIFICATION INFORMATION**

Provide below sufficient information about the petitioner to allow the Board to determine whether the petitioner qualifies for certification. If the petitioner is an entity, the information provided must pertain to that entity. If the petitioner is an individual, the information provided must pertain to that individual.

Information **MUST** include one or both of the following:

- Petitioner's demonstrated expertise and experience in providing educational courses to real estate licensees.
- Petitioner's demonstrated experience and expertise in two or more course topics eligible for continuing education credit under OAR 863-020-0035.

You may attach up to <b>three (3)</b> additional pages if necessary.				

# PETITION TO QUALIFY AS A CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER, Continued

#### **AUTHORIZATION AND ATTESTATION**

- I hereby certify that I am authorized to submit this form on behalf of the petitioner and that the information is true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.
- I certify that petitioner, or authorized individual on petitioner's behalf, has read, understands and
- is ready to comply with the statutory and administrative rule provisions applicable to certified continuing education providers.
- I attest that petitioner knows and understands the responsibilities of a certified continuing education provider under OAR 863-020-0050.
- I attest that petitioner knows and understands the requirements of an instructor under ORS 696.186 and the information required on a continuing education instructor qualification form under OAR 863-020-0060.

I UNDERSTAND:				
	Initials	Date Completed	Agency Use Only	
I will complete the Continuing Education Provider Application and will pay the \$300 fee upon Board approval.	RSt		ND	
I understand the requirements of an education provider as outlined in Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 863, Division 20.			ND	
Petitioner has demonstrated their experience and expertise in two or more course topics eligible for continuing education credit as listed in OAR 863-020-0035.			ND	
Petitioner has demonstrated their experience in providing educational courses to real estate licensees.			ND	

	D. 4	
Printed Name of Authorized Individual	Date:	
Roselie St Clan		
Signature of Authorized Individual		

FIRPTA Solutions, Inc. is an entity which deals solely with the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act. This federal law requires foreign sellers of U.S. real estate to comply with specific regulations concerning the FIRPTA withholding tax. It is imperative that realtors understand the expectations for them and the clients that they serve.

Our company, FIRPTA Solutions, Inc., provides a two-hour, two credit CE course explaining this process. We feel qualified to address a number of the topics listed in OAR 863-020-0035, but our course is designed as a highly specialized elective. The main course topics for continuing ed which we will be addressing are (m) real estate taxation, (ff) real estate law or regulation, and (h) real estate disclosure requirements.

Our company includes certified acceptance agents, licensed realtors, and foreign tax experts who have over 25 years of experience with foreign taxes and have offered structured FIRPTA training for over ten years. These individuals have provided the content for our course. We also have a certified educational director also well-qualified to present the material in an understandable format.

We are licensed to provide our course for CE credit in both Florida and Colorado, and hope to provide this useful information to Oregon realtors as well.

Rosalie St. Clair

# ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS Reported 11/08/2023 through 01/16/2024

## **REVOCATIONS**

Brown, Jessica Lindsay (Milwaukie), Property Manager 200903040, Final Order by Default dated November 28, 2023, issuing a revocation and \$10,000.00 civil penalty.

Raffington, Sean Patrick (Seaside), Property Manager 201243875, Final Order by Default dated November 29, 2023, issuing a revocation.

# **SUSPENSIONS**

# **REPRIMANDS**

Bradley, Glenn J. (Stayton), Principal Broker 200211126, Stipulated Final Order dated December 12, 2023, issuing a reprimand.

Shedden, Barbara J. (Keizer), Principal Broker 201109056, Stipulated Final Order dated December 15, 2023, issuing a reprimand.

Collins, Lisa C. (Salem)., Principal Broker 201212857, Stipulated Final Order dated December 20, 2023, issuing a reprimand with education.

Hale, Kevin L. (Pendleton), Broker 200804092, Stipulated Final Order dated January 12, 2024, issuing a reprimand.

Brumana, Angela (Medford), Property Manager 201207915, Stipulated Final Order dated January 17, 2024, issuing a reprimand.

## **CIVIL PENALTIES**

Expired — Late Renewal civil penalties are computed using each 30-day period as a single offense. The civil penalty for the first 30-day period can range from \$100-\$500, with each subsequent 30-day period ranging from \$500-\$1,000. ORS 696.990

REAL ESTATE AGENCY 1 BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER 2 3 4 In the Matter of the Real Estate License of 5 STIPULATED FINAL ORDER **GLENN JOSEPH BRADLEY** 6 7 8 9 10 The Oregon Real Estate Agency (Agency) and Glenn Bradley (Bradley) do hereby 11 agree and stipulate to the following: 12 FINDINGS OF FACT 13 **AND** 14 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW 15 1. 16 1.1 At all times mentioned herein, Bradley was licensed as a principal broker with 17 Safe Haven, Inc. (Safe Haven). Bradley was previously supervised by Signature Real Estate, 18 Inc. 19 1.2 On February 3, 2023, the Agency received a complaint from Dannie Ellingsworth 20 (D. Ellingsworth) against Bradley. The Agency opened an investigation. 21 1.3 D. Ellingsworth was the representative of Leroy Ellingsworth (L. Ellingsworth) for 22 Campus Court Apartments (CCA), and in the complaint it was stated that the four partners of 23 CCA had not received financial records for the property from Bradley. 24 1.4 In response to the complaint, Bradley stated that his management of CCA began 25 in 1996 through 2022, when an additional broker, David Hendricks (Hendricks), began to help 26 with the day-to-day operations. 27 1.5 Bradley wrote that he had informal meetings with L. Ellingsworth and another 28 partner over the course of the past decade, and they would informally discuss CCA while 29 getting signatures for documents, such as HUD contracts, rent increases, tax returns, 30 inspection reports, etc.

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- 1.6 Bradley admitted it was his responsibility to supply the partners of CCA with financial statements and other necessary documents that would be relevant for an owner to have, stating he "...allowed myself to become complacent with my reporting obligations to the Partners, in direct violation of the requirements."
- Conclusion of Law: By failing to report monthly to the owners of CCA, Bradley violated (1) ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0055(4) (11/15/2016, 1/1/2018, 1/1/2019, 1/1/2021, and 1/1/2022 Editions).
- **(2) Conclusion of Law**: By failing to create and maintain property management records for CCA, Bradley violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0035(1)(c)(4) (11/15/2016, 1/1/2018, 1/1/2019, 1/1/2020, 1/1/2021, and 1/1/2022 Editions).
- On March 7, 2023, Agency Investigator Aaron Grimes (Grimes) requested from Hendricks the January 2022 monthly owner statement and bank statement.
- On April 11, 2023, Grimes requested Bradley submit the property management 1.8 agreement (PMA) for CCA.
- A review of the January 2022 bank statements for the client trust account ending 1.9 in -7414 (CTA #7414) shows an ending bank balance of \$14,375.43.
- 1.10 The check register for CTA #7414 for January 2022 shows the month ending balance of \$13,978.94.
- 1.11 A review of the check register shows for deposit of funds, the purpose and identity of the person who deposited the funds is missing.
- 1.12 On September 7, 2023, Bradley sent an email to Grimes with an explanation for expenses shown on the check register, including a \$3,000.00 payment for management fees to Safe Haven made on January 3, 2022. Bradley wrote that the \$3,000.00 payment for management fees was a partial payment of the 7.5% amount of funds collected.
- 1.13 In the Compensation of Agent section of the PMA, it states the Agent shall be entitled to receive for all services performed under this Agreement shall be a fee of Seven and One-Half Percent (7.5%) of gross monthly collections per month. Such fees shall be computed and paid on or after the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each month.
- The \$3,000.00 payment made in January for management fees was less than 7.5%.

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- (3) Conclusion of Law: By failing to identify the date funds were received, and the purpose
- and identity of the person who deposited the funds in the check register for CTA #7414,
- Bradley violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0040(2)(a)(A)(C) (1/1/2022 Edition).
- **Conclusion of Law**: By failing to collect 7.5% management fees on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month in which funds are collected, as required by the PMA, for the month of January 2022, Bradley violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates ORS 696.890(3)(4)(a)(c)(e) (2021 Edition).
- 1.15 The January 2022 check register for CTA #7414 shows a disbursement dated January 19, 2022, to DBH & Associates (DBH) in the amount of \$1,250.00.
- 1.16 DBH is a registered business with the Oregon Secretary of State. The business was registered by Hendricks in June 2019.
- 1.17 During an interview with Grimes, Bradley stated that Hendricks provided training, seminars, and audit to Safe Haven staff to ensure HUD compliance. Bradley also stated that he did not remember if the owners of CCA were aware of DBH.
  - 1.18 A review of the PMA shows there is no section addressing DBH as a vendor.
- **Conclusion of Law**: By failing to disclose in the PMA with CCA an employee or business in which he had an interest, Bradley violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0020(2)(i)(j) (11/15/2016, 1/1/2018, 1/1/2020,1/1/2021, and 1/1/2022 Editions).
- 1.19 Grimes requested that Bradley provide reconciliation documents, bank statements, check registers, and owner ledgers for client trust accounts ending in -7831 (CTA #7831), -7799 (CTA #7799), -7807 (CTA #7807), and CTA #7414 for the months of May, June, and July 2022. Grimes also requested that Bradley submit the delegation of authority given to Hendricks while working for Safe Haven.
- 1.20 A review of CTA #7414 for the month of May 2022, shows an unreconciled amount of \$31.00 with no explanation. The reconciliation form does not include the date when it was prepared, by whom it was prepared, and it is missing the signature of the person who prepared it.
- 1.21 A review of CTA #7414 for the month of June 2022, shows an unreconciled amount of \$31.00 with no explanation. The reconciliation form does not include the date when

it was prepared, by whom it was prepared, and it is missing the signature of the person who prepared it.

- 1.22 A review of CTA #7414 for the month of July 2022, shows an unreconciled amount of \$31.00 with no explanation. The reconciliation form does not include the date when it was prepared, by whom it was prepared, and it is missing the signature of the person who prepared it.
- **Conclusion of Law**: By failing to sign and date CTA #7414 for the months of May, June, and July 2022, and identify the difference, Bradley violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0028(2)(a)(b)(d)(B) (1/1/2022 Edition).
- (7) Conclusion of Law: By failing to resolve the account balance difference prior to the next reconciliation period of May and June 2022, for CTA #7414, Bradley violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0028(4) (1/1/2022 Edition).
- 1.23 A review of CTA #7799 reconciliation form for the months of May, June, and July 2022, shows that for each month, the reconciliation form does not include the date when it was prepared, by whom it was prepared, and it is missing the signature of who prepared it.
- **(8) Conclusion of Law**: By failing to sign and date the reconciliation form for CTA #7799 for the months of May, June, and July 2022, Bradley violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0028(2)(d)(B) (1/1/2022 Edition).
- 1.24 In an interview with Grimes, Bradley stated that CTA #7807 and CTA #7831 were both closed. A review of Agency records shows that both CTAs were closed on May 8, 2023.
- **(9) Conclusion of Law**: By failing to notify the Agency within 10-days of closing CTA #7807 and CTA #7831, Bradley violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates ORS 696.245(2) (2021 Edition).
- 1.25 On August 24, 2023, Bradley told Grimes in an interview that Hendricks did maintenance, accounts payable and accounts receivable, site management, communication with HUD, as well as assisting with owners, turnovers, and inspections.
- 1.26 Bradley stated that he did not have a delegation of authority for Hendricks, as well as he did not have a list of his duties in writing.
- **(10) Conclusion of Law**: By failing to have written delegation of authority for Hendricks, Bradley violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-

0015(1)(3)(b)(c)(A)(B)(C)(D)(E) (11/15/2016, 1/1/2018, 1/1/2019, 1/1/2020, 1/1/2021, 1/1/2022, 1/1/2023 Editions).

- 1.27 All of the above demonstrates incompetence or untrustworthiness in performing acts for which the real estate licensee is required to hold a license.
- 1.28 All of the above demonstrates failure in performing duties to the property owner, by not providing reasonable care and diligence, and not acting in the required fiduciary capacity in all matters relating to trust funds.
- (11) Conclusion of Law: Based on the foregoing, Licensee is subject to discipline under ORS 696.301(12) (2019 and 2021 Editions)
- **Conclusion of Law:** Based on the foregoing, Licensee is subject to discipline under ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates ORS 696.890(4)(c)(e) (2015, 2017, 2019, and 2021 Editions).

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2.1 The foregoing violations are grounds for discipline pursuant to ORS 696.301.

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- 2.2 The Agency reserves the right to investigate and pursue additional complaints that may be received in the future regarding this licensee.
- 2.3 In establishing the violations alleged above, the Agency may rely on one or more of the definitions contained in ORS 696.010.

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STIPULATION AND WAIVER

I, Glenn Bradley, have read and reviewed this Stipulated Final Order and its Findings of Fact, Statements of Law and Conclusions of Law. I understand that the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and this Stipulation and Waiver of Hearing rights embody the full and complete agreement and stipulation between the Agency and me. I further understand that if I do not agree with this stipulation, I have the right to request a Hearing on this matter and to be represented by legal counsel at such a Hearing. I also understand that any Hearing would be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in ORS Chapter 183 and in accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure adopted by the Attorney General of the State of

Oregon. By signing this Stipulated Final Order, I freely and voluntarily waive my rights to a Hearing, to representation by legal counsel at such a Hearing, and to judicial review of this matter.

I hereby agree and stipulate to the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and understand that the Order which follows hereafter, which I have also read and understand, may be completed and signed by the Real Estate Commissioner or may be rejected by the Real Estate Commissioner. I further understand that, in accordance with the provisions of ORS 696.445(3), notice of this Order shall be published in the Oregon Real Estate News Journal.

In addition to all of the above, I agree that once the Commissioner executes this Stipulated Final Order, I will accept service of the Stipulated Final Order by email, and hereby waive the right to challenge the validity of service.

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**ORDER** IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Glenn Bradley's principal broker license be, and hereby is reprimanded. IT IS SO STIPULATED: IT IS SO ORDERED: DocuSigned by: GLENN JOSEPH BRADLEY O38927B81534406...
GLENN BRADLEY STEVEN STRODE Real Estate Commissioner Date 12/11/2023 | 2:03 PM PST Date 12/12/2023 | 8:41 AM PST Date of Service: 12/12/2023 

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# REAL ESTATE AGENCY BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of the Real Estate License of	}
JESSICA LINDSAY BROWN	{ } FINAL ORDER BY DEFAULT }
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### PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND PROCEDURAL LAW

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- 1.1 On September 25, 2023, the Real Estate Commissioner issued, by certified mail, a *Notice of Intent to Revoke License No. PM.200903040 And To Assess A Civil Penalty* the property manager license of Jessica Brown (Brown). The Oregon Real Estate Agency (Agency) sent the Notice of Intent to Brown's two last known addresses of record with the Agency (2035 SE Harrison Street, Milwaukie, OR 97222 and P.O. Box 16610, Portland, OR 97292). The *Notice of Intent* was also mailed to Brown by regular first-class mail to both of the above addresses in a handwritten envelope. And *The Notice of Intent* was emailed to Brown at her email address of record.
  - 1.2 The email was not returned as undeliverable.
- 1.3 On October 23, 2023, the certified mailing sent to 2035 SE Harrison Street, Milwaukie, OR 97222 was returned to the Agency as Return to Sender, Undeliverable as Addressed, Unable to Forward. On November 9, 2023, the certified mailing sent to P.O. Box 16610, Portland, OR 97292 was returned to the Agency as Return to Sender, Unclaimed, Unable to Forward. The first-class mailings to both addresses have not been returned to the Agency. Over twenty days (20 days) have elapsed since the mailing of the notice issued in this matter and no written request for hearing has been received by the Agency.

Based upon the foregoing, and upon the Agency's investigation reports, documents and files that, pursuant to Section 9 of the *Notice of Intent*, automatically become part of the evidentiary record of this disciplinary action upon default (for the purpose of proving a prima facie case (ORS 183.417(4)), the Real Estate Commissioner finds:

- 2.1 A notice of intent is properly served when deposited in the United States mail, registered or certified mail, and addressed to the real estate licensee at the licensee's last known address of record with OREA. (ORS 183.415(2); OAR 137-003-0505; OAR 863-001-0006. If correctly addressed, such a notice is effective even though it is not received by the person to be notified. Stroh v. SAIF, 261 OR 117, 492 P2d 472 (1972) (footnote 3 in this case misquotes the cited treatise and contradicts the text of the opinion; treatise and cited case law support the proposition stated in the text.) Also, notice is effective even though the addressee fails or refuses to respond to a postal service "mail arrival notice" that indicates that certified or registered mail is being held at the post office. See State v. DeMello, 300 Or App 590, 716 P2d 732 (1986) (discussing use of certified mail to effectuate notice of driver's license suspension under ORS 482.570). See also El Rio Nilo, LLC v. OLCC, 240 Or App 362, 246 P3d 508 (2011) (Notice by certified mail effective even though addressee did not pick up in time to file request for hearing timely).(Oregon Attorney General's Administrative Law Manual and Uniform Model Rules Of Procedure Under the Administrative Procedures 2019 Edition at pages 97-98.
- 2.2 Brown's last known address of record with the Agency was 2035 SE Harrison Street, Milwaukie, OR 97222.
- 2.3 A certified mailing of the *Notice of Intent* was mailed to Brown at her last known address of record on September 25, 2023. The certified mailing of the notice was returned to the Agency as Return to Sender, Undeliverable as Addressed, Unable to Forward.
- 2.4 The notice was mailed certified to another possible address for Brown at P.O. Box 16610, Portland, OR 97292. This certified mailing was returned to the Agency as Return to Sender, Unclaimed, Unable to Forward.
- 2.5 The notice was also mailed regular first-class mail in a handwritten envelope to both of the above possible addresses for Brown. The mailings in the handwritten envelope

have not been returned to OREA. The OAH Rules contain a rebuttable presumption that documents sent by regular mail are received by the addressee. ORS 137-003-0520(10). If the regularly mailed notice is actually received, it is effective on the date received, rather than the date of mailing.

- 2.6 Over twenty (20) days have elapsed since the mailing of the notice and no written request for a hearing has been received.
- 2.7 According to ORS 696.775, the lapsing, expiration, revocation or suspension of a real estate license, whether by operation of law, order of the Real Estate Commissioner or decision of a court of law, or the inactive status of the license, or voluntary surrender of the license by the real estate licensee does not deprive the commissioner of jurisdiction to: (1) proceed with an investigation of the licensee; (2) conduct disciplinary proceedings relating to the licensee; (3) Take action against a licensee, including assessment of a civil penalty against the licensee for a violation of ORS 696.020(2); or (4) revise or render null and void an order suspending or revoking a license.
- 2.8 As noted in section 9 of the *Notice of Intent to Revoke License No.*PM.200903040 And To Assess A Civil Penalty, and section 2 above, the Agency's entire investigation file was designated as the record for purposes of presenting a prima facie case upon default, including submissions from Brown and all information in the administrative file relating to the mailing of notices and any responses received.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

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- 3.1 Brown was licensed as a property manager at Portland's Premier Property Management LLC (PPPM) until her license expired on February 1, 2023.
- 3.2 On March 30, 2023, the Agency received a complaint from Akin Blitz (Blitz) against Brown. The Agency opened an investigation.
- 3.3 Blitz, who was acting as trustee of the Eugene F. Butori Revocable Living Trust (Butori), alleged in the complaint that Brown defrauded Butori over multiple years in the amount of \$120,055.00.

- 3.4 On March 31, 2023, the Agency sent Brown an email requesting a response to the complaint. A due date of April 7, 2023, was given.
- 3.5 On April 11, 2023, Attorney Bruce Shepley (Shepley) notified the Agency that he is representing Brown and to not communicate further with his client.
- 3.6 On April 18, 2023, the Agency sent a follow up email to Shepley requesting a response from his client. That same day, the Agency received a response from Shepley stating that his client was invoking her rights and would not be responding.
- 3.7 On May 2, 2023, the Agency sent Shepley an additional email compelling a response from Brown, informing him of the possible consequences to Brown for not responding. That same day, the Agency received a response from Shepley requesting an extension through the end of May. A due date of May 31, 2023, was given.
- 3.8 On May 31, 2023, Shepley requested the specific allegations made against his client. A copy of the complaint was submitted to Shepley via fax.
- 3.9 On June 5, 2023, the Agency emailed Shepley following up on the request for a written response to the complaint.
- 3.10 On June 13, 2023, Shepley notified the Agency that due to a family medical event, Brown would have a delay in providing the written response.
- 3.11 On June 27, 2023, Shepley notified the Agency that he is no longer representing Brown.
- 3.12 On June 28, 2023, Agency Investigator Dylan Ray (Ray) emailed Brown asking if she had new representation and if she was willing to cooperate with the Agency. Brown responded on June 30, 2023, that she would like to speak with the Agency, but was out for the week, and would reach out later that day to arrange a time to speak. Brown failed to contact the Agency as she stated she would.
- 3.13 Ray sent two follow-up emails to Brown, one on June 30, 2023, and the other on July 3, 2023, requesting a time to speak. Brown did not respond to either email.
- 3.14 On July 5, 2023, Ray sent a records request email to Brown compelling her to provide records of property management activity immediately. The requested records included reconciliation documents, copies of invoices and checks, and individual tenant ledgers for Butori's accounts. Brown was given until the end of the day to comply.

- 3.15 Brown failed to respond and did not provide the requested records.
- 3.16 On August 7, 2023, the Agency sent Brown, via DocuSign, settlement offer documents, along with an opportunity to schedule an informal settlement conference with the Agency. Per Agency process, Brown was given two weeks to respond.
- 3.17 Per DocuSign, the documents were viewed by Brown at 5:46 pm on August 7, 2023.
- 3.18 On August 24, 2023, Brown sent an email to the Agency requesting the settlement documents be resent. That same day, the settlement offer documents were resent to Brown via DocuSign with a deadline to respond by August 29, 2023.
- 3.19 Per DocuSign, the documents were viewed by Brown at 10:47 am on August 30, 2023.
- 3.20 On August 30, 2023, Brown emailed the Agency that she had reviewed the documents and was prepared to respond. Brown indicated that she had questions and requested a time to speak about the process, but was not requesting a settlement conference.
- 3.21 On August 31, 2023, Agency Senior Case Analyst Meghan Lewis responded to Brown's email, offering assistance, and requested Brown send questions via email for review and response.
  - 3.22 No further response or communication from Brown was received.
- (1) Violation: By failing to provide requested property management records, Brown violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates OAR 863-025-0035(2)(b)(c) (1/1/2023 Edition) and ORS 696.280 (2021 Edition). OAR 863-025-0035(2)(b)(c) states: a property manager must produce records for inspection of the Agency (b) if the Agency has reasonable grounds to believe that funds of an owner or tenant may be missing or misappropriated or that the property manager is engaging in fraudulent activity, any records demanded or requested by the Agency must be produced immediately; and (c) failure to produce such records within the timelines stated in OAR 863-025-0035(2)(a) or (b) of this section is a violation of ORS 696.301. ORS 696.280 states: Records of licensed real estate property managers and real estate brokers; rules. (1) A licensed real estate property manager or principal real estate broker shall maintain within this state, except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, complete and adequate records of all professional real estate activity conducted by or through the licensed real estate property

manager or principal real estate broker. The Real Estate Agency shall specify by rule the records required to establish complete and adequate records of a licensed real estate property manager's or principal real estate broker's professional real estate activity. The only documents the agency may require by rule a licensed real estate property manager or principal real estate broker to use or generate are documents that are otherwise required by law or are voluntarily generated in the course of conducting professional real estate activity. (4) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, records under this section must be maintained by the real estate licensee for a period of not less than six years after the following date: (c) For management of rental real estate, the date on which the record expired, was superseded or terminated, or otherwise ceased to be in effect; and (d) For all other records, the date the record was created or received, whichever is later. (5) Records under this section may be maintained in any format that allows for inspection and copying by the commissioner or the commissioner's representatives, as prescribed by rule of the agency.

- 3.23 Blitz provided the Agency supporting documentation, including owner ledgers.
- 3.24 Bank statements were provided to the Agency from the Milwaukie Police Department.
- 3.25 The owner ledgers labeled BUTOMAPL 8777 SW Maple Court, Tigard, OR 97223 (BUTOMAPL) and BUTOSEPT 17608 SW September Lane, Beaverton, OR 97006 (BUTOSEPT), show two payments made to Wagoner Construction LLC.
- 3.26 The October 2022 owner ledger for BUTOSEPT shows check #8682, with a date of October 18, 2022, in the amount of \$1,260.00. The description reads "General Maintenance Labor Inv 0113, HOA Repairs, Reduce Trip Hazards to 1", Remo."
- 3.27 The January 2023 owner ledger for BUTOMAPL shows check #8869, with a date of January 9, 2023, in the amount of \$1,405.00. The description reads "General Maintenance Labor, Inv. 0032 Past Due Exterior Repairs Water Damage Re."
- 3.28 In a review of bank records for PPPM, for the client trust account ending in #5910, a copy of check #8682 was found with a matching date as was reflected in the owner ledger but shows the check payable to PPPM in the amount of \$6,472.00.
- 3.29 Bank records for PPPM also show a copy of check #8869, with the same date and dollar amount reflected in the owner ledger, but the check was made payable to PPPM.

- 3.30 On June 22, 2023, in a phone call with Ray, Forrest Wagoner, owner of Wagoner Construction LLC, confirmed he had never done work for PPPM, he did not know Brown and did not work on the properties identified on the owner's ledger.
- **Violation:** By disbursing funds to PPPM from the clients' trust account ending in #5910 but identifying a payee other than PPPM on the owner ledger, Brown violated ORS 696.301(14) (2021 Edition). ORS 696.301(14) states a real estate license may be disciplined if they have: (14) committed an act of fraud or engaged in dishonest conduct substantially related to the fitness of the applicant or real estate licensee to conduct professional real estate activity, without regard to whether the act or conduct occurred in the course of professional real estate activity.
- 3.31 The owner ledger from BUTOMAPL for the months of November and December 2022, shows the starting and ending balance differed from the prior months.
- 3.32 The November 2022 ledger for BUTOMAPL shows a beginning balance of \$1,809.40 as of October 21, 2022. Rental income was shown as \$1,695.00 on October 29, 2022, with an ending balance of \$3,504.40.
- 3.33 The December 2022 ledger for BUTOMAPL shows a beginning balance of \$1,809.40 as of November 21, 2022. Rental income was shown as \$1,695.00, and disbursements to PPPM were made in the amount of \$135.60 and \$295.00 for management fees and appliance repairs, with an ending balance of \$3,073.80.
- 3.34 The owner ledger labeled BUTOROTH 15922 SW Roth Drive, Beaverton, OR 97078 (BUTOROTH) for the months of November and December 2022, shows the starting and ending balance differed from the prior months.
- 3.35 The November 2022 ledger for BUTOROTH shows a beginning balance of \$4,015.41 as of October 21, 2022. Rental income was shown as \$1,325.00, along with a disbursement to PPPM for \$106.00 for management fees, with an ending balance of \$5,234.41.
- 3.36 The December 2022 ledger for BUTOROTH shows a beginning balance of \$3,909.41 as of November 21, 2022. Rental income was shown as \$1,325.00, along with a disbursement to PPPM for \$106.00 for management fees. The ending balance was \$5,234.41.
  - 3.37 Neither ledger shows a corresponding disbursement.

- Violation: By the records of property management activity showing owner ledgers that provide a different starting balance than the prior month's ending balance, without a corresponding disbursement, Brown violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates OAR 863-025-0055(4) (1/1/2022 Edition). OAR 863-025-0055(4) states: (4) a property manager must report in writing to each owner any change in the owner's ledger. A monthly report, showing all receipts and disbursements for the account of the owner during the prior monthly period, is sufficient under this section. A copy of each such report must be preserved and filed in the property manager's records. If an annual report contains information not required to be provided by the property manager under these rules, the property manager must set forth such information separately.
- **Violation:** By the records of property management activity showing owner ledgers that fail to include the name of the owner, Brown violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates OAR 863-025-0055(3)(a) (1/1/2022 Edition). OAR 863-025-0055(3)(a) states: (3) all owner ledgers must contain at least the following information; (a) the owner's name and identifying code.
- 3.38 All of the above demonstrates incompetence and untrustworthiness in performing acts for which the real estate licensee is required to hold a license and conduct that is below the stand of care for the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon.
- (5) Violation: The above violations demonstrate incompetence in violation of ORS 696.301 (12) and (15) (2021 Edition) which states a licensee's real estate license may be disciplined who has: (12) demonstrated incompetence or untrustworthiness in performing any act for which the real estate licensee is required to hold a license; (15) engaged in any conduct that is below the standard of care for the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon as established by the community of individuals engaged in the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon.

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# STATEMENT OF LAW APPLICABLE TO FINDINGS OF FACT

- 4.1 ORS 696.301(3) states a real estate licensee's real estate license may be disciplined if they have: (3) disregarded or violated any provision of ORS 659A.421, 696.010 to 696.495, 696.600 to 696.785, 696.800 to 696.870 and 696.890 or any rule of the Real Estate Agency
- 4.2 ORS 696.301(12) states a licensee's real estate license can be disciplined if they have demonstrated incompetence or untrustworthiness in performing any act for which the licensee is required to hold a license.
- 4.3 ORS 686.301(15) states a licensee's real estate license may be disciplined if they have: (15) engaged in any conduct that is below the standard of care for the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon as established by the community of individuals engaged in the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon.
- 4.4 ORS 696.396(2)(c)(B) and (C) states the rules adopted by the Commissioner under this section: (c) May not authorize imposition of a suspension or a revocation of a real estate license *unless the material facts establish a violation of a ground for discipline under ORS 696.301* that: (B) Exhibits incompetence in the performance of professional real estate activity; (C) Exhibits dishonest or fraudulent conduct.
- 4.5 OAR 863-027-0020(1) defines the goal of progressive discipline and OAR 863-027-0020(2) sets out all factors the Real Estate Commissioner will consider when determining the level of discipline for licensees.
- 4.6 ORS 696.990(6)(a) and (b) states a real state licensee who is a real estate property manager or principal real estate broker and who is engaging in or who has engaged in the management of rental real estate may be required to forfeit and pay to the General Fund of the State Treasury a civil penalty of up to \$1,000.00 per day of violation, or a lesser penalty in an amount determined by the commissioner if the licensee fails to comply with rules that require the licensee to produce for inspection records related to the management of rental real estate that are maintained by the licensee as provided by ORS 696.280; (b) states a civil penalty imposed under this subsection may not exceed \$10,000.00.

- 4.7 OAR 863-025-0035(2)(b)(c) states (2) a property manager must produce records required under section (1) of this rule for inspection by the Agency as follows: (b) if the Agency has reasonable grounds to believe that funds of an owner or tenant may be missing or misappropriated or that the property manager is engaging in fraudulent activity, any records demanded or requested by the Agency must be produced immediately; and (c) Failure to produce such records within the timelines stated in subsection (a) or (b) of this section is a violation of ORS 696.301.
- 4.8 ORS 696.280 states the ORS 696.280 states: records of licensed real estate property managers and real estate brokers; rules. (1) a licensed real estate property manager or principal real estate broker shall maintain, within this state, except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, complete and adequate records of all professional real estate activity conducted by or through the licensed real estate property manager or real estate broker. The Real Estate Agency shall specify by rule the records required to establish complete and adequate records of a licensed real estate property manager's or principal real estate broker's professional real estate activity. The only documents the agency may require by rule a licensed real estate property manager or principal real estate broker to use or generate are documents that are otherwise required by law or are voluntarily generated in the course of conducting professional real estate activity; (4) except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, records under this section must be maintained by the real estate licensee for a period of not less than six years after the following date; (c) for management of rental real estate, the date on which the record expired, was superseded or terminated, or otherwise ceased to be in effect; and (d) for all other records, the date the record was created or received, whichever is later; (5) records under this section may be maintained in any format that allows for inspection and copying by the commissioner or the commissioner's representatives, as prescribed by rule of the Agency.
- 4.9 In establishing the violations alleged above, the Agency may rely on one or more definitions contained in ORS 696.010.
- 4.10 And, in accordance with ORS 696.775, the lapsing, expiration, revocation or suspension of a real estate license, whether by operation of law, order of the Real Estate Commissioner or decision of a court of law, or the inactive status of the license, or voluntary

surrender of the license by the real estate licensee does not deprive the commissioner of jurisdiction to: (1) proceed with an investigation of the licensee; (2) conduct disciplinary proceedings relating to the licensee; (3) Take action against a licensee, including assessment of a civil penalty against the licensee for a violation of ORS 696.020(2); or (4) revise or render null and void an order suspending or revoking a license.

# <u>ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT</u>

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- 5.1 Brown failed to produce the requested property management records to the Agency.
- 5.2 Brown's property management records show disbursements to PPPM from a clients' trust account but identified a different payee in the owner ledger.
- 5.3 Brown's property management records show owner ledgers that provide a different starting balance than the prior month's ending balance, without a corresponding disbursement.
- 5.4 Brown's property management records show owner ledgers that fail to include the name of the owner.
- 5.5 Brown's complete failure to produce the requested records constitutes grounds to impose a civil penalty as per ORS 696.990(6)(a) and (b).
- 5.6 Brown demonstrated incompetence and untrustworthiness, and conduct that is below the standard of care for the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon.
- 5.7 In summary, the facts above establish grounds to revoke Brown's property manager license and impose a civil penalty in an amount up to \$10,000.00.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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- 6.1 Pursuant to ORS 183.417(4) and OAR 137-003-0670 Brown is in default.
- 6.2 The material facts establish a violation of a ground for discipline, by preponderance of the evidence, under ORS 696.301 as set forth in the *Notice of Intent to*

Revoke License No. PM.200903040 And To Assess a Civil Penalty. ORS 696.396(1),(2)(c)(B) and (C).

- 6.3 Based on these violations, the Agency may revoke Brown's property manager license.
- 6.4 Specifically, Brown is subject to discipline pursuant to ORS 696.301(3), (12) and (15) for: (3) disregarding or violating any provision of ORS 659A.421, 696.010 to 696.495, 696.600 to 696.785, 696.800 to 696.870 and 696.890 or any rule of the Real Estate Agency; (12) demonstrating incompetence or untrustworthiness in performing any act for which the licensee is required to hold a license; and (15) engaging in any conduct that is below the standard of care for the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon as established by the community of individuals engaged in the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon.
- 6.5 A revocation of Brown's property manager license is appropriate for violations of ORS 696.301(3), (12) and (15).
- 6.6 A revocation of Brown's property manager license is appropriate under ORS 696.396(2)(c)(B) and (C). According to ORS 696.396(2)(c)(B) and (C) the Agency may revoke a real estate license if the material facts establish a violation of a ground of discipline under ORS 696.301 that (B) exhibits incompetence in the performance of professional real estate activity; (C) exhibits dishonest or fraudulent conduct.
- 6.7 The Notice of Intent to Revoke License No. PM.200903040 And To Assess a Civil Penalty also established grounds to assess a civil penalty pursuant to ORS 696.990(6)(a)(b), and based on these violations, the Agency may assess a civil penalty against Brown.
- 6.8 Based on the evidence in the record, the preponderance of the evidence supports the revocation of Brown's property manager license.
- 6.9 The Agency may therefore, revoke Brown's property manager license. The Agency may also assess a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000.00.
- 6.10 Pursuant to ORS 696.775 the expiration or lapsing of Brown's license does not prohibit the Commissioner from proceeding with this, or further action.
  - 6.11 The specific violations are repeated here below:

- (1) Violation: By failing to provide requested property management records, Brown violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates OAR 863-025-0035(2)(b)(c) (1/1/2023 Edition) and ORS 696.280 (2021 Edition). OAR 863-025-0035(2)(b)(c) states: a property manager must produce records for inspection of the Agency (b) if the Agency has reasonable grounds to believe that funds of an owner or tenant may be missing or misappropriated or that the property manager is engaging in fraudulent activity, any records demanded or requested by the Agency must be produced immediately; and (c) failure to produce such records within the timelines stated in OAR 863-025-0035(2)(a) or (b) of this section is a violation of ORS 696.301. ORS 696.280 states: Records of licensed real estate property managers and real estate brokers; rules. (1) A licensed real estate property manager or principal real estate broker shall maintain within this state, except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, complete and adequate records of all professional real estate activity conducted by or through the licensed real estate property manager or principal real estate broker. The Real Estate Agency shall specify by rule the records required to establish complete and adequate records of a licensed real estate property manager's or principal real estate broker's professional real estate activity. The only documents the agency may require by rule a licensed real estate property manager or principal real estate broker to use or generate are documents that are otherwise required by law or are voluntarily generated in the course of conducting professional real estate activity. (4) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, records under this section must be maintained by the real estate licensee for a period of not less than six years after the following date: (c) For management of rental real estate, the date on which the record expired, was superseded or terminated, or otherwise ceased to be in effect; and (d) For all other records, the date the record was created or received, whichever is later. (5) Records under this section may be maintained in any format that allows for inspection and copying by the commissioner or the commissioner's representatives, as prescribed by rule of the agency.
- (2) Violation: By disbursing funds to PPPM from the clients' trust account ending in #5910 but identifying a payee other than PPPM on the owner ledger, Brown violated ORS 696.301(14) (2021 Edition). ORS 696.301(14) states a real estate license may be disciplined if they have: (14) committed an act of fraud or engaged in dishonest conduct substantially related to the fitness of the applicant or real estate licensee to conduct professional real estate activity,

without regard to whether the act or conduct occurred in the course of professional real estate activity.

- (3) Violation: By the records of property management activity showing owner ledgers that provide a different starting balance than the prior month's ending balance, without a corresponding disbursement, Brown violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates OAR 863-025-0055(4) (1/1/2022 Edition). OAR 863-025-0055(4) states: (4) a property manager must report in writing to each owner any change in the owner's ledger. A monthly report, showing all receipts and disbursements for the account of the owner during the prior monthly period, is sufficient under this section. A copy of each such report must be preserved and filed in the property manager's records. If an annual report contains information not required to be provided by the property manager under these rules, the property manager must set forth such information separately.
- **(4) Violation:** By the records of property management activity showing owner ledgers that fail to include the name of the owner, Brown violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates OAR 863-025-0055(3)(a) (1/1/2022 Edition). OAR 863-025-0055(3)(a) states: (3) all owner ledgers must contain at least the following information; (a) the owner's name and identifying code.
- (5) Violation: The above violations demonstrate incompetence in violation of ORS 696.301 (12) and (15) (2021 Edition) which states a licensee's real estate license may be disciplined who has: (12) demonstrated incompetence or untrustworthiness in performing any act for which the real estate licensee is required to hold a license; (15) engaged in any conduct that is below the standard of care for the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon as established by the community of individuals engaged in the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon.

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## **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Jessica Brown's property manager license is revoked. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to ORS 696.990(6)(a)(b) and based upon the violation set forth above, Brown pay a civil penalty of \$10,000.00, said penalty to be paid to the General Fund of the State Treasury by paying the same to OREA.

Dated this	28th	day of	f November	, 2023.

# OREGON REAL ESTATE AGENCY





Steven Strode
Real Estate Commissioner

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL: You are entitled to judicial review of this Order. Judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within 60 days from the date of service of this order. Judicial review is to the Oregon Court of Appeals, pursuant to the provisions of ORS 183.482.

1 of 7 – Stipulated Final Order-Angela R. Brumana

REAL ESTATE AGENCY 1 BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER 2 3 4 In the Matter of the Real Estate License of 5 STIPULATED FINAL ORDER ANGELA R. BRUMANA 6 7 8 9 10 The Oregon Real Estate Agency (Agency) and Angela Brumana (Brumana) do hereby 11 agree and stipulate to the following: 12 FINDINGS OF FACT 13 **AND** 14 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW 15 1. 16 1.1 At all times mentioned herein, Brumana was licensed as a property manager 17 acting in the capacity of a sole practitioner and doing business under the registered business 18 name of Allcities Property Management, LLC. (Allcities). 19 1.2 On December 20, 2022, the Agency received a complaint from Michelle 20 Davidson (Davidson) against Brumana. The Agency opened an investigation. 21 1.3 Davidson, a property owner, stated in the complaint that there were 22 inconsistencies with payment entries in two of the tenant's ledgers that were discovered when 23 she transitioned to a new company to manage her properties. 24 1.4 On April 18, 2023, Agency Investigator Cidia Nañez (Nañez) emailed Brumana 25 asking for a response to the allegation that Allcities overcharged the tenant at 3012 Alameda 26 Street (Alameda) by \$1,468.00. 27 1.5 In response to the complaint, Brumana wrote that "Rent on the unit was \$1500" 28 His rent was \$1000, and his girlfriend paid the remaining \$500 per her co-signer agreement. Housing Authority paid \$86 [sic], tenant paid \$133, and his co-signer paid the \$500. The tenant 29 30 was no [sic] overcharged by \$1468."

- 1.6 Nañez interviewed new property manager Toni Thompson (Thompson) on May 9, 2023. Thompson said that the tenant told her he had been paying \$500.00 per month, and always paid his rent by money order.
- 1.7 Nañez requested that Brumana provide documentation that showed who the payments came from, along with copies of the checks or money orders Brumana received from the tenant and co-signer for rent payments posted to the tenant's ledger.
- 1.8 In response, Brumana wrote that she did not keep copies of checks or payments.
- (1) Conclusion of Law: By failing to keep copies of checks or money orders received from tenants for payment of rent, Brumana violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates ORS ORS696.280(4)(d) (2021 Edition). For this same act, Brumana also violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0035(1)(k) (1/1/2023 Edition).
- 1.9 The Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) contract for the Alameda tenant was approved based on the contract rent amount of \$1,000.00 per month. The agreement stated the Housing Authority of Jackson County (HAJC) would pay \$867.00 per month and the tenant would pay \$133.00 per month.
- 1.10 A review of the tenant ledger showed payment entries from June 13, 2022, through October 18, 2022. The tenant ledger did not contain any payment entries from the tenant for \$133.00.
- 1.11 As part of the complaint, two lease agreements for the Alameda tenant were provided. A review of one of the lease agreements shows the monthly rent amount of \$1,000.00 and the second lease agreement shows the monthly rent amount of \$1,500.00.
- 1.12 In response to the Agency regarding the payments, Brumana wrote, "The tenant had a cosigner for this unit. His portion of the rent per JCHA was \$1000 that is what the tenant paid. The owner wanted \$1500 for this unit and since the tenant could only get \$1000 he got a co-signer who was paying the difference of his rent this person was his girlfriend who resided at 307 Hamilton in Medford. She was making the \$500 difference in payments for this rental."
- 1.13 On April 27, 2023, Nañez interviewed Brumana. Brumana said she knew they were not supposed to have tenants pay more than their limit, but the tenant's case manager told her she could. Brumana said she should have gotten that in writing.

- (2) Conclusion of Law: By not disclosing two different rental agreements and by allowing a tenant to rent a property that was \$500.00 more per month than the \$1,000.00 limit that had been approved by HAJC, Brumana violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates ORS 696.890(4)(a)(b)(c)(e) (2021 Edition).Brumana also violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0045(1)(c) (1/1/2022 Edition).
- 1.14 A review of HAJC's payment log, showed check number 104949, in the amount of \$1,676.20, dated July 1, 2022. The check was tied to two payments for the Alameda tenant, \$809.20 for the prorated June 2022 rent, and \$867.00 for July 2022 rent.
- 1.15 A review of the tenant's ledger shows two payment entries on July 5, 2022, referencing check 104949. The first payment entry is \$867.00, and the other is \$193.00. The total amount applied was \$1,060.00.
- 1.16 There was a discrepancy of \$616.20, between the HAJC payment log and the tenant's ledger.
- 1.17 A review of the July 2022 Deposit Register CTA-7300 shows that Brumana did not apply funds of \$616.20 from HAJC check 104949 toward the tenant's rent.
- (3) Conclusion of Law: By failing to apply \$616.20, received from HAJC, for the Alameda tenant's June 2022 prorated rent, to his tenant ledger, Brumana violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates ORS 696.890(4)(a)(d)(e)(f) (2021 Edition).
- **Conclusion of Law:** By not posting \$616.20 to the tenant's ledger, Brumana violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 836-025-0035(3)(b) (1/1/2022 Edition).
- 1.18 A review of HAJC's payment log showed check number 105692 dated September 1, 2022, in the amount of \$867.00.
- 1.19 A review of the tenant ledger shows two payments for September 2022, with reference number 105692. One payment is recorded in the amount \$867.00, and the second in the amount of \$241.35.
- 1.20 A review of receipts provided to the Agency by Brumana on May 4, 2023, shows that on September 7, 2022, the tenant's cosigner made a payment for rent in the amount of \$241.35.
- 1.21 The receipt provided by Brumana does not reconcile with the payment allocated from the HAJC check 105692.

- (5) Conclusion of Law: By recording in the deposit register a rent payment for the benefit of the tenant from HAJC check 105692, which was contrary to the receipt provided to the Agency, Brumana violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates ORS 696.890(4)(a)(d)(e)(f) (2021 Edition). Brumana also violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 836-025-0035(3)(b) (1/1/2022 Edition).
- 1.22 The tenant rental agreement for a property located at 1519 Westin Heights (Westin Heights) was \$1,575.00 per month.
- 1.23 In response to the complaint that the owner was receiving \$1,600.00 per month for Westin Heights, Brumana wrote that the owner wanted \$1,600.00 per month for the property, but was only going to get \$1,575.00, so Brumana paid the difference of \$25.00.
- **Conclusion of Law**: By providing a rental agreement with the tenants of Westin Heights that showed a monthly rent of \$1,575.00, which was contrary to the rental income of \$1,600.00 per month that was paid to the property owner, Brumana violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates ORS 696.890(4)(a)(b)(c) (2021 Edition).
- 1.24 A review of the 2022 check register for CTA 7300 (CTA #7300), provided to the Agency on April 19, 2023, showed some disbursements were missing the purpose of the disbursement.
- 1.25 In the same review, some receipts of funds lack the purpose of the funds, as well as the identity of the person who tendered the funds.
- (7) Conclusion of Law: By failing to record the purpose of disbursements in the check register for CTA #7300, along with failing to identify the person who tendered the funds, Brumana violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0040(2)(a)(C)(b)(D) (1/1/2022 Edition).
- 1.26 The check register for CTA #7300 shows check #29363, dated February 1, 2022, in the amount of \$42,700.00 paid to 'BCTHA.' The purpose of the disbursement indicates "interiors for rebuild."
- 1.27 In response to the Agency, Brumana explained that BCTHA stood for Bear Creek Townhouse Homeowner's Association, Inc. Brumana stated that amounts of \$12,500.00 and \$30,000.00, were payments for two properties for common area reconstruction after the Alameda Fire destroyed most of the subdivision.

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- Brumana did not provide the Agency an owner ledger for BCTHA with a beginning and ending balance that would show sufficient funds available for disbursement of funds.
- (8) **Conclusion of Law:** By making deposits from an HOA for insurance payouts into CTA #7300, Brumana violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0025(5)(a)(b) (1/1/2023 Edition).
- (9) Conclusion of Law: By failing to provide an owner's ledger as requested by the Agency, Brumana violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0035(2)(a) (1/1/2023 Edition).
- 1.29 A review of the 2022 Disbursement Detail for CTA #7300 showed that property owners managed by Allcities had been charged for "ground maintenance" from a vendor called As Green As It Gets.
- 1.30 The Oregon Secretary of State, Corporation Division, shows Brumana as a registered agent and manager of As Green As It Gets. The business name was registered on November 9, 2022.
- 1.31 The PMA for Alameda does not show that Allcities disclosed As Green As It Gets as a vendor to provide maintenance.
- **Conclusion of Law**: By not disclosing her business interest in the vendor As Green As It Gets, for the Alameda property, Brumana violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates ORS 696.890(4)(a)(c)(g) (2021 Edition). Brumana also violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0020(2)(j) (1/1/2022 Edition).
- 1.32 Nañez interviewed Davidson on April 26, 2023. Davidson stated that after a tenant left a unit damaged, Brumana told her for two years that she had filed paperwork with HUD, when she had not.
- 1.33 Davidson provided the Agency email communication between herself and Brumana. In an email dated December 21, 2021, Brumana states "I am willing to just pay you this money for the miscommunication and the lack of follow through on my part for this tenant."
- 1.34 Davidson provided emails to the Agency with Brumana regarding service charges that she was receiving from the City of Medford for bills paid late.

 1.35 In an email dated December 23, 2021, Brumana admitted that she "...failed to do the responsibility I agreed to." Brumana wrote that she would cut a check to Davidson for \$912.05, to cover the amount owed by the tenant and the late fees incurred by the City of Medford.

- (11) Conclusion of Law: By failing to follow up with HUD to confirm a claim had been filed for a damaged unit, and by failing to pay the City of Medford timely, resulting in late fees for the property owner, Brumana violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates ORS 696.890(4)(c)(d)(e) (2021 Edition).
- 1.36 All of the above demonstrates incompetence or untrustworthiness in performing acts for which the real estate licensee is required to hold a license and conduct that is below the standard of care for the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon.
- (12) Conclusion of Law: Based on the foregoing, Licensee is subject to discipline under ORS 696.301(12) and (15) (2021 Edition)

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- 2.1 The foregoing violations are grounds for discipline pursuant to ORS 696.301.
- 2.2 The Agency reserves the right to investigate and pursue additional complaints that may be received in the future regarding this licensee.
- 2.3 In establishing the violations alleged above, the Agency may rely on one or more of the definitions contained in ORS 696.010.

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# STIPULATION AND WAIVER

I, Angela Brumana, have read and reviewed this Stipulated Final Order and its Findings of Fact, Statements of Law and Conclusions of Law. I understand that the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and this Stipulation and Waiver of Hearing rights embody the full and complete agreement and stipulation between the Agency and me. I further understand that if I do not agree with this stipulation, I have the right to request a Hearing on this matter and to be represented by legal counsel at such a Hearing. I also understand that any Hearing would be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in ORS Chapter 183 and in accordance

with the Rules of Practice and Procedure adopted by the Attorney General of the State of Oregon. By signing this Stipulated Final Order, I freely and voluntarily waive my rights to a Hearing, to representation by legal counsel at such a Hearing, and to judicial review of this matter.

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In addition to all of the above, I agree that once the Commissioner executes this Stipulated Final Order, I will accept service of the Stipulated Final Order by email, and hereby waive the right to challenge the validity of service.

ORDER 15

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Angela Brumana's property manager license be, and hereby is reprimanded.

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IT IS SO ORDERED:

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24 ANGELA R. BRUMANA

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REAL ESTATE AGENCY 1 BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER 2 3 4 In the Matter of the Real Estate License of 5 STIPULATED FINAL ORDER LISA CHRISTINE COLLINS 6 7 8 9 10 The Oregon Real Estate Agency (Agency) and Lisa Collins (Collins) do hereby agree 11 and stipulate to all of the following in lieu of Hearing. Collins does not dispute the Agency's 12 Procedural History. Collins disputes the Agency's Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law 13 set forth herein. In order to resolve the dispute, Collins accepts the Order of Reprimand which 14 results therefrom. 15 PROCEDURAL HISTORY 16 On May 4, 2021, the Agency issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke License No. PB. 17 201212857: Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. On May 24, 2023, through her previous 18 attorney, Collins requested a hearing. The hearing was scheduled to occur on October 16, 19 2023, through October 18, 2023. Attorney Dean Alterman, on behalf of his client, Collins, 20 entered into settlement discussions with the Agency and this Stipulated Final Order is the 21 result of those discussions. 22 23 FINDINGS OF FACT 24 AND 25 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW 26 1. 27 In establishing the violations set forth herein, the Agency may rely on one or more of the 28 definitions contained in ORS 696.010. 29 1.1 Collins was initially licensed as a property manager. On October 14, 2015, 30 Collins' property manager license was associated with the registered business name Trilliant

Property Management LLC (Trilliant). Later, on March 5, 2018, Collins obtained her real estate broker license. On October 30, 2020, Collins submitted a principal broker license application and in March 2021, Collins' principal broker license became active.

- 1.2 Collins was originally licensed as Lisa Holmes, her birth name. In January 2016, after Collins married a man named Anderson, she changed her licensed name to Lisa Anderson. In March 2018, after marrying a man named Collins, she changed her licensed name to Lisa Collins.
- 1.3 Collins's middle name is Christine, which Collins has sometimes used as part of her name. References to the name Collins, Holmes and Anderson are all the same person throughout this Stipulated Order.
- 1.4 In November 2017, the Agency received a complaint from Sara Kay Shatto (Shatto) against Trilliant and another complaint was received in May 2018 from Jacquie LaDue (LaDue), both were opened as separate investigations.

#### Facts and Violations Related to Sara Shatto's Complaint/Investigation:

- 1.5 Prior to forming Trilliant, Property Manager, Luana Parker (Parker), owned and managed the property management company Apex Property Management (Apex).
- 1.6 Records show Shatto signed a property management agreement with Parker and Apex effective April 13, 2015.
- 1.7 Shortly after establishing Apex, Parker changed the property management company name to Trilliant. On October 8, 2015, Parker's license was associated to Trilliant.
- 1.8 On October 14, 2015, the day that Collins's license was first associated with Trilliant, Parker delegated to Collins, the authority to negotiate and sign property management agreements, review and approve clients' trust account reconciliations, and negotiate tenant and rental lease agreements.
- 1.9 The tenants in the house that Trilliant managed for Shatto wanted to replace the gas stove in the house with an electric stove. According to Collins the tenants stated they were willing to pay for it. However, Collins failed to ensure the tenants paid for the electric stove and installation.
  - 1.10 Shatto's property management agreement included the following in part:

- "Line item II. Duties of Manager: (O), Non-essential items exceeding \$250.00 will be done with permission of owner first," and
- "Line Item, IV. Repairs and Maintenance, the manager shall make ordinary and reasonable repairs, without the prior written approval of the Owner, in an amount not to exceed \$250.00, except emergency repairs exceeding that amount, if in the sole discretion of the Manager, such expenditures are necessary to protect and preserve the property from damage."
- 1.11 Collins failed to obtain written authorization from Shatto for the purchase of a \$600.00 electric range, which required \$375.00 in electrical installation, both amounts over \$250.00, though the tenant did eventually pay for the stove and the installation.
- (1) Conclusion of Law: By failing to get written authorization from property owner Shatto for the purchase and installation of an electric range without first assuring that the expense would fall on the tenant and not on Shatto, Collins violated ORS 696.890(4) (b),(c), and (f) (2015 Edition).
- 1.12 Oregon Secretary of State Corporate Division showed Parker and Collins have multiple business names registered. One of those business names, which appear on Shatto's owner statements with disbursements is Holmes Services, LLC. Collins is shown as a manager for Holmes Services, LLC.
- 1.13 Shatto's property management agreement with Trilliant states, that the manager may, at some future date, form an independent company to provide maintenance services for the property and the owner would be advised in advance in writing of applicable rates and fees. There was no addendum to the property management agreement that shows Shatto was informed in writing of Collins' pecuniary interest in Holmes Services, LLC, or applicable rates and fees for Holmes Services LLC.
- (2) Conclusion of Law: By failing to disclose to Shatto in writing the applicable rates and fees per terms of the property management agreement, and Collins' pecuniary interest in Holmes Services, LLC, Collins violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates OAR 863-025-0020(2)(f) and (i) (5-15-14 and 11-15-16 Editions). Additionally, Collins violated ORS 696.890(4)(b) and (g) (2015 Edition).

#### Facts and Violations Related to Jacqui LaDue's Complaint/Investigation:

- 1.14 LaDue signed a property management agreement with Trilliant effective April 1, 2016 for 893 Norwood St, SE Salem. The property management agreement states upon rental of the property, the manager will receive \$250.00 as compensation for photo and video documentation of the property inside and outside, a 30-day, 90-day, 180-day and annual inspection and a complete application and leasing process.
- 1.15 Upon commencement of the property management agreement Trilliant took photos of 893 Norwood. A review of the exterior photos show manicured lawn and shrubs. Interior photos show 893 Norwood was vacant with no visible signs of damage or excessive wear and tear.
- 1.16 Parker and Collins agreed Collins would be the primary property manager for 893 Norwood.
- 1.17 893 Norwood was occupied by tenants on April 25, 2016. LaDue's owner statement dated May 1-20, 2016, shows a \$250.00 disbursement to Trilliant dated May 18, 2016, identified as "Management Fee- Lease Fee."
- 1.18 Inspection photos for 893 Norwood were submitted to the Agency dated April 2, 2016, August 2, 2017, and May 30, 2018. The photos appear identical, even though tenant ledgers show tenants occupied the property on August, 2, 2017, and on May 30, 2018.
- 1.19 Neither Parker nor Collins could recall if the inspections and photo documentation were performed. Parker explained, the photos taken April 2, 2016, were taken at the onset of the property management agreement and used for marketing purposes. Neither Parker nor Collins could provide supporting documentation such as photos or video of interior and exterior inspections to show this service was provided to the owner, per the term of the property management agreement.
- (3) Conclusion of Law: By failing to follow the property management agreement terms regarding interior/exterior photos, video documentation and inspections that Trilliant received compensation for, Collins violated ORS 696.301(15) (2015 Edition). Additionally, Collins violated ORS 696.890(4)(a),(c), and (f) (2015 Edition).
  - 1.20 Property owner Robin Rigoli (Rigoli) signed a property management agreement

with Apex dated October 4, 2015, regarding the management of her property located at 4672 Bradford Loop, Salem, OR. The property management agreement is signed and dated by Parker.

- 1.21 Collins occupied 4672 Bradford Loop, effective May 1, 2017, for a monthly rental amount due of \$1,450.00. The rental agreement was signed by Collins under the name "Lisa Anderson" as Lessee (her legal and licensed name at the time) and was signed by Terry Grubaugh (employee of Trilliant) for Lessor. A review of the additional occupants shows four of Collins' minor children.
- 1.22 The tenant ledger and owner ledger statement for 4672 Bradford Loop shows the tenant of 4672 Bradford Loop as Christine Holmes (Collins's middle name and family name at birth), effective May 1, 2017. The owner ledger statement did not disclose that the tenant identified as Christine Holmes was her property manager Lisa Anderson.
- 1.23 Dated June 23, 2017, Collins (then named Lisa Anderson) sent an email to Rigoli regarding 4672 Bradford Loop SE. Collins wrote in part, "As it is, the tenant feels extremely harassed. She is requesting permission to move without penalty as soon as she can find another place to live. It would be sometime this summer so that we can re-rent the place." The email was signed "Lisa Anderson, Property Manager" and is written from the perspective of Collins as the property manager. The entire email portrays the tenant as a separate and different individual from Collins, when in fact they were one and the same person (the tenant "Christine Holmes" was "Lisa Anderson").
- 1.24 In interview with Collins on December 5, 2018, she admitted she didn't tell Rigoli that she was the tenant of Rigoli's property, explaining it looked bad to be a property manager and on housing assistance and didn't want Trilliant to be judged.
- (4) Conclusion of Law: Collins failed to disclose a material fact to Rigoli by failing to identify herself as tenant "Christine Holmes" as shown on Rigoli's owner ledger statement and in written communication dated June 23, 2017, in violation of ORS 696.890(4)(b) and (g) (2015 Edition). Additionally, Collins violated ORS 696.301(12) and (15) (2015 Edition).

- 1.25 Rigoli's owner ledger statement showed work was performed by H & N Consulting, LLC, which was one of Collins' companies. According to Rigoli's property management agreement, the manager may form an independent company to provide maintenance services for the property, and the owner must be advised in advance in writing of applicable rates and fees. Rigoli was never notified in writing regarding the rates and fees for H& N Consulting, LLC, nor was Rigoli notified regarding Collins' pecuniary interest in H & N Consulting, LLC.
- (5) Conclusion of Law: By failing to notify Rigoli in writing of her pecuniary interest in H & N Consulting, LLC Collins violated ORS 696.890(4)(b) and (g) (2015 Edition).
- 1.26 Records show Collins leased 4672 Bradford Loop, effective May 1, 2017. The rental agreement was signed by Collins under the name "Lisa Anderson" (her legal and licensed name at the time) and showed a monthly rent of \$1,450.00.
- 1.27 According to the tenant ledger, which is identified under the name "Christine Holmes" (another name for Collins), occupancy occurred between May 1 July 31, 2017. Additionally, text records show occupancy continued through August 1-4, 2017.
- 1.28 According to Rigoli's owner ledger statement dated April 24-May 18, 2017, there was no rental income shown received in May 2017. Rigoli's owner ledger statement dated May 19 June 19, 2017, shows a partial payment of \$690.00 identified as May rent. Records do not show additional payment identified as the remaining May rent due. The tenant ledger for Christine Holmes shows rental income was charged for May 2017, in the amount of \$1,450.00, but there is no rental income shown received during May 1-31, 2017.
- 1.29 Overall, for May 1, 2017 August 31, 2017, Rigoli's owner ledger statements shows only \$3,333.00 received from "Lisa Anderson" (tenant "Christine Holmes"). Calculations show rent for May, June, July at \$1,450- and 4-days prorated rent of August total is approximately \$4,543.32. According to the tenant ledger for "Christine Holmes" only \$3,600 in rental income was received May 1- August 29, 2017, a benefit of \$943.32 to Anderson. Collins has stated that the housing assistance program paid a portion of her rent and the owner received full rent for the period of Collins's occupancy, but the portion paid by the housing assistance program was not properly entered as rent on the records of Trilliant.

(6) Conclusion of Law: By occupying 4672 Bradford Loop effective May 1, 2017, without making a rental payment during the month of May, not making full payment of rent due for the entire rental period May 1- August 4, 2017, and not properly recording the subsidized housing payments to Rigoli as rent on the client ledger of Trilliant, Collins violated ORS 696.890(4),(c) and (d) (2015 Edition). Additionally, Collins violated ORS 696.301(12) (2015 Edition).

1.30 All of the above demonstrates conduct below the standard of care for the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon. According to ORS 696.301(12) and (15), the Agency may discipline a licensee if the licensee has (12) Demonstrated incompetence or untrustworthiness in performing any act for which the real estate licensee is required to hold a license; and (15) Engaged in any conduct that is below the standard of care for the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon as established by the community of individuals engaged in the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon. Collins and the Agency stipulate that the foregoing allegations, if proven, include facts that would constitute violations of Oregon laws and regulations applicable to real estate licensees, and that those violations, if proven, would be grounds for discipline pursuant to the statutes and rules cited above. For purposes of resolution of the complaints pending against her only, Collins agrees to the imposition of a reprimand of Collins' Principal Broker License under ORS 696.301(12) and (15) (2015 Edition and 2017 Edition).

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According to ORS 696.775, the lapsing, expiration, revocation or suspension of a real estate license, whether by operation of law, order of the Real Estate Commissioner or decision of a court of law, or the inactive status of the license, or voluntary surrender of the license by the real estate licensee does not deprive the commissioner of jurisdiction to: (1) proceed with an investigation of the licensee; (2) conduct disciplinary proceedings relating to the licensee; (3) Take action against a licensee, including assessment of a civil penalty against the licensee for a violation of ORS 696.020(2); or (4) revise or render null and void an order suspending or revoking a license.

The Agency reserves the right to investigate and pursue additional complaints that may be received in the future regarding this licensee.

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#### STIPULATION AND WAIVER

I, Lisa Collins, have read and reviewed this Stipulated Final Order and its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. I understand that the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and this Stipulation and Waiver of Hearing rights embody the full and complete agreement and stipulation between the Agency and me. I further understand that if I do not agree with this stipulation, I have the right to request a Hearing on this matter and to be represented by legal counsel at such a Hearing. I also understand that any Hearing would be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in ORS Chapter 183 and in accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure adopted by the Attorney General of the State of Oregon. By signing this Stipulated Final Order, I freely and voluntarily waive my rights to a Hearing, to representation by legal counsel at such a Hearing, and to judicial review of this matter.

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ORDER 1 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Lisa Collins' principal broker license be, and hereby is 2 3 reprimanded. 4 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Collins will be subject to a Client Trust Account Reconciliation in 2024 to be conducted in accordance with OAR 863-025-0090. 5 6 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Collins will be subject to a Compliance Review in 2025 7 to be conducted in accordance with OAR 863-025-0080. 8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Collins complete the 27-hour Property Manager Advanced Practices Course, (detailed in OAR 863-022-0022, 1-1-21 Edition) within 120 days 9 from when the Commissioner signs this order. Previously completed 27-hour Property 10 11 Manager Advanced Practices Courses do not qualify. Collins must submit a certificate to the Agency showing completion of the 27-hour Property Manager Advanced Practices Course. 12 This certificate must be submitted to the Agency no later than 10 days after the education has 13 been completed. Failure to complete the required education and to submit the certificate of 14 completion would be a violation of ORS 696.301(13) (2021 Edition). 15 16 17 18 19 20 IT IS SO STIPULATED: IT IS SO ORDERED: 21 22 DocuSigned by: DocuSigned by: lisa Collins 23 24 LISA COLLINS STEVEN STRODE 25 Real Estate Commissioner Date 12/20/2023 | 9:18 AM PST Date 12/19/2023 | 5:52 PM PST 26 27 28 Date of Service: 12/20/2023 29 30

REAL ESTATE AGENCY 1 BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER 2 3 4 In the Matter of the Real Estate License of 5 STIPULATED FINAL ORDER **KEVIN LOREN HALE** 6 7 8 9 10 The Oregon Real Estate Agency (Agency) and Kevin Hale (Hale) do hereby agree and 11 stipulate to the following: 12 FINDINGS OF FACT 13 AND 14 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW 15 1. 16 1.1 At all times mentioned herein, Hale was licensed as a real estate broker with 17 Coldwell Banker Farley Company. 18 1.2 On March 28, 2023, the Agency received a complaint from Frances Barnett (F. 19 Barnett) and Donald Barnett (D. Barnett) against Hale. The Agency opened an investigation. 20 1.3 Hale represented both the Barnetts, as buyers, and Paul Weston (P. Weston) 21 and Katie Weston, as sellers, in the sale of a property in Pendleton, OR (the Property). 22 1.4 Closing documents for the Property were signed on March 28, 2022. 23 1.5 In the complaint, the Barnetts stated that on April 5, 2022, Hale electronically 24 signed F. Barnett's signature via DocuSign on the seller's property disclosure statement, 25 vacant land addendum, and lead-based paint addendum. The incorrect spelling of F. Barnett's 26 name on the document was noted. 27 1.6 A review of documents show that F. Barnett electronically signed Addendum # 28 Two on February 23, 2022, and D. Barnett electronically signed on March 10, 2022. 29 Addendum # Three was electronically signed by F. Barnett on March 7, 2022, and D. Barnett 30

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29 30 on March 10, 2022. Addendum # Four and Seller's Repair Addendum were both electronically signed by F. Barnett only on March 7, 2022.

- A review of the Residential Real Estate Sales Agreement (PSA) shows the Westons initialed each page and signed the acceptance page. F. Barnett initialed each page and signed the acceptance page for herself and D. Barnett.
- 1.8 A review of the Lead Based Paint Disclosure Addendum, Seller's Property Disclosure, and Vacant Land Disclosure Addendum show that they were electronically signed by "Francis Barnett" and Hale on April 5, 2022. They were not signed by D. Barnett.
- In a response to the complaint, Hale stated that he did sign the DocuSign documents on behalf of F. Barnett on April 5, 2022, and was "shocked" when he discovered he had. Hale stated that he includes himself on his DocuSign packages and this showed that he emailed the buyer signing to himself. Hale stated he had no explanation or recollection for doing this, but that there was no intent to do harm or ill will.
- Section 12 of the PSA states that if a property was constructed prior to 1978, then on or promptly after the Effective Date, seller will deliver to buyer OREF 021 Lead-Based Paint Disclosure Addendum, along with the EPA pamphlet entitled "Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home." This section also provides the buyer with 10-calendar days to conduct a lead-based paint inspection and allows for termination of the agreement at any time during the 10-day period.
- 1.11 In an interview with Agency Investigator Dylan Ray (Ray) on July 26, 2023, when asked if copies of the disclosures were sent to the Barnetts after they were signed on April 5, 2022, Hale said no, because he thought it was sent to F. Barnett when the DocuSign was completed. Hale said he provided F. Barnett with a folder that included the disclosures at the time F. Barnett signed the PSA.
- 1.12 F. Barnett told Agency Investigator Aaron Grimes (Grimes) that she did not see the disclosures prior to receiving them on November 29, 2022.
- **(1)** Conclusion of Law: By electronically signing copies of the Lead Based Paint Disclosure Addendum, Seller's Property Disclosure Statement, and Vacant Land Disclosure Addendum on behalf of the buyers, Hale violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates ORS ORS 696.815(2)(b)(5)(b) (2021 Edition).

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- **(2) Conclusion of Law:** By failing to provide the Lead Based Paint Disclosure Addendum, Seller's Property Disclosure Statement, and Vacant Land Disclosure Addendum to the buyers, Hale violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-015-0135(9) (1/1/2023 Edition).
- 1.13 As part of their complaint, the Barnetts wrote that Hale knew of a property line issue and failed to disclose it to them.
- 1.14 In his response, Hale wrote that while meeting with the Westons, they requested that Hale insert their answers into the seller's property disclosure statement document. When Hale reviewed the disclosures with the Westons, they pointed out the property line and indicated it was "three or four feet" beyond the fence.
- 1.15 Hale wrote that the sellers gave him the impression that the property line was to the west of the Property along the fence line, but instead, it ended up running through the garage.
- 1.16 In an interview with Grimes on June 16, 2023, P. Weston said that he was aware there was a property line dispute most of the time they lived there. P. Weston said he told Hale the property lines were different than the fences.
- 1.17 In an interview with Ray, Hale confirmed that the Westons first pointed out the alleged property boundary on January 19, 2022, when meeting with the Westons at the property.
- 1.18 Hale stated that he thinks the sellers should have been clearer when describing the property line.
- 1.19 When asked by Ray if he had any intention of notifying the buyers about the property line issue when he was first told, Hale said he did not. Hale explained that he did not consider the property line being further than the fence. Hale thought the fence was the property line.
- (3) **Conclusion of Law:** By failing to notify the buyers of the property line discrepancy, Hale violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates ORS 696.815(2)(b)(5)(b) (2021 Edition).

1.20 All of the above demonstrates incompetence in performing acts for which the real estate licensee is required to hold a license and conduct that is below the standard of care for the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon.

**Conclusion of Law**: Based on the foregoing, Licensee is subject to discipline under ORS 696.301(12) and (15) (2021 Edition).

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- 2.1 The foregoing violations are grounds for discipline pursuant to ORS 696.301.
- 2.2 The Agency reserves the right to investigate and pursue additional complaints that may be received in the future regarding this licensee.
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#### STIPULATION AND WAIVER

I, Kevin Hale, have read and reviewed this Stipulated Final Order and its Findings of Fact, Statements of Law and Conclusions of Law. I understand that the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and this Stipulation and Waiver of Hearing rights embody the full and complete agreement and stipulation between the Agency and me. I further understand that if I do not agree with this stipulation, I have the right to request a Hearing on this matter and to be represented by legal counsel at such a Hearing. I also understand that any Hearing would be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in ORS Chapter 183 and in accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure adopted by the Attorney General of the State of Oregon. By signing this Stipulated Final Order, I freely and voluntarily waive my rights to a Hearing, to representation by legal counsel at such a Hearing, and to judicial review of this matter.

I hereby agree and stipulate to the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and understand that the Order which follows hereafter, which I have also read and understand, may be completed and signed by the Real Estate Commissioner or may be rejected by the Real Estate Commissioner. I further understand that, in accordance with the provisions of

ORS 696.445(3), notice of this Order shall be published in the Oregon Real Estate News 1 Journal. 2 3 In addition to all of the above, I agree that once the Commissioner executes this 4 Stipulated Final Order, I will accept service of the Stipulated Final Order by email, and hereby waive the right to challenge the validity of service. 5 6 ORDER 7 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Kevin Hale's broker license be, and hereby is reprimanded. 8 9 10 IT IS SO STIPULATED: IT IS SO ORDERED: 11 12 DocuSigned by: DocuSigned by: kevin Itale Steve Strode 13 31B77A4D08C9410...
KEVIN HALE 14 STEVEN STRODE 15 Real Estate Commissioner Date  $1/12/2024 \mid 8:47 \text{ AM PST}$ Date 1/12/2024 | 9:33 AM PST 16 17 18 Date of Service: 1/12/2024 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

# REAL ESTATE AGENCY BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of the Real Estate License of	}
SEAN PATRICK RAFFINGTON	{ } FINAL ORDER BY DEFAULT }
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#### PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND PROCEDURAL LAW

- 1.1 On October 30, 2023, the Real Estate Commissioner issued, by certified mail, a *Notice of Intent to Revoke License No. PM.201243875* the property manager license of Sean Raffington (Raffington). The Oregon Real Estate Agency (Agency) sent the Notice of Intent to Raffington's two last known addresses of record with the Agency (3095 Hwy 101 N., Seaside, OR 97138 and 600 Broadway St., Suite 7, Seaside, OR 97138). The *Notice of Intent* was also mailed to Raffington by regular first-class mail to both of the above addresses in a handwritten envelope. And *The Notice of Intent* was emailed to Raffington at his email address of record.
  - 1.2 The email was not returned as undeliverable.
- 1.3 On November 2, 2023, the certified mailing sent to 600 Broadway St., Suite 7, Seaside, OR 97138, was returned to the Agency as Return to Sender, Vacant, Unable to Forward. On November 9, 2023, the first-class mailing sent to 600 Broadway St., Suite 7, Seaside, OR 97138, was returned to the Agency as Return to Sender, Attempted-Not Known, Unable to Forward. Neither the certified mailing nor the first-class mailing to 3095 Hwy 101 N., Seaside, OR 97138 have been returned to the Agency. Over twenty days (20 days) have elapsed since the mailing of the notice issued in this matter and no written request for hearing has been received by the Agency.

Based upon the foregoing, and upon the Agency's investigation reports, documents and files that, pursuant to Section 9 of the *Notice of Intent*, automatically become part of the evidentiary record of this disciplinary action upon default (for the purpose of proving a prima facie case (ORS 183.417(4)), the Real Estate Commissioner finds:

- 2.1 A notice of intent is properly served when deposited in the United States mail, registered or certified mail, and addressed to the real estate licensee at the licensee's last known address of record with OREA. (ORS 183.415(2); OAR 137-003-0505; OAR 863-001-0006. If correctly addressed, such a notice is effective even though it is not received by the person to be notified. Stroh v. SAIF, 261 OR 117, 492 P2d 472 (1972) (footnote 3 in this case misquotes the cited treatise and contradicts the text of the opinion; treatise and cited case law support the proposition stated in the text.) Also, notice is effective even though the addressee fails or refuses to respond to a postal service "mail arrival notice" that indicates that certified or registered mail is being held at the post office. See State v. DeMello, 300 Or App 590, 716 P2d 732 (1986) (discussing use of certified mail to effectuate notice of driver's license suspension under ORS 482.570). See also El Rio Nilo, LLC v. OLCC, 240 Or App 362, 246 P3d 508 (2011) (Notice by certified mail effective even though addressee did not pick up in time to file request for hearing timely).(Oregon Attorney General's Administrative Law Manual and Uniform Model Rules Of Procedure Under the Administrative Procedures 2019 Edition at pages 97-98.
- 2.2 Raffington's last known address of record with the Agency was 3095 Hwy 101 N., Seaside, OR 97138
- 2.3 A certified mailing of the *Notice of Intent* was mailed to Raffington at his last known address of record on October 30, 2023. The certified mailing of the notice has not been returned to the Agency.
- 2.4 The notice was mailed certified to another possible address for Raffington at 600 Broadway St., Suite 7, Seaside, OR 97138. This certified mailing was returned to the Agency as Return to Sender, Vacant, Unable to Forward.
- 2.5 The notice was also mailed regular first-class mail in a handwritten envelope to both of the above possible addresses for Raffington. The mailing addressed to 3095 Hwy 101

- N., Seaside, OR 97138 in the handwritten envelope has not been returned to OREA. The mailing addressed to 600 Broadway St., Suite 7, Seaside, OR 97138, in the handwritten envelope was returned to the Agency as Return to Sender, Attempted-Not Known, Unable to Forward. The OAH Rules contain a rebuttable presumption that documents sent by regular mail are received by the addressee. ORS 137-003-0520(10). If the regularly mailed notice is actually received, it is effective on the date received, rather than the date of mailing.
- 2.6 Over twenty (20) days have elapsed since the mailing of the notice and no written request for a hearing has been received.
- 2.7 According to ORS 696.775, the lapsing, expiration, revocation or suspension of a real estate license, whether by operation of law, order of the Real Estate Commissioner or decision of a court of law, or the inactive status of the license, or voluntary surrender of the license by the real estate licensee does not deprive the commissioner of jurisdiction to: (1) proceed with an investigation of the licensee; (2) conduct disciplinary proceedings relating to the licensee; (3) Take action against a licensee, including assessment of a civil penalty against the licensee for a violation of ORS 696.020(2); or (4) revise or render null and void an order suspending or revoking a license.
- 2.8 As noted in section 9 of the *Notice of Intent to Revoke License No.*PM.201243875, and section 2 above, the Agency's entire investigation file was designated as the record for purposes of presenting a prima facie case upon default, including submissions from Raffington and all information in the administrative file relating to the mailing of notices and any responses received.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 3.1 Raffington was licensed as a property manager with Romds Property Services LLC (Romds) until August 31, 2023, when his license expired.
- 3.2 On February 27, 2023, the Agency received a complaint from Christine Hutchins against Raffington.

- 3.3 The complaint alleged that Raffington was conducting business out of a property in Troutdale, Oregon (Property), without business signage, and that the property owner had to "drill the locks" to get into the property after the tenants vacated.
- 3.4 On March 30, 2023, the Agency received an email from the Property owner, Julie Buker (Buker). Buker stated that Raffington was untruthful about who the tenant living at the Property was. Buker also stated that she asked Raffington for a signed copy of the property management agreement (PMA), when the lease was signed, but she only received an unsigned copy.
- 3.5 Buker made the decision to stop having her property managed by Romds, and the tenant would vacate the Property on March 15, 2023. Raffington told Buker that his maintenance staff had keys to the Property, but they were not present, so Buker had a locksmith drill out the locks.
  - 3.6 Buker stated that Raffington owes her at least \$3,829.00.
  - 3.7 On March 31, 2023, the Agency opened an investigation.
- 3.8 On April 29, 2023, Raffington provided the Agency with a response to the complaint against him from Buker. Raffington stated that Buker was aware that he and other staff would be using the extra room on the Property, not used the staff living onsite, when they were in the area.
- 3.9 Raffington provided a screenshot showing the PMA was signed by Buker via DocuSign on December 16, 2021. Raffington also provided a screenshot of the first page of the lease agreement, which stated the tenant would use the leased premises only as a residence. Raffington stated that Romds held a reserve, but it was used to fix the heater and other items, and Buker owes them funds.
- 3.10 On May 4, 2023, Agency Investigator Aaron Grimes (Grimes) spoke with Buker on the phone. Buker stated when she hired Romds, she met Raffington at the Property. Raffington said the management fee would be a flat fee of \$225.00 per month, and Raffington would do all maintenance, including yard work. They agreed to a maintenance reserve of \$1,500.00.
- 3.11 Buker didn't believe that Romds used any of the maintenance reserves, but never received an account balance, when she requested one from Raffington.

- 3.12 In an interview on May 18, 2023, Grimes asked Raffington to provide documents, including the owner's ledgers, final disbursement of the funds, the January 2023 owner statement for the Property, a copy of insurance policies, an accounting of the security deposit, and an email showing that the subject property is a business location. Raffington said he was not at his Seaside office at the time of the interview.
- 3.13 On May 19, 2023, Raffington requested additional time to provide the requested documents to Grimes. A due date of May 22, 2023, was given.
- 3.14 On May 23, 2023, Grimes followed up with Raffington by email on the outstanding documents. No response from Raffington was received.
- 3.15 On May 24, 2023, Grimes called Raffington. Grimes received an automatic text reply stating Raffington was busy and to text him. Grimes sent Raffington a text message asking for an update on the requested documents. No response from Raffington was received.
- 3.16 On May 30, 2023, Grimes sent another email to Raffington compelling him to cooperate by providing the requested documents. No response from Raffington was received.
- 3.17 On July 13, 2023, the Agency sent Raffington, via DocuSign, settlement offer documents, along with an opportunity to schedule an informal settlement conference with the Agency. Per Agency process, Raffington was given two weeks to respond.
- 3.18 On July 31, 2023, Raffington requested an informal settlement conference, which was scheduled for August 17, 2023.
- 3.19 On August 16, 2023, Raffington requested a reschedule of the settlement conference, due to needing to gather additional documentation. The settlement conference was rescheduled to September 13, 2023.
- 3.20 On August 31, 2023, Raffington's license expired, and the Registered Business Name (RBN) Romds Property Services LLC went into a void status.
- 3.21 On September 13, 2023, the Agency received an email from Raffington's Executive Assistant, Mark Roads (Roads) requesting a reschedule of the settlement conference due to Raffington having been in the hospital. The settlement conference was rescheduled to September 25, 2023.
- 3.22 On September 25, 2023, the Agency received an email from Roads requesting a reschedule of the settlement conference due to a medical issue. The Agency requested

supporting documentation to consider the request for an extension. No response was received thereafter.

- 3.23 On October 18, 2023, the Agency sent a final communication to Raffington requesting a response to prior requests, along with outlining the Agency's intention to proceed with a Notice of Intent to Revoke license. No response was received.
- (1) Violation: By failing to provide requested property management records to the Agency, Raffington violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0035(2)(a)(b)(c) (01/01/2023 Edition). OAR 863-025-0035(2)(a)(b)(c) states: a property manager must produce records required under section (1) of this rule for inspection by the Agency (a) when the Agency makes a request for production of property management records, the property manager must provide such records within no less than five banking days; (b) if the Agency has reasonable grounds to believe that funds of an owner or tenant may be missing or misappropriated or that the property manager is engaging in fraudulent activity, any records demanded or requested by the Agency must be produced immediately; and (c) failure to produce such records within the timelines stated in subsection (a) or (b) of this section is a violation of ORS 696.301.
- 3.24 Buker provided Grimes with a copy of the PMA she signed via DocuSign. In section (1) of the PMA, the property description was blank.
- 3.25 During the May 18, 2023, interview with Grimes, Raffington said that the PMA should have had the property address on it.
- **Violation:** By failing to include the address of the property in the property management agreement, Raffington violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0020(2)(a) (01/01/2023 Edition). OAR 863-025-0020(2)(a) states: a property management agreement must include but is not limited to (a) the address or legal description of the owner's rental real estate.
- 3.26 The Residential Lease Agreement for the Property dated January 26, 2022, stated that Helen and Jacob St. Onge were residing at the Property. The agreement stated that the tenant would use the leased premises only as a residence. Mark Moore (Moore) signed the Residential Lease Agreement as the landlord.

- 3.27 In the May 18, 2023, interview with Grimes, Raffington said he told Buker that his manager was going to be living at the Property, and that they were in communication about using the extra room on the Property as an office. Raffington states Romds paid additional utilities, including "all" maintenance and landscaping, because they were running the business there.
- 3.28 Grimes asked Raffington who was working at the Property. Raffington said Helen St. Onge lived at the Property, and they rotated employees through.
- 3.29 Raffington told Grimes he had emails showing that Buker knew the Property was a business location. Raffington did not provide the Agency documentation of Buker's knowledge of Romds conducting their business at the Property.
- 3.30 On February 24, 2023, Buker provided Raffington a 30-day notice to terminate the PMA. The PMA would have ceased on March 27, 2023.
- 3.31 Buker stated in her complaint that Raffington told her the tenants would be vacating the Property on February 15, 2023. On that day, Raffington told Buker the tenants would be extending and would be out of the Property on March 15, 2023. The move out date was extended again to March 20, 2023, and then again to March 23, 2023.
- 3.32 Raffington told Grimes that he had a conversation with Buker over the phone and told her the tenants needed to extend their move-out. Raffington did not provide the Agency supporting documentation regarding the changing dates for the tenant to move out.
- (3) Violation: By operating his business from the property owner's property, without her knowledge and absent proof that she knew about the changing dates for the tenant to vacate, Raffington violated ORS 696.301(1)(5)(12) (2021 Edition) and ORS 696.890(4)(a)(b)(c)(f) (2021 Edition). ORS 696.301(1)(5)(12) states: the Real Estate Commissioner may suspend or revoke the real estate license of any real estate licensee, reprimand any real estate licensee or deny the issuance or renewal of a license to an applicant who has (1) created a reasonable probability of damage or injury to a person by making one or more material misrepresentations or false promises in a matter related to professional real estate activity; (5) acted as an agent and an undisclosed principal in any transaction; and (12) demonstrated incompetence or untrustworthiness in performing any act for which the real estate licensee is required to hold a license.

ORS 696.890(4)(a)(b)(c)(f) states: a real estate property manager owes the property owner the following affirmative duties (a) to deal honestly and in good faith; (b) to disclose material facts known by the property manager and not apparent or readily ascertainable to the owner; (c) to exercise reasonable care and diligence; and (f) to be loyal to the owner by not taking action that is adverse or detrimental to the owner's interest.

#### STATEMENT OF LAW APPLICABLE TO FINDINGS OF FACT

- 4.1 ORS 696.301(3) states a real estate licensee's real estate license may be disciplined if they have: (3) disregarded or violated any provision of ORS 659A.421, 696.010 to 696.495, 696.600 to 696.785, 696.800 to 696.870 and 696.890 or any rule of the Real Estate Agency
- 4.2 ORS 696.301(12) states a licensee's real estate license can be disciplined if they have: (12) demonstrated incompetence or untrustworthiness in performing any act for which the licensee is required to hold a license.
- 4.3 ORS 696.301(15) states a licensee's real estate license can be disciplined if they have: (15) engaged in any conduct that is below the standard of care for the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon as established by the community of individuals engaged in the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon.
- 4.4 ORS 696.396(2)(c)(B) states the Real Estate Commissioner may revoke a real estate license if material facts establish a violation of a ground of discipline under ORS 696.301 that: (B) exhibits incompetence in the performance of professional real estate activity.
- 4.5 OAR 863-027-0020(1) defines the goal of progressive discipline and OAR 863-027-0020(2) sets out all factors the Real Estate Commissioner will consider when determining the level of discipline for licensees.
- 4.6 OAR 863-025-0035(2)(a)(b), and (c) states: (2) a property manager must produce records required under section (1) of this rule for inspection by the Agency as follows:(a) When the Agency makes a request for production of property management records, the property manager must provide such records within no less than five banking days; (b) if the Agency has reasonable grounds to believe that funds of an owner or tenant may be

missing or misappropriated or that the property manager is engaging in fraudulent activity, any records demanded or requested by the Agency must be produced immediately; and (c) Failure to produce such records within the timelines stated in subsection (a) or (b) of this section is a violation of ORS 696.301.

- 4.7 In establishing the violations alleged above, the Agency may rely on one or more definitions contained in ORS 696.010.
- 4.8 And, in accordance with ORS 696.775, the lapsing, expiration, revocation or suspension of a real estate license, whether by operation of law, order of the Real Estate Commissioner or decision of a court of law, or the inactive status of the license, or voluntary surrender of the license by the real estate licensee does not deprive the commissioner of jurisdiction to: (1) proceed with an investigation of the licensee; (2) conduct disciplinary proceedings relating to the licensee; (3) Take action against a licensee, including assessment of a civil penalty against the licensee for a violation of ORS 696.020(2); or (4) revise or render null and void an order suspending or revoking a license.

#### ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

- 5.1 Raffington failed to produce the requested property management records to the Agency.
- 5.2 Raffington failed to include the address of the property in the property management agreement.
- 5.3 Raffington failed to notify the property owner that he was operating his business from her property.
- 5.4 Raffington did not provide the property owner notice that move-out dates for the tenants would be changing.
- 5.5 In summary, the facts above establish grounds to revoke Raffington's property manager license.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 6.1 Pursuant to ORS 183.417(4) and OAR 137-003-0670 Raffington is in default.
- 6.2 The material facts establish a violation of a ground for discipline, by preponderance of the evidence, under ORS 696.301 as set forth in the *Notice of Intent to Revoke License No. PM.201243875.* ORS 696.396 (2)(c)(B).
- 6.3 Based on these violations, the Agency may revoke Raffington's property manager license.
- 6.4 Specifically, Raffington is subject to discipline pursuant to ORS 696.301(3), (12) and (15) for: (3) disregarding or violating any provision of ORS 659A.421, 696.010 to 696.495, 696.600 to 696.785, 696.800 to 696.870 and 696.890 or any rule of the Real Estate Agency; (12) demonstrating incompetence or untrustworthiness in performing any act for which the licensee is required to hold a license; and (15) engaging in any conduct that is below the standard of care for the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon as established by the community of individuals engaged in the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon.
- 6.5 A revocation of Raffington's property manager license is appropriate for violations of ORS 696.301(3), (12) and (15).
- 6.6 A revocation of Raffington's property manager license is appropriate under ORS 696.396(2)(c)(B). According to ORS 696.396(2)(c)(B) the Agency may revoke a real estate license if the material facts establish a violation of a ground of discipline under ORS 696.301 that (B) exhibits incompetence in the performance of professional real estate activity.
- 6.7 Based on the evidence in the record, the preponderance of the evidence supports the revocation of Raffington's property manager license.
  - 6.8 The Agency may therefore, revoke Raffington's property manager license.
- 6.9 Pursuant to ORS 696.775 the expiration or lapsing of Raffington's license does not prohibit the Commissioner from proceeding with this, or further action.
  - 6.10 The specific violations are repeated here below:
- (1) **Violation:** By failing to provide requested property management records to the Agency, Raffington violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0035(2)(a)(b)(c)

(01/01/2023 Edition). OAR 863-025-0035(2)(a)(b)(c) states: a property manager must produce records required under section (1) of this rule for inspection by the Agency (a) when the Agency makes a request for production of property management records, the property manager must provide such records within no less than five banking days; (b) if the Agency has reasonable grounds to believe that funds of an owner or tenant may be missing or misappropriated or that the property manager is engaging in fraudulent activity, any records demanded or requested by the Agency must be produced immediately; and (c) failure to produce such records within the timelines stated in subsection (a) or (b) of this section is a violation of ORS 696.301.

- **Violation:** By failing to include the address of the property in the property management agreement, Raffington violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0020(2)(a) (01/01/2023 Edition). OAR 863-025-0020(2)(a) states: a property management agreement must include but is not limited to (a) the address or legal description of the owner's rental real estate.
- (3) Violation: By operating his business from the property owner's property, without her knowledge and absent proof that she knew about the changing dates for the tenant to vacate, Raffington violated ORS 696.301(1)(5)(12) (2021 Edition) and ORS 696.890(4)(a)(b)(c)(f) (2021 Edition). ORS 696.301(1)(5)(12) states: the Real Estate Commissioner may suspend or revoke the real estate license of any real estate licensee, reprimand any real estate licensee or deny the issuance or renewal of a license to an applicant who has (1) created a reasonable probability of damage or injury to a person by making one or more material misrepresentations or false promises in a matter related to professional real estate activity; (5) acted as an agent and an undisclosed principal in any transaction; and (12) demonstrated incompetence or untrustworthiness in performing any act for which the real estate licensee is required to hold a license.

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Sean Raffington's property manager license is revoked.

Dated this 29th day of November , 2023.

#### OREGON REAL ESTATE AGENCY





Steven Strode
Real Estate Commissioner

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL: You are entitled to judicial review of this Order. Judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within 60 days from the date of service of this order. Judicial review is to the Oregon Court of Appeals, pursuant to the provisions of ORS 183.482.

REAL ESTATE AGENCY 1 BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER 2 3 4 In the Matter of the Real Estate License of 5 STIPULATED FINAL ORDER BARBARA JEAN SHEDDEN 6 7 8 9 10 The Oregon Real Estate Agency (Agency) and Barbara Shedden (Shedden) do hereby 11 agree and stipulate to the following: 12 FINDINGS OF FACT 13 AND 14 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW 15 1. 16 1.1 At all times mentioned herein, Shedden was licensed as a principal broker with 17 American West Real Estate LLC (American West). 18 1.2 On November 16, 2022, American West was selected for reconciliation review for 19 client trust account ending in 1572 (CTA #1572), which holds owner funds. Shedden is the 20 licensee in charge at American West. 21 1.3 As part of the review, documents for August 2022 were provided to the Agency. 22 An investigation was opened due to the outstanding issues found in the review. 23 1.4 On April 7, 2023, Agency investigator Frank H. Leonard, Jr. (Leonard) requested 24 Shedden provide the February 2023 three-way reconciliation for four accounts: 25 American West CTA Security 1580 (CTA-SD #1580) 26 • CTA #1572 27 American West CTA Mann-Operating ending in 1598 (CTA #1598) 28 American West Mann Properties IBRETA ending in 1606 (CTA-SD #1606) 29 1.5 On April 14, 2023, Shedden provided the requested account documents to the 30 Agency.

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- 1.6 In an interview with Leonard on April 17, 2023, Shedden stated that tenant moveout is her biggest problem, explaining that she doesn't move money out the day tenants move out because there will be bills against that money. Shedden stated that she puts the bills in and then moves the money out.
- 1.7 On May 8, 2023, Leonard requested additional records, including the check register for CTA-SD #1606, along with Page 2 of the reconciliation form for CTA-SD #1580.
- 1.8 A review of CTA-SD #1580, for February 2023, showed a different balance between part I and part II of \$12,666.76, and a different balance between part II and part III of \$3,589.36. Shedden explained that the different balances were due to her journal, and she had contacted Yardi, the accounting software program she was using, for help on the different balances.
- 1.9 A review of CTA-SD #1606, for February 2023, showed a different balance of \$5,250.50, between parts II and III of the reconciliation documents. Shedden explained the difference was due to her journal being off and that she had been trying to get help from Yardi.
- 1.10 A review of CTA #1598, for February 2023, showed a reconciliation summary difference of \$350.09. Shedden explained the difference was due to the bank having more money in the account than Yardi, and more research needed to be done.
- 1.11 A review of CTA #1572, for February 2023, showed a reconciliation summary difference of \$9,709.05.
- 1.12 In an interview with Leonard on June 20, 2023, when asked to explain the different balances for CTA #1572, Shedden stated that the inactive accounts still show on the bank statement, and that she didn't transfer the money when a tenant moved out.
- 1.13 Shedden agreed to submit the CTA reconciliation forms for all four accounts for May 2023, for review.
- 1.14 A review of CTA #1572, for May 2023, showed a reconciliation summary difference between part I and part II of \$1,374.73. The reconciliation summary difference between part II and part III was \$7,120.00. Shedden explained the differences were due to journal corrections she had made incorrectly, as well as issues with several journal entries.

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- 1.15 A review of CTA-SD #1580, for May 2023, showed summary differences in the reconciliation between all three parts. Shedden stated the differences were due to mistakes in journal entries with tenants that were moving out.
- 1.16 A review of CTA #1598, for May 2023, showed a reconciliation summary difference between part I and part II of \$252.40. The difference between part II and part III is \$931.32. Shedden stated that she is still struggling to correct journal entries, and she would need more assistance from Yardi.
- 1.17 A review of CTA-SD #1606, for May 2023, showed a reconciliation summary difference between part I and part II is \$2,024.10. The difference between part II and part III is \$2,400.00. Shedden stated the difference was due to journal entries that need to be corrected.
- (1) Conclusion of Law: By failing to reconcile the February and May 2023 reconciliations for CTA-SD #1580 and CTA-SD #1606, Shedden violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0028(3)(b) (1/1/2023 Edition).
- **Conclusion of Law**: By failing to reconcile the February and May 2023 reconciliations for CTA #1598 and CTA #1572, Shedden violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0028(2)(b) (1/1/2023 Edition).
- 1.18 According to Schedule B on page two of the CTA reconciliation form for CTA #1572, three outstanding checks were listed with no associated check number or date listed.
- (3) Conclusion of Law: By failing to include the check number and the date on Schedule B of the reconciliation form for CTA #1572, Shedden violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0028(2)(c) (01/01/2023 Edition).
- 1.19 All of the above demonstrates incompetence in performing acts for which the real estate licensee is required to hold a license and conduct that is below the standard of care for the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon.
- (4) Conclusion of Law: Based on the foregoing, Licensee is subject to discipline under ORS 696.301(12) (2021 Edition) as it incorporates ORS 696.890(4)(c)(d)(e) (2021 Edition).

2.1 The foregoing violations are grounds for discipline pursuant to ORS 696.301.

2.2 The Agency reserves the right to investigate and pursue additional complaints that may be received in the future regarding this licensee.

 2.3 In establishing the violations alleged above, the Agency may rely on one or more of the definitions contained in ORS 696.010.

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#### STIPULATION AND WAIVER

I, Barbara Shedden, have read and reviewed this Stipulated Final Order and its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. I understand that the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and this Stipulation and Waiver of Hearing rights embody the full and complete agreement and stipulation between the Agency and me. I further understand that if I do not agree with this stipulation, I have the right to request a Hearing on this matter and to be represented by legal counsel at such a Hearing. I also understand that any Hearing would be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in ORS Chapter 183 and in accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure adopted by the Attorney General of the State of Oregon. By signing this Stipulated Final Order, I freely and voluntarily waive my rights to a Hearing, to representation by legal counsel at such a Hearing, and to judicial review of this matter.

I hereby agree and stipulate to the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and understand that the Order which follows hereafter, which I have also read and understand, may be completed and signed by the Real Estate Commissioner or may be rejected by the Real Estate Commissioner. I further understand that, in accordance with the provisions of ORS 696.445(3), notice of this Order shall be published in the Oregon Real Estate News Journal.

In addition to all of the above, I agree that once the Commissioner executes this Stipulated Final Order, I will accept service of the Stipulated Final Order by email, and hereby waive the right to challenge the validity of service.

**ORDER** IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Barbara Shedden's principal broker license be, and hereby is reprimanded. IT IS SO STIPULATED: IT IS SO ORDERED: DocuSigned by: DocuSigned by: BURBURA JEHN SHEDDEN –936AF83178E646A... BARBARA SHEDDEN Real Estate Commissioner Date 12/15/2023 | 8:31 AM PST Date 12/14/2023 | 6:57 AM PST Date of Service: <u>12/15/2023</u> 

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#### REAL ESTATE BOARD REGULATION DIVISION REPORT February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Regulation Division Manager: Elli Kataura

Compliance Specialist 3s (Senior Case Analysts): Meghan Lewis

Financial Investigators (Investigator-Auditors): Lindsey Nunes, Aaron Grimes, Cidia Nañez, John Moore,

Frank Leonard, Dylan Ray

Administrative Specialist 2 (Case Resolution Coordinator): Amanda Moser

#### **Division Overview**

The Agency receives complaints and determines if an investigation is appropriate. Open cases are assigned to investigators to gather facts (from interviews and documents), prepare a detailed written report, and submit for Administrative Review. The Senior Case Analysts conducting the Administrative Review work evaluate whether the evidence supports a violation of Agency statutes or administrative rules. When a case finds sufficient cause to sanction a license, the case is elevated to the Commissioner for review. When the Commissioner supports a sanction, the Senior Case Analysts offer a settlement conference to resolve cases without a contested case hearing. If the respondent requests a hearing, the Investigator works with the Assistant Attorney General in preparing for and presenting the case at hearing.

#### Personnel

We currently have a Senior Case Analyst vacancy.

#### **Workload and Activity Indicators**

Average # in this status at the time	2020	<u>2021</u>	2022	<u>2023</u>	<u>Current 1/17/24</u>
Complaint	21	23	34	16	7
Investigation	51	53	22	26	64
(# of Investigators)	7	7	6*	6*	6
Admin Review	58	9	13	3	4
Settlement Process	60	7	5	2	8

<sup>\*</sup> We had one investigator that was on extended leave for the majority of 2022-2023.

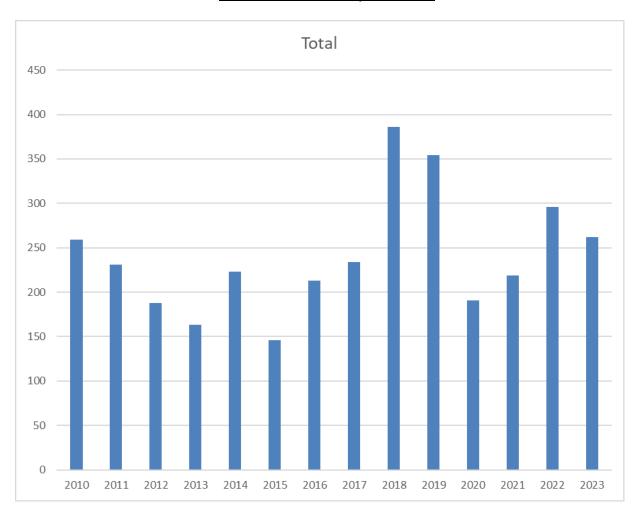
#### Report to the Real Estate Board Land Development Division February 5th, 2024

Division Manager: Michael Hanifin

#### Section Overview:

The Land Development Division reviews and approves filings related to condominiums, timeshares, subdivisions, manufactured home subdivisions, and membership campgrounds. The section reviews and approves the foundational documents creating these types of properties, as well as later amendments to those documents, to verify compliance with statutory requirements. We also issue the Disclosure Statement (sometimes referred to as a Public Report) required for sales of these interests to Oregonians. The Disclosure Statement summarizes key information about the condominium for the consumer, somewhat like the owner's manual for a car.

#### Workload and Activity Indicators



The division had 262 filings last year, which is 34 less than last year. The above chart reflects filing trends over the last 13 years and provides a historical perspective on filing volume.

#### Rulemaking:

The agency is engaged in two rulemaking processes at this time. The first relates to OAR 863-014-0054 and 863-024-0053. The purpose of this rulemaking is to respond to changes in the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) regarding license portability between states. Those changes became effective in January of this year. Temporary rules remain in place at this time and we are almost through with the rulemaking process. A hearing was held on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The public comment period ends on January 24<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate filing the final rule on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

The second rulemaking relates to OAR 863-027-0020, the progressive discipline rule. On October 10<sup>th</sup> the agency filed a temporary rule which essentially restores the rule to a prior version by adding back in paragraphs 4 and 5. They were removed because they are substantially similar to statutory language and are being added back in in order to ensure the public and licensees are aware of the progressive discipline requirements. By the time this meeting occurs the agency will have formed a rulemaking work group and filed notice of permanent rulemaking.

Legislative Report: TBD (Session opens February 5<sup>th</sup>.)

AGENDA ITEM NO. VIII.B.

# REAL ESTATE BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION REPORT February 5, 2023

Administrative Services Manager: Mesheal Tracy

Accountant: Caty Karayel

Systems Administrator: Tiffani Miller Program Analyst: Rus Putintsev IT Helpdesk: Denise Lewis

#### Section Overview

The Administrative Services Division acts as business support for the Agency overall. This division manages accounting, purchasing and contracting, inventory control, facilities, payroll, human resources, special projects, information technology (IT), performance, and communications.

#### **Budget Update**

As of December, the projected revenue for this biennium is \$10.5 million.

Projected expenses are at \$13.1 million, which includes the approved expenditure of \$2 million for the eLicense replacement project. At the end of the biennium, we expect to have a cash balance of \$4.2 million. This gives us approximately 8 months of operating expenses.

#### Revenue/Economic Outlook

As of December, the Agency had an average monthly surplus of \$7,397 for the biennium. For comparison, the average monthly surplus for the 2021-2023 biennium was \$33,988. This is due in part to an increase in Personal Services expenditure.

There were **24,835 licensees** at the end of December. This is a 1.6% decline from licensing number in December 2022, and a 2.4% decline from our record high of 25,456 in June 2022.

#### Number of Licensees Needed to Reach Projected Revenue for 2023-2025 Biennium

At the Board's December 2023 meeting, the question was asked about the number of licensees required to meet our projected revenue for this biennium. We estimate that we would need a monthly average of **23,900 licensees** over the course of the biennium to reach our budgeted revenue.

#### **Division Accomplishments**

We are preparing for security-related projects affecting our phone system and agency cell phones, as well as life cycle replacements for a number of agency devices. We are still in preparations for a cybersecurity assessment, which will commence in April.

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## 2023-2025 Budget - Biennium to Date Through June 30th 2025

Budget Codes		23-2025 LAB	Expected Total Expenditures for Biennium (current)	Expected Remaining Limitation at end of Biennium
	Total Personal Services	8,696,131	9,327,290	(631,159)
4100 & 4125	In-State Travel & Out-of-StateTravel	107,334	56,319	51,015
4150	Employee Training	40,206	31,691	8,515
4175	Office Expenses	58,989	11,340	47,650
4200	Telecom/Tech Services & Support	70,231	71,724	(1,493)
4225	State Government Services	646,658	542,480	104,178
4250	Data Processing	118,785	123,429	(4,644)
4275	Publicity & Publications	39,905	1,762	38,143
4300 & 4315	Professional Services & IT Professional Services	378,671	201,412	177,259
4325	Attorney General Legal Fees	365,688	350,064	15,624
4375	Employee Recruitment	8,420	0	8,420
4400	Dues & Subscriptions	10,406	11,559	(1,153)
4425	Facilities Rent & Taxes	276,712	265,486	11,226
4475	Facilities Maintenance	4,911	19,051	(14,140)
4575	Agency Program Related S&S	982,084	982,084	0
4650	Other Services & Supplies	4,269	186,506	(182,237)
4700	Expendable Property \$250-\$5000	31,678	3,393	28,285
4715	IT Expendable Property	155,803	49,206	106,597
	Total Services & Supplies	3,300,750	2,907,505	393,245
5550	Data Processing Software	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
	Total Capital Outlay	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
	Totals	13,996,881	14,234,795	(237,914)

# REAL ESTATE BOARD EDUCATION & LICENSING DIVISION REPORT February 5, 2024

Education & Licensing Manager: Madeline Alvarado

Compliance Specialist: Tami Schemmel, Nenah Darville, Katie Nash

Administrative Specialist: Elizabeth Hardwick, Kaely Salem, Marcy Weiss, Vacant

#### **Division Overview**

The Education and Licensing Division acts as the first point of contact for the public. This division manages reception, licensing services, compliance reviews, client trust account reviews and education.

#### Personnel

The Division is preparing to recruit from an Administrative 2 position as Hani Ghamrawi accepted a promotional position with the Oregon Department of Human Services.

#### **Education Update**

Continuing Education Providers are in their renewal period which will end on 12/31/2023. As of January 1, 2024, 26 Continuing Education Providers failed to renew.

#### **Upcoming**

The Agency is willing to offer the OREA Advertising Update and General Overview Class. If your brokerage or local association is interested in this course, please have them contact me for scheduling.

#### **RBN Renewal**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Eligible to Renew	414	321	352	348	316	292	256	248	263	266	266	317
Failed to Renew	13	13	14	27	13	17	21	17	18	20	10	12
% Renewed	97%	96%	96%	92%	96%	94%	92%	93%	93%	92%	96%	96%

### **Licensing Statistics**

Total Licensee Counts by Month:

Individuals (Persons)	<u>Nov-23</u>	<u>Dec-23</u>
<u>_</u>		
Broker – Total	17,697	17,612
Active	15,960	15,798
Inactive	1,737	1,814
Principal Broker - Total	6,231	6,220
Active	5,821	5,794
Inactive	410	426
ALL BROKERS Total	23,928	23,832
Active	21,781	21,592
Inactive	2,147	2,240
Property Manager - Total	986	988
Active	877	877
Inactive	109	111
MCC Salesperson	15	15
MCC Broker	0	0
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	24,929	24,835
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS Active	22,673	<b>24,835</b> 22,484
Active	22,673	22,484
Active	22,673	22,484
Active Inactive  Facilities (Companies) REMO	22,673	22,484
Active Inactive  Facilities (Companies)  REMO Registered Business Name (RBN)	22,673 2,256	22,484 2,351
Active Inactive  Facilities (Companies)  REMO Registered Business Name	22,673 2,256 4	22,484 2,351
Active Inactive  Facilities (Companies)  REMO Registered Business Name (RBN) Registered Branch Office	22,673 2,256 4 3,752	22,484 2,351 4 3,739
Active Inactive  Facilities (Companies)  REMO Registered Business Name (RBN) Registered Branch Office (RBO)	22,673 2,256 4 3,752 775	22,484 2,351 4 3,739 777
Active Inactive  Facilities (Companies)  REMO Registered Business Name (RBN) Registered Branch Office (RBO) Escrow Organization	22,673 2,256 4 3,752 775 86	22,484 2,351 4 3,739 777 85
Active Inactive  Facilities (Companies)  REMO Registered Business Name (RBN) Registered Branch Office (RBO) Escrow Organization Escrow Branch	22,673 2,256 4 3,752 775 86 170	22,484 2,351 4 3,739 777 85 170
Active Inactive  Facilities (Companies) REMO Registered Business Name (RBN) Registered Branch Office (RBO) Escrow Organization Escrow Branch Condominium Filing (CO) Unit Owners Association Pre-License Education	22,673 2,256 4 3,752 775 86 170 491 782	22,484 2,351 4 3,739 777 85 170 495 787
Active Inactive  Facilities (Companies)  REMO Registered Business Name (RBN) Registered Branch Office (RBO) Escrow Organization Escrow Branch Condominium Filing (CO) Unit Owners Association	22,673 2,256 4 3,752 775 86 170 491	22,484 2,351 4 3,739 777 85 170 495
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Active Inactive  Facilities (Companies)  REMO Registered Business Name (RBN) Registered Branch Office (RBO) Escrow Organization Escrow Branch Condominium Filing (CO) Unit Owners Association Pre-License Education Provider (PEP)	22,673 2,256 4 3,752 775 86 170 491 782 25	22,484 2,351 4 3,739 777 85 170 495 787 25
Active Inactive  Facilities (Companies)  REMO Registered Business Name (RBN) Registered Branch Office (RBO) Escrow Organization Escrow Branch Condominium Filing (CO) Unit Owners Association Pre-License Education Provider (PEP) CEP MCC Operator TOTAL FACILITIES	22,673 2,256 4 3,752 775 86 170 491 782 25 303	22,484 2,351 4 3,739 777 85 170 495 787 25 277
Active Inactive  Facilities (Companies)  REMO Registered Business Name (RBN) Registered Branch Office (RBO) Escrow Organization Escrow Branch Condominium Filing (CO) Unit Owners Association Pre-License Education Provider (PEP) CEP MCC Operator	22,673 2,256 4 3,752 775 86 170 491 782 25 303 25	22,484 2,351 4 3,739 777 85 170 495 787 25 277 25

New Licenses by Month:

Individuals (Persons)	Nov-23	Dec-23		
Broker	92	82		
Principal Broker	14	13		
TOTAL BROKERS	106	95		
Property Manager	11	8		
MCC Salesperson	0	0		
MCC Broker	0	0		
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	117	103		
Facilities (Companies)				
Continuing Education				
Provider (CEP)	1	1		
REMO	0	0		
Registered Business Name	28	25		
Registered Branch Office	8	6		
Escrow Organization	0	1		
Escrow Branch	0	0		
Condominium Filing	11	4		
Unit Owners Association	7	7		
Pre-License Ed Provider	0	0		
MCC Operator	0	0		
TOTAL FACILITIES	54	43		
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS				
& FACILITIES	172	147		

# Exam Statistics December 2023

#### Total ALL LICENSING EXAMS

Broker	293
Property Manager	24
Principal Broker	57
Reactivation	1

### Pass Rates

First Time Pass Rate	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u> 2021</u>	<u> 2022</u>	<u> 2023</u>
<u>Percentage</u>					
Broker State	57	50	47	44	42
Broker National	70	68	67	66	64
Principal Broker State	51	53	57	54	47
Principal Broker National	69	63	55	65	54
Property Manager	64	58	66	65	63

#### Oregon Real Estate Agency Education & Licensing Division Licensee Application & Renewal 2023 Data

	New Applications												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Total</u>
<u>Brokers</u>	262	211	275	209	253	247	228	266	226	178	177	177	<u>2709</u>
Principal Brokers	37	24	37	16	24	30	32	30	21	25	26	17	<u>319</u>
Property Managers	26	26	35	24	30	20	21	28	32	20	29	21	<u>312</u>
<u>Total</u>	325	261	347	249	307	297	281	324	279	223	232	215	3340

	Renewal Activity													
Brokers		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Total</u>
On Time	Active	482	509	544	527	581	559	557	579	555	540	473	495	6401
	Inactive	42	28	30	29	28	39	25	39	33	46	34	47	420
Late	Active	74	48	50	52	67	43	63	57	63	59	50	44	670
	Inactive	12	8	13	12	12	9	9	8	9	15	9	15	131
Lapse		111	104	120	121	117	133	168	148	155	137	119	147	1580
<u>Total</u>		721	697	757	741	805	783	822	831	815	797	685	748	9202

Principal Brokers		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Total</u>
On Time	Active	206	175	212	230	194	235	252	238	240	210	195	219	2606
	Inactive	20	12	7	10	10	8	9	11	7	7	13	11	125
Late	Active	13	6	9	10	7	13	11	13	11	14	4	11	122
	Inactive	2	3	1	3	1	2	0	6	3	2	4	2	29
Lapse		21	27	27	29	28	29	21	28	27	23	30	28	318
<u>Total</u>		262	223	256	282	240	287	293	296	288	256	246	271	3200

#### Oregon Real Estate Agency Education & Licensing Division Licensee Application & Renewal 2023 Data

Property Managers		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Total</u>
On Time	Active	35	29	35	26	38	29	36	36	27	26	31	36	384
	Inactive	3	1	1	3	2	0	1	1	1	3	1	3	20
Late	Active	3	2	0	2	1	0	4	1	0	1	2	3	19
	Inactive	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	7
Lapse		5	5	11	9	7	7	6	11	6	6	10	8	91
<u>Total</u>		48	38	47	40	48	37	48	51	34	36	44	50	521

			<u>Gran</u>	d Total (B	rokers, Prir	ncipal Brok	ers, Propert	ty Manager	s)					
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Total</u>
Total Eligible to Renew		1031	958	1060	1063	1093	1107	1163	1178	1137	1089	975	1069	12923
On Time	Active	723	713	791	783	813	823	845	853	822	776	699	750	9391
	Inactive	65	41	38	42	40	47	35	51	41	56	48	61	565
Late	Active	90	56	59	64	75	56	78	71	74	74	56	58	811
	Inactive	16	12	14	15	13	12	10	16	12	17	13	17	167
Total Renewed		894	822	902	904	941	938	968	991	949	923	816	886	10934
Lapse		137	136	158	159	152	169	195	187	188	166	159	183	1989

% On Time	76.4%	78.7%	78.2%	77.6%	78.0%	78.6%	75.7%	76.7%	75.9%	76.4%	76.6%	75.9%	77.0%
<u>% Late</u>	10.3%	7.1%	6.9%	7.4%	8.1%	6.1%	7.6%	7.4%	7.6%	8.4%	7.1%	7.0%	7.6%
% Failed to Renew (Lapsed)	13.3%	14.2%	14.9%	15.0%	13.9%	15.3%	16.8%	15.9%	16.5%	15.2%	16.3%	17.1%	15.4%
<u>Total</u>	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

#### Oregon Real Estate Agency Education & Licensing Division Licensee Application & Renewal 2022 Data

				New .	Application	<u>18</u>							
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Total</u>
Brokers	398	336	412	318	291	292	226	268	294	227	205	187	<u>3454</u>
Principal Brokers	47	32	42	25	22	23	33	28	28	25	32	18	<u>355</u>
Property Managers	20	35	30	33	23	21	23	22	29	25	32	15	<u>308</u>
<u>Total</u>	465	403	484	376	336	336	282	318	351	277	269	220	4117

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Brokers		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Total</u>
On Time	Active	491	517	535	527	608	569	559	569	571	571	500	533	6550
	Inactive	49	40	36	36	49	32	36	34	31	43	32	44	462
Late	Active	44	42	60	50	66	52	52	64	54	59	67	49	659
	Inactive	13	10	6	13	12	10	7	9	11	7	10	13	121
Lapse		128	104	123	107	120	117	131	90	141	94	127	109	1391
<u>Total</u>		725	713	760	733	855	780	785	766	808	774	736	748	9183

Principal Brokers	_	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Total</u>
On Time	Active	221	238	230	232	247	254	201	232	264	223	202	210	2754
	Inactive	9	8	7	8	12	11	13	10	7	7	13	9	114
Late	Active	11	10	13	13	14	9	8	11	8	7	12	6	122
	Inactive	2	1	4	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	5	2	25
Lapse		24	19	21	18	21	26	18	25	26	39	19	29	285
<u>Total</u>		267	276	275	272	296	301	241	280	307	278	251	256	3300

#### Oregon Real Estate Agency Education & Licensing Division Licensee Application & Renewal 2022 Data

Property Managers		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Total</u>
On Time	Active	28	26	25	16	35	30	34	29	32	28	21	29	333
	Inactive	2	3	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	5	19
Late	Active	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	2	0	1	2	3	27
	Inactive	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Lapse		11	8	6	11	6	7	8	9	11	9	9	6	101
<u>Total</u>		45	40	33	31	47	40	48	40	45	38	34	43	484

Grand Total (Brokers, Princip	al Brokers, Prop	erty Mana	gers)											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Total Eligible to Renew		1037	1029	1068	1036	1198	1121	1074	1086	1160	1090	1021	1047	12967
On Time	Active	740	781	790	775	890	853	794	830	867	822	723	772	9637
	Inactive	60	51	44	44	63	43	51	44	40	50	47	58	595
Late	Active	58	55	74	66	83	64	63	77	62	67	81	58	808
	Inactive	16	11	10	15	15	11	9	11	13	9	15	15	150
Total Renewed		874	898	918	900	1051	971	917	962	982	948	866	903	11190
Lapse		163	131	150	136	147	150	157	124	178	142	155	144	1777

<u>% On Time</u>	77.1%	80.9%	78.1%	79.1%	79.5%	79.9%	78.7%	80.5%	78.2%	80.0%	75.4%	79.3%	78.9%
<u>% Late</u>	7.1%	6.4%	7.9%	7.8%	8.2%	6.7%	6.7%	8.1%	6.5%	7.0%	9.4%	7.0%	7.4%
% Failed to Renew (Lapsed)	15.7%	12.7%	14.0%	13.1%	12.3%	13.4%	14.6 %	11.4%	15.3%	13.0%	15.2%	13.8%	13.7%
<u>Total</u>	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Oregon Real Estate Ag	ency Educa	tion & Lice	nsing Divisi	on Phone C	<u>ounts</u>								
(Minutes: seconds)	Jan – 23	Feb – 23	Mar – 23	Apr – 23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov23	Dec-23	2023 Average
Call Count	1642	1368	1603	1428	1438	1286	1283	1468	1382	1445	1222	1265	1403
Average Wait Time	:33	:32	:35	:28	:28	:35	:38	:29	:32	:29	:40	:30	:32
Maximum Wait Time	0:11:07	0:11:14	0:10:58	0:09:13	0:10:11	0:16:20	0:09:26	0:11:08	0:11:55	0:11:53	0:10:46	0:10:44	0:11:15

Oregon Real Estate Ag	ency Educa	tion & Lice	nsing Divisi	on Phone C	<u>ounts</u>								
(Minutes: seconds)	Jan – 22	Feb – 22	Mar – 22	Apr – 22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov22	Dec-22	2022 Average
Call Count	1730	1520	1776	1510	1437	1444	1303	1510	1555	1444	1469	1295	1499
Average Wait Time	:33	:23	:45	:33	:35	:36	:42	:58	:50	:36	:29	:43	:39
Maximum Wait Time	0:20:37	0:12:03	0:26:17	0:13:25	0:10:53	0:11:15	0:11:13	0:31:05	0:32:16	0:13:58	0:10:52	0:11:53	0:17:09

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(Minutes: seconds)	Jan – 21	Feb – 21	Mar – 21	Apr – 21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov21	Dec-21	2021 Average
Call Count	1981	1801	1918	1822	1452	1886	1653	1616	1510	1477	1407	1426	1662
Average Wait Time	:51	:36	:29	:29	:24	:18	:26	:15	:19	:17	:22	:36	:27
Maximum Wait Time	0:19:17	0:10:52	0:09:59	0:10:43	0:08:58	0:06:37	0:28:56	0:06:49	0:07:45	0:04:46	0:13:37	0:19:12	0:12:18

(Minutes: seconds)	Jan – 20	Feb – 20	Mar – 20	Apr – 20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov20	Dec-20	2020 Average
Call Count	2117	1834	1830	1474	1468	1775	1875	1678	1749	1646	1593	1785	1735.3
Average Wait Time	:25	:21	:19	:23	:25	:35	:29	:26	:21	:20	:24	:29	:24.75
Maximum Wait Time	0:11:05	0:09:30	0:14:56	0:10:15	0:18:12	0:13:00	0:21:34	0:14:15	0:11:09	0:17:30	0:09:58	0:12:06	0:13:38

#### REAL ESTATE BOARD COMPLIANCE DIVISION REPORT February 5, 2024

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#### **Division Overview**

The Compliance Division ensures that licensees meet their fiduciary and administrative responsibilities by reviewing financial and administrative records. This division aims to conduct clients' trust account and compliance reviews and develop other compliance-related programs. This work includes providing technical assistance and sharing knowledge on the interpretation and application of laws and rules administered by the Agency (excluding legal advice) to licensees, the public, and other governmental agencies.

#### **Workload and Activity Indicators**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
ELOA	2	2	4	44	79	81	13	55	101
No Violation	356	192	172	375	216	87	10	98	94
Open Investigation	5	3	8	10	29	7	2	13	18
Resolved								72	182
Total Closed	363	197	184	429	324	175	25	238	395
(# of Staff)	4	4	4	5	6	6	1	1-2	2-4

